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Col Hts Charter Commission moves forward on two changes

Stripping mayor's authority over Police Dept. receives 1st reading

by Bryan Olson — Special to the *Anoka County Record* EXCLUSIVE

Last Thursday the Columbia Heights Charter Commission had two first readings of changes the commission is proposing to the city charter.

The first readings get the matters on the table for the commission's next regularly scheduled meeting October 19, whereupon after having second readings of the proposals, they could be voted upon at that time.

The proposals are:

- to change the mayor's term of office from 2 years to 4 years; and,
- to strike the authority given to the mayor regarding appointment and control of the police department

Both issues were on the ballot some years ago. The city's first even-year election, in 1998 (after switching from odd years), asked the question about the mayor's term. 4,446 voters said they wanted to retain the 2-year term. 3,765 said they favored a change to 4 years. 365 voters left the question blank.

The question of whether the mayor or the city manager should have authority over the police department was on the general election ballot of 2002. 4,651 voters said there should be no change — the charter language that gives the mayor such authority should remain in place. 2,939 said they wanted to move the authority to the city manager. 815 voters left the question blank on their ballots.

According to the Charter Commission's Rules of Procedure, Section 12 states that the commission may send an amendment to the City Council which would have to approve it unanimously in order for it to be inserted into the charter. A proposed amendment can also be sent to a voter referendum "by a vote constituting a majority of the entire (Charter) commission following its second reading."

Discussion of a 4-year term for the mayor

Charter Commission member Eric Penniston questioned whether the current term of the mayor would be lengthened, but the answer is no — if the 4-year term proposal is approved, it would affect candidates

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Sen. Carolyn Laine (Dist. 41-DFL) and Columbia Heights Charter Commission member, made the motion to strip Mayor Donna Schmitt's mayoral authority of exclusive oversight over the Columbia Heights Police Department. The city's mayor has had this authority for over 90 years.

Mayor names Col Hts interim police chief

Editor's note: Last Thursday, Columbia Heights mayor Donna Schmitt announced that Captain Lenny Austin of the city's police department would serve as the interim police chief. The complete text of her statement follows:

The Columbia Heights Interim Police Chief has been chosen, it is Capt. Lenny Austin and he will start on July 27. This interim position needed to be in place by July 27, the date of Chief Nadeau's last day so it made sense to appoint Capt. Austin for this temporary position.

Capt. Lenny Austin has been the acting Chief on a number of occasions. The longest was for two months, while Chief Nadeau was at Quantico for FBI training.

Former City Manager Malcolm Watson attended the interview and encouraged the council to look within the department for this position. Former Mayor Joe Sturdevant Sr. also attended and stated he had originally hired Capt. Austin at the time he was mayor (*Editor's note: this was in 1995*). Over the past couple of weeks, Capt. Austin has been endorsed by



Mayor Donna Schmitt

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Oak Grove Hires New City Clerk

Acorn Day Schedule Set

Monday, July 10 was the first city council meeting for Oak Grove's new city clerk Tara Olson. She started with the city on Wednesday, June 28, two days before longtime city clerk Sherry Fiskewold retired.

Ms. Olson was hired from the City of Champlin where she had experience working in a variety of departments including public works, engineering, community development, and parks and recreation. She is currently working on her municipal clerk certification.



City Administrator Loren Wickham said, "Tara is a great addition to the Oak Grove team and we are happy to have her on board."

Acorn Day Schedule Set

The Oak Grove Lions Club will be presenting the annual Oak Grove Acorn Day event on Saturday, August 12, from 11am to 5pm at the City Hall campus (19900 Nightingale Street NW).

Events include the following:

- Lake George Conservation Club's minnow races, led by Skipper Mike Wylie
- Oak Grove Fire Department firefighting equipment, Life Link helicopter, fire simulator
- Geocaching
- Oak Grove Senior Club bingo and bake sale
- Anoka County Sheriff's Office specialty vehicles, K-9 unit demo, and drone demo
- Car show (Call Mark at (763) 753-3997 for more details)
- Connexus Energy safety demonstration
- The band Blues Driver will perform

In addition, Mayor Mark Korin will be returning with the popular Mayor's Tractor Ride. There will also be a silent auction, vendors, kids games, two bouncy houses, and a beverage garden.

Admission is free, however donations will be accepted for the North Anoka County Emergency Foodshelf.



