WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Council Members present: Mike Kuhle, Diane Graber, Rod Sankey, Ron Wood, Scott Nelson.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brian Kolander, Finance Director; Mike Cumiskey, Public Safety Director; Scott Hain, General Manager Worthington Public Utilities; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk; Chris Dybevick, Tim Gaul, Shari Droll, and Brett Wiltrout, Public Safety Department.

Others present: Justine Wettschreck, KWOA; Aaron Hagen, <u>Daily Globe</u>; Tom Johnson and Julie Wellnitz, Nobles County; Gary Hoffmann, Water and Light Commission (7:12 a.m.).

REPLACEMENT OF IN-CAR VIDEO SYSTEM AND BUDGETING REQUEST APPROVED

The current in-car video system used by the City of Worthington Public Safety Department is scheduled for replacement in 2015. Continued outages with the system have worsened over the past 12 months, and interfere with the ability to record events that are vital to operations and court cases. The system was scheduled for replacement in 2015, however, Mike Cumiskey, Public Safety Director, was requesting that Council approve replacement of the system in 2014, with the following proposed funding:

- 1. \$35,190 Video Camera System ERS 101-42110-5549
- 2. \$5,000 Radar Units ERS 101-42110
- 3. \$15,000 Police Programs Training/Equipment Reserve Fund
- 4. \$10,000 PD Drug Forfeiture Reserve Fund
- 5. \$10,000 County Attorney's Office Contribution of Forfeiture funds

The motion was made by Council Member Kuhle, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to approve the request for replacement of the in-car video system in 2014, with the proposed funding for items 1 through 4 to budget year 2014 101-42110-5549.

Mayor Oberloh stated Council would take item B.3 out of turn as Gary Hoffmann, Water and Light Commission member, was not yet in attendance to discuss item B.2.

<u>CITY ATTORNEY AUTHORIZED TO PURSUE RELEASE OF FORMER POOL SITE TO NOBLES COUNTY FOR LIBRARY</u>

The motion was made by Council Member Kuhle, seconded by Council Member Nelson and unanimously carried to authorize City Attorney Mark Shepherd to pursue release of the former outdoor pool site to Nobles County for a new Library.

Craig Clark, City Administrator, reminded Council that even if the 1st National Bank of Minneapolis

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who controls the property approves of the release, it would still need to go up for referendum for the voters to decide per our City Charter, as the property is considered park land.

<u>CITY CONTRIBUTION TO EMPLOYEE HEALTH SAVING ACCOUNT PLAN OPTIONS</u> WITH PEIP APPROVED

With the upcoming change in the City's Health Insurance program, a Health Savings Plan (HSA) will be offered as a lower premium/higher deductible and co-pay plan. The lower premium would result in a savings for the City, and as an incentive for employees to choose the HSA option, staff was asking Council to consider a contribution to the HSA.

The motion was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Nelson and unanimously carried to approve a contribution of \$650 to the employees HSA account for family coverage, and a contribution of \$300 for an employees HSA account for single coverage.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Nelson, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 a.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC City Clerk