Oak Grove Mayor Mark Korin's Haywagon Rides with the Mayor

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Rep. Kurt Daudt: State Budget Update

As you may have heard, a district court judge issued a ruling striking down Governor Dayton's line-item veto of funding for the legislature as unconstitutional. This was a victory for Minnesotans whose voices we represent as legislators at the Capitol. In his decision, the judge stated that "Governor Dayton improperly used his line-item veto authority [...] effectively eliminating a co-equal branch of government." The governor has indicated he will appeal the case to the Supreme Court, but rest assured we will continue to fight to ensure the people's voice is not silenced by the governor.

July 1st marked the beginning of the state's next two year budget that was passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Dayton back in May. All session long, Republicans sought to prioritize a significant tax relief bill and increased funding for our roads and bridges. I'm extremely proud of the fact that about two-thirds of the surplus was dedicated to these two areas—\$650 million in tax relief in 2018-2019, and about \$300 million for road and bridge infrastructure.

Unfortunately, Governor Dayton's priorities were quite different. Rather than working with us to give back the surplus, he wanted to spend nearly all of the surplus on increased government spending. Even though the state had a significant budget surplus, the governor still proposed billions in increased taxes on gasoline and health care to finance his huge spending proposals. Republicans drew a line in the sand and did not budge—we successfully fought off every one of the governor's tax hike proposals and ensured that a large percentage of the surplus went to broadly-supported priorities like tax relief, transportation, and education.

The tax relief bill represents the largest tax cut in nearly two decades. It cut state taxes on social security, benefiting more than 280,000 Minnesota seniors living on fixed incomes—including 72,000 who will no longer pay any state income tax on social security benefits. Farmers benefit thanks to a provision that reduces the unfair burden farmers and



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agriculture land owners pay for school bond referendums. Families with young children will see a boost in the dependent care credit that can help offset rising childcare costs. College graduates with student loan debt will see relief thanks to a new tax credit for student loan payments. Our bill put a badly-needed freeze on the harmful automatic year after year tax increases on our businesses and cigarettes—one of the most regressive taxes that exists. It also exempted the first \$100,000 of property value for businesses which will be a huge boost to small businesses in all corners of the state.

For years, Governor Dayton has claimed that massive gas tax increases are the only way to pay for transportation. Republicans stood strong, and won that fight this year. Our transportation bill represents the largest-ever state investment in road and bridge funding in state history without a tax or tab fee increase. We protected your pocketbooks, and ensured nearly \$5 billion in badly-needed transportation infrastructure investment over the next ten years. The bill prioritizes small cities thanks to \$16 million for cities with fewer than 5,000 residents. It also included a provision that blocks any state funding for the operating costs of the Southwest Light Rail—if the \$2 billion boondoggle is ever built.

Our education bill included key reforms like removing the arbitrary "Last In, First Out" policy default from state law. This will give school districts the flexibility to negotiate teacher hiring policies at the local level and find ways to keep the best teachers in the classroom. We also overhauled the broken teacher licensure system, completely replacing it with a simplified, straightforward system that will improve standards and make it easier for qualified out-of-state teachers to secure a license and teach here in Minnesota. In addition, increased investments will help school budgets keep up with inflationary costs.

These were just some of the highlights from what was a very productive 2017 session. The 2018 session begins in February, and will be here before you know it. I want you to know your input is always welcome if you have ideas or feedback on what our priorities should be.

Rep. Nolan West: Helmets to Hardhats

Recently the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* published an article noting how construction job openings have soared in Minnesota, but the shortage of skilled workers is squeezing Twin Cities builders. Many construction jobs disappeared during the 2008-2009 recession, and many who were in the skilled trades then left the industry altogether to find a new line of work. Now, the job opportunities have returned, but the demand for electricians, carpenters, and plumbers well exceeds the available supply.

This past session, I sponsored a new state law that addresses this worker shortage. My proposal supports the Helmets to Hardhats initiative, which connects quality men and women from the Armed Forces with promising building and construction careers.



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To me, helping veterans transition from soldier to full-time employment back home is a no-brainer. These men and women are true American heroes, and if we can help them get on their feet after they complete their service—while helping employers fill needed jobs in the construction industry—is a true win-win scenario.

If any military service member is eager to learn more about the Helmets to Hardhats program, I encourage them to contact me at rep.nolan.west@house.mn.

Internship Openings with the Governor's Office

Excited about state government? Intern with the Office of Governor Mark Dayton and Lt. Governor Tina Smith! This internship program affords students the opportunity to earn college credits and valuable professional experience.

College and graduate students may apply. The program is offered year-round. Interns commit to at least 12 hours a week; schedules are flexible between the hours of 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday.

The Governor's Office is now accepting applications for fall 2017. The application deadline is August 2nd. Applicants will be contacted regarding the status of their application by August 14th.

For more information and to apply, visit <https://mn.gov/governor/contact-us/internships/>

New Laws Effective July 1, 2017

The following is a list of select new laws passed during the 2017 regular and special legislative sessions that take effect July 1, 2017. The asterisk following the bill number denotes the language that became law. Summaries of all laws passed by the 2017 Legislature in regular and special sessions are available online from nonpartisan House Public Information Services at <http://www.house.mn/newlaws/#/search/2017>.

Editor's note: New laws addressing Agriculture, Business and Commerce, Economic Development, Education, Environment and Natural Resources, Health and Human Services, Higher Education, and Public Safety were covered in the July 11th and 18th editions of the Record.

STATE GOVERNMENT

New law funds state government agencies, constitutional offices

Part of the overall state budget package, a new law funds portions of executive branch agencies, boards, commissions and constitutional offices.

While Gov. Mark Dayton signed the law sponsored by Rep. Sarah Anderson (R-Plymouth) and Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer (R-Big Lake), he line-item vetoed the \$32 million budgets for both the House and the Senate. A lawsuit has been filed regarding legislative funding.

The law funds for two years agencies like the Department of Administration, Minnesota Management and Budget, Department of Revenue, Minnesota IT, Department of Military Affairs and the Department of Veterans Affairs. It also funds the Minnesota Lottery, Racing Commission, Gambling Control Board and Minnesota Historical Society, along with ethnic councils and boards tasked with regulating everything from arts and architecture to barbers and cosmetologists.

The law expands the Minnesota GI bill, which covers the costs of postsecondary educational benefits, on-the-job training and apprenticeships for active military members and veterans. It also provides grants for the Veterans Journey Home program.

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State vendors must certify they don't boycott Israel

The Legislature and state agencies will be prohibited from entering contracts with vendors that "discriminate against Israel."

Under the law, sponsored by Rep. Ron Kresha (R-Little Falls) and Sen. Warren Limmer (R-Maple Grove), state contracts will have to include certification of compliance with the new law by the vendor. Contracts for less than \$1,000 are exempt.

The new law defines discrimination as "engaging in

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Quote of the Week: "The governor's vetoes... violate the Separation of Powers Clause of the Minnesota Constitution by impermissibly preventing the legislature from exercising its constitutional powers and duties. As a result of violating the Separation of Powers clause of the Minnesota Constitution, the governor's line-item vetoes are unconstitutional, null, and void."

- Chief Judge John Guthmann, Second Judicial District

Quote of the Week: "At the top of the list of giant hypocrites, you'll find Senators Shelly Moore Capito of West Virginia and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska - who have both declared their intention to vote against the ObamaCare repeal bill that they both voted for in 2015."

- Red State

Quote of the Week: "I don't want the government to take care of me. You shouldn't expect President Trump to take care of you. You should take care of yourself!"

- Robert Kiyosaki, Author and Investment Guru

EMBARRASSING

Embarrassing. There is no other word to describe the Republican-led circus in Washington surrounding Obamacare.

If Majority Leader McConnell had read this publication some weeks ago, we counseled him to simply move on from Obamacare before the embarrassment of looking completely impotent and incompetent.

But it didn't have to be this way.

For seven years, Republican office holders in Washington and around the country voted time and again to dismantle the program. They wasted no small amount of breath proclaiming their steadfast support of repeal. They filled the legacy media and social media with their opinion pieces asking constituents, "Did you see my sweet vote to repeal Obamacare?"

Frustrated voters rewarded the message and the promise (note the word "promise") to get rid of Obamacare by giving the GOP control of the power levers at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue.

And the result is a big, fat turd in the legislative punch bowl.

But don't blame President Trump. He has been flexible in his approach and unapologetic about wanting to repeal and replace, however the Congress wants to work out the timing.

And don't blame Speaker Ryan. He's looking like Cicero, Lyndon Johnson, and Winston Churchill all in one, as he assembled a strategy to get a bill off the House floor.

The blame here lies with the Senate.

In particular, two Republican Senators are to blame: Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia.

These two quislings voted for a bill to repeal in 2015 that they now oppose in 2017.

The exact, same, identical bill.

As one might expect from a politician, the mealy-mouthed excuses are seeping from their communications staff but it doesn't change one

fact: these two lied. They lied to their constituents, to donors, to volunteers, and to the American people.

They were for the bill before they were against it.

Now there may be other Republican senators out there who are hiding behind the skirts of these two.

Yes, they're betrayal is real and sincere but these two may have volunteered to be the face of the betrayal as they aren't up for re-election for four and six years, respectively.

The simple fact is that these two senators should face a primary challenge.

The Watchdog has been very judicious in calling for Republican officeholders to be ousted by their own party.

In this case, it's well deserved.

Lying about any issue, much less an important issue like this one is grounds for such an action.

Can we at least be represented by honest people?

Every concerned American should also contact these senators and let them know how you feel about their betrayal.

Senator Lisa Murkowski

[\(202\)-224-6665](https://www.murkowski.senate.gov/contact/email)

Senator Shelley Moore Capito

<https://www.capito.senate.gov/contact/contact-shelley>

202-224-6472

Embarrassing.

TYRANT - IN CHECK

Well, Mark Dayton stepped in it again.

Our eccentric, erratic, and enigmatic chief executive has been told by one of the adults over in the judicial branch that his prank to defund a coordinate branch of government wasn't funny.

In fact, the stunt was ruled clearly unconstitutional.

Maybe he should have just tried to give Speaker Daudt a wedgie or put a bag of flaming dog pooh on Leader Gazelka's doorstep.

Dayton's ill-fated attempt to blackmail the legislature into reopening bills that we already law didn't work. The Republican majorities in both bodies have said they won't capitulate to coercion, a district judge has said its illegal, and the only glimmer of hope Dayton has left is a Hail Mary throw down the street to the Supreme Court.

Which, of course, is exactly what Dayton plans to do.

Not content to be embarrassed once on the issue, Dayton has announced that he will expend more taxpayer money keeping the issue alive for another few weeks to put an exclamation point on a failed governorship that has been consistently marred by embarrassing instances of confessed ignorance, convenient amnesia, and juvenile outbursts of anger and angst.

In announcing plans to appeal, Dayton noted his forlorn hope that the appeal would force Republicans to "come back and finish the job" of the 2017 legislative session.

The only problem is that the work IS done.

All the major appropriation bills passed the House, the Senate, and were signed into law by the guy who's now saying the work isn't done.

Bizarre. Dude, you negotiated those bills. You signed them into law. What in the world are you talking about?

By the way, Daudt snuck some Personal Seat Licenses into the bills. Did you find them, governor? Just kidding.

The decision from the district court was decisive, holding that the governor's line-item veto of legislative funding clearly violated the separation of powers clause by, in effect, shutting the legislative branch by starving it of funding.

The decision also made a couple of other important points regarding the line-item veto authority that the state constitution gives the governor.

The court noted that the line-item veto power isn't a "creative" or "expansive" power inherent to the chief executive's office.

Instead, the court held that the legislative history behind the power (to prevent runaway pork-barreling or log-rolling) meant that the power was in the nature of a narrow exception to the legislature's broad power to appropriate money.

Therefore, the line-item veto power is to be narrowly construed by courts, not only because it's a "negative" check on the legislative branch, but because this limited authority is subject to massive abuse, such as defunding the courts to extort a favorable decision. Or, hypothetically (only!), to coerce the legislature into revisiting a tax bill that's already signed into law.

Thus, the court further held that line-item vetoes must be limited to striking an appropriation and never to vetoing a policy matter.

Here, Dayton conceded that he didn't veto legislative funding because he objected to the amount of funding or how the appropriation was fashioned.

Instead, he intended that the veto coerce the legislature into repealing unrelated policy provisions that the governor had already signed into law.

In the end, it's all bluster. Both legislative leaders have said they won't be coerced, no matter the outcome in the courts.

HOT RUMOR

Sources tell the Watchdog that state Senator Carla Nelson of Rochester has made the decision to run for Congress in the First District.

Sources tell the Watchdog that there is no truth to the rumor that state Senator Justin Eichorn is resigning his seat to take a job with a state agency.

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in a later election — probably in 2020. Commission member Matt Abel wondered about two-year terms for council members too. State statutes 205.07 and 412.02 indicate only four-year terms for city councilors, and optional 2-year or 4-year terms for mayor.

Susan Wiseman, another Charter Commission member, wanted to know how many of Minnesota's 853 cities have 2-year mayoral terms. This was yet another question not answered in the meeting packet, which provided one page of Charter language strike-out. (*Editor's note: there are 12 cities in Anoka County that have 2-year mayoral terms and 8 with 4-year terms. All terms in Linwood Township are 4 years.*)

State Senator Carolyn Laine, who is also on the commission, said she would favor the 4-year term if the mayor's authority over the police was removed. She also expressed dismay over the costs candidates now have in Columbia Heights. She said the past effort to establish wards in the city was meant to make it easier for candidates to door-knock and get to know the citizenry, while not needing to spend as much money. Expanding the city council to seven seats and dividing the city into wards was defeated when voters were asked the question in the 2006 general election. 3,892 voted against and 2,621 wanted the change. 812 voters left the question blank.

Charter commission member Greg Sloat said "four years is a long time to wait to get rid of somebody."

Others questioned whether the 2-year term has produced any turnover. (Only eight different people have been mayor over the last 50 years, and three of those people served just one term). An argument made for a longer term is that the elected official always seems to be in campaign mode.

Commissioners voted 10-2 to approve the 1st reading, with Rob Fiorendino absent. The two votes against were made by Greg Sloat and Roger Johnson. Two seats are vacant due to the recent resignations of Jeff Diehm and Lee Bak.

Removing the mayor's authority over the police department

"The mayor shall have the appointment, control and direction of all police officers of the city" says Chapter 2, Section 10 of the city charter. The commission members were told this dates to the original city charter of 1921. Upon hearing this, Laine said that the police department back then probably consisted of only a few people and a police department then cannot be compared to the one we have now.

City attorney James Hoeft made a lengthy speech where he described his misgivings and concerns about what exactly does that language mean. Hoeft said no mayor has yet wanted to exert authority (or "meddle" — Hoeft's word) over the *day to day operations* of the police department. There has been no announcement by Mayor Schmitt that she has such a plan. Hoeft pointed out the charter does not contain specifics as to the duties expected of the mayor in regard to police operations.

Commission discussion made points about the value of an elected official to the citizenry, as someone who is accountable. Sloat was skeptical of everything proposed at this meeting and said he wished the mayor had been present to clarify her position. He also complained that these proposals were being moved too quickly.

Laine made a motion to strike the aforementioned language but it was discovered that additional language in the charter referring to the city manager also needed to be modified. (These same changes were proposed in the 2002 ballot question). This additional amended language was not prepared for the meeting packet, however it was said that it would be in the October meeting packet for the 2nd reading. Laine said there was no hurry to move any of the proposals, yet both could conceivably be voted on at the next Charter Commission meeting.

The vote to send the removal of the mayor's police authority to a second reading was 7-5; voting for were James Guy, Roger Johnson, Carolyn Laine, Mike Patiuk, Frost Simula, Steve Smith and Susan Wiseman. Voting against were Matt Abel, Ramona Anderson, Tom Kaiser, Eric Penniston and Greg Sloat.

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refusals to deal, terminating business activities, or other actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with Israel, or persons or entities doing business in Israel."

To meet the definition, a vendor's actions must discriminate "on the basis of nationality or national origin" and not for a valid business reason. The law will not prohibit a vendor from engaging in constitutionally protected free-speech activities.

The Legislature or Department of Administration may waive application of the law if it is "not practicable or in the best interests of the state."

HF400*/SF247/CH21

Annual claims law will pay out \$35K for eight injured people

Each year, a joint House-Senate Subcommittee on Claims decides which claims against the state it should fund.

The annual claims law, sponsored by Rep. Duane Quam (R-Byron) and Sen. Bruce Anderson (R-Buffalo), will provide \$35,264 to cover eight claims against the Department of Corrections by individuals who suffered injuries while incarcerated or performing community service or sentence-to-service work. The amounts range from \$750 to \$9,350.

HF2287*/SF1973/CH72

TRANSPORTATION

Law appropriates \$6.5 billion for transportation in 2018-19 biennium

A \$300 million increase in General Fund spending, \$940 million in bonding and a \$75 annual surcharge on electric motor vehicles are all part of the 2017 omnibus transportation finance and policy law.

The law appropriates \$6.5 billion in the 2018-19 biennium for the state's transportation system, including the Department of Transportation as well as the transportation portions of the Metropolitan Council and the Department of Public Safety.

Rep. Paul Torkelson (R-Hanska) and Sen. Scott Newman (R-Hutchinson) are the sponsors.

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Appropriations

In total, the law will appropriate roughly \$6.5 billion in the 2018-19 biennium primarily from the following funds:

- Trunk Highway Fund: \$3.98 billion;
- County State-Aid Highway Fund: \$1.55 billion;
- Municipal State-Aid Street Fund: \$388.2 million;
- General Fund: \$339.5 million; and
- State Airports Fund: \$56.7 million.

Nearly \$1.9 billion is appropriated for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of state highways, which is primarily used for contracts with highway construction firms. Additional funds are used for design and engineering work along with construction project management. The law also appropriates \$50 million over the biennium for the Corridors of Commerce program as a new budgetary line item so that it is set to be funded on an ongoing basis.

The General Fund appropriation for Greater Minnesota transit is reduced by \$17 million in Fiscal Year 2018.

The Metropolitan Council is slated to receive \$250.9 million from the General Fund for transit system operations and the Department of Public Safety \$399.2 million in the biennium from

multiple sources, including the General Fund and special revenue funds.

The law reallocates \$300 million in motor vehicle-related state sales tax revenues from the General Fund to go toward transportation spending. Tax revenues included in the shift are:

- the remaining share of general sales tax from motor vehicle leases that is not already allocated to roads and transit;
- short-term motor vehicle rental tax;
- general sales tax from short-term motor vehicle rentals; and
- a portion of general sales tax from motor vehicle repair and replacement parts.

Bonding

The law contains authorization for \$940 million in trunk highway bonding and appropriations over four years.

It provides for \$640 million in trunk highway bonding from fiscal years 2018-21, with the proceeds going to the Department of Transportation for road construction. Under the law, the department may use up to 17 percent of the amount each year for program delivery. Also appropriated is \$300 million in trunk highway bond proceeds for fiscal years 2018-21 to MnDOT for the Corridors of Commerce program

Policy

A trio of policy provisions take effect July 1, 2017: allowing a transfer-on-death beneficiary designation to be entered on a motor vehicle's certificate of title; designating a segment of U.S. Highway 52 in Dakota County as "Senator Jim Metzen Memorial Highway"; and authorizing MnDOT to establish a highway sponsorship program allowing businesses, civic groups or individuals to assist in improving and maintaining the state highway right-of-way, roadside monuments and historic sites.

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the Columbia Heights Sergeants, Chief Nadeau, former Mayor Julianne Wyckoff, former Council Member Bruce Nawrocki, along with many others. The current council was in favor of appointing Capt. Austin to the interim position.

The next few months will require Capt. Austin to oversee the final police budget for 2018. He has already started working with the school and CH Citizens for Safer Streets group to work out a plan for 49th Avenue in time for school opening in the fall. Capt. Austin, along with others in the police department, are continuing with the Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC), trying to deal with any issues as they come up.

He has planned on a door-to-door survey on Community Policing and Service. The goal is to reach out to 400 households to find out opinions and ideas to enhance our current program.

This position is an interim position, not the permanent position. During the next couple of months, I will try to determine if the permanent position should be filled from within or if we should look outside for candidates. Whoever is chosen for the permanent position will be required to go through a thorough background check, several interviews, a physical and psych evaluation and other items as mandated.

Notice of Vacancies in State Boards, Councils and Committees

The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State released notice of vacancies for various state boards, councils and committees that are accepting applications. Minnesotans are encouraged to apply and serve in demonstration of public service.

Applications may be submitted online, and must be submitted within 21 days of the "Publish Date" listed on our Open Positions page, to be assured of full consideration by the appointing authority. Appointing authorities may choose to review applications received by the Secretary of State after the 21 day application period.

CURRENT VACANCIES

Advisory Committee: Blind And Visually Impaired

Vacancies: 1 Seat -- School / Related Service Personnel

Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Vacancies: 5 Seats -- Occupational Therapist

Vacancies: 3 Seats -- Occupational Therapy Assistant

Vacancies: 3 Seats -- Public Member

Construction Codes Advisory Council

Vacancies: 1 Seat -- Board Representative

Council For Minnesotans Of African Heritage

Vacancies: 1 Seat -- Member

Drug Formulary Committee

Vacancies: 1 Seat -- Member - Pharmacist

Minnesota Biodiesel Task Force

Vacancies: 1 Seat -- At Large Member

Vacancies: 1 Seat -- Environmental Org. Rep.

Vacancies: 2 Seats -- Farm Org. Rep.

Vacancies: 1 Seat -- Fuel User Group

Vacancies: 1 Seat -- Grower Organization Rep

Vacancies: 4 Seats -- Petroleum Industry Rep.

Vacancies: 1 Seat -- Processing Industry Representative

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Vacancies: 1 Seat -- Research Institution Representative

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Ombudsman Committee For Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities

Vacancies: 1 Seat -- Advocate

Palliative Care Advisory Council

Vacancies: 2 Seats -- Care Coordinators

Vacancies: 1 Seat -- Health Plan Representative

Vacancies: 3 Seats -- Licensed Health Professionals

Vacancies: 2 Seats -- Member

Vacancies: 4 Seats -- Patient or Personal Caregiver

Vacancies: 2 Seats -- Physician

Vacancies: 1 Seat -- Physician Assistant

Vacancies: 2 Seats -- Registered Nurse or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

Vacancies: 1 Seat -- Social Worker

Spinal Cord And Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council

Vacancies: 1 Seat -- A person who is a veteran with traumatic brain injury

Vacancies: 1 Seat -- A physician specializing in the treatment of spinal cord injury

Vacancies: 1 Seat -- Advisory Council Member

Vacancies: 5 Seats -- Specialty Representatives

State Advisory Council On Mental Health

Vacancies: 1 Seat -- Consumer

Vacancies: 1 Seat -- Family Member

Vacancies: 1 Seat -- Mn Disability Law Center Rep

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Applicants may include a Letter of Interest and a Resume or Biography.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS

Bid #2017-16
Description of Bid/RFP:
2018 Roof Replacement and 2017 Partial Masonry Repairs at FAHR/Cottage 10
No Prevailing Wages Required

Bid Opening: August 29, 2017

For more information regarding the above is or will be conducting published bids/RFPs, business in the State please visit the Anoka of Minnesota under an County Web Site at: www.AnokaCounty.us/ bids.

(7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 2017 ACR) #706

CITY OF HAM LAKE

Administrative Assistant II

The City of Ham Lake, MN is seeking applications for an individual to work in the Building Department. This full-time position has a salary range of \$19.45/hr. to \$24.31/hr. The position encompasses primary and support duties in the building department. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: contact with the public via telephone, email, and in person; issuing building permits; scheduling building inspections; file maintenance, etc.

Qualified candidates for this position should possess a High School Diploma, or equivalent, and a valid Minnesota Driver's License. A minimum of two years post-secondary education/training plus three years office experience (or equivalent combination of training and experience), and proficiency with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and Outlook) is also required. Desirable qualifications include experience with: local government, Permit Works software, and customer service.

A job description and required application form are available online at www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us or at Ham Lake City Hall. A cover letter, resume and supplemental questionnaire must

accompany your application. Application deadline is August 10, 2017 at 4:30 P.M.

Submit completed application to: City of Ham Lake 15544 Central Ave. NE Ham Lake, MN 55304 Attn: City Clerk (7/25, 2017 ACR) #697

CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME STATE OF MN MN STATUTES CHAPTER 333

The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:

1. Assumed Name: Ark Towing & Recovery

2. Principal Place of Business: 15300 Highway 65 NE Ham Lake, MN 55304

Nameholder(s): PTL Tire & Auto 2, LLC 15300 Highway 65 NE Ham Lake, MN 55304

4. I certify that I am authorized to sign this certificate and I further certify that I understand that by signing this certificate, I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Minnesota Statutes section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

FILED: 7/20/2017 # 958178900025 /s/ Jodie Norling (7/25, 8/1 2017 ACR) #703

CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME STATE OF MN MN STATUTES CHAPTER 333

The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:

1. Assumed Name: Collective Market

2. Principal Place of Business: 7790 Arabian Cir Lino Lakes, MN 55014

Nameholder(s): Serena F Tittl 7790 Arabian Cir Lino Lakes, MN 55014

4. I certify that I am authorized to sign this certificate and I further certify that I understand that by signing this certificate, I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Minnesota Statutes section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

FILED: 7/20/2017 # 958224900024 /s/ Thomas Humphrey (7/25, 8/1 2017 ACR) #703

CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME STATE OF MN MN STATUTES CHAPTER 333

The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:

1. Assumed Name: Gateway Commerce Center

2. Principal Place of Business: 15544 Central Ave. NE Ham Lake, MN 55304

3. Nameholder(s): Colleen Winter, CD Director

4. I certify that I am authorized to sign this certificate and I further certify that I understand that by signing this certificate, I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Minnesota Statutes section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

FILED: 7/14/2017 # 957402400030 /s/ Serena F Tittl, Founder (7/25, 8/1 2017 ACR) #704

CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME STATE OF MN MN STATUTES CHAPTER 333

The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:

1. Assumed Name: Thomas Edward Humphrey

2. Principal Place of Business: 9113 Okinawa St NE Circle Pines, MN 55014

Nameholder(s): Thomas Edward Humphrey

3. I certify that I am authorized to sign this certificate and I further certify that I understand that by signing this certificate, I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Minnesota Statutes section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

FILED: 7/14/2017 # 957402400030 /s/ Thomas Edward Humphrey (7/25, 8/1 2017 ACR) #704

CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME STATE OF MN MN STATUTES CHAPTER 333

The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:

1. Assumed Name: Ark Towing & Recovery

2. Principal Place of Business: 15300 Highway 65 NE Ham Lake, MN 55304

Nameholder(s): Ark Towing & Recovery

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FILED: 7/14/2017 # 957402400030 /s/ Ark Towing & Recovery (7/25, 8/1 2017 ACR) #704

ANOKA COUNTY RECORD

PUBLIC NOTICES

CD DIRECTOR

I approval for Gateway Commerce Center 5th request is not limited to those receiving copies of this request at its final plat meeting. If you know of any neighbor or interested property owner, who for any reason has not received a copy, please inform them of this public hearing.

The East Bethel City Council may consider this request at its August 16, 2017 regular meeting.

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the St. Francis City Council will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as can be heard, on Monday, August 7, 2017 at Independent School District #15 Central Services Office, 4115 Ambassador Blvd. NW, St. Francis, MN 55070.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan for the City of St. Francis. Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of Letters Testamentary, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the Decedent.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court within four months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 7/18/17

/s/ Peggy Zdon, Registrar

/s/ Lori Meyer, Court Administrator

David K. Porter; Attorney for Applicant; Attorney ID No. 87622; 5208 Bloomington Avenue; Minneapolis, MN 55417-1820; (612) 722-1001; Email: Probater@Earthlink.net

(7/25, 8/1, 2017 ACR) #705

\$35,000.31; Transp Permission to Request \$313,660.53; Comm Svcs Bids for Bond Projects for \$31,179.00; Maroon Gold FLAS. The motion was Spt Ctr \$5,952.20; Grants- 2nd by Mmbr Olson, by SDE \$439.42; Capital roll call vote all mmbrs \$87,033.09; Internal voted aye. The motion Dental Ins: \$37,559.60; carried.

Internal Health Ins: Mmbr Peterson moved \$1,135,107.38; Bldg to Recommend Award Fund: \$4,474,640.82; Non Scandia Elem Schl Bid Public Schools: \$869.97; Pkg #1. The motion was Pop Fund \$3,931.58; 2nd by Mmbr Corcoran, Federal Prog. \$5,320.75; by roll call vote all mmbrs Special Ed \$11,669.83 voted aye. The motion Appvd Classified carried.

Personnel: Recommend No new business was rptd.

Appvd Licensed As there was no further business Mmbr Theisen moved, 2nd by Mmbr Corcoran to adjourn. All mmbrs present voted aye

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Appvd Agreement to and the mtg adjourned at Provide Special Ed and 6:06 pm.

Related Staffing Old Business: Mmbr Morehead moved

\$487,212.87; Food Svc