

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 14, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Aldermen present: Lyle Ten Haken, Mike Kuhle, Scott Nelson, Ron Wood, Mike Woll.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk; Brian Kolander, Finance Director (7:13 a.m.).

Others present: Glenn Thuringer, Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation.

**UPDATE ON INCUBATOR TRAINING AND TESTING FACILITY**

Glenn Thuringer, Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation, provided an update to Council on the Incubator / Training and Testing facility. Topics discussed included possible tenants, potential partners, where we were with current and future funding. Council also discussed a build out to the front of the facility and whether to move forward with it if the grant money isn't approved.

**TAX ABATEMENT POLICY PROPOSAL**

Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development, gave a presentation regarding tax abatement, noting it was a relatively new economic development tool adopted by the State of Minnesota in 1999. Current tax abatement projects in the City of Worthington include commercial and multi-family housing projects. Mr. Chapulis told Council if they wish to amend the City's current tax abatement policy several issues would need to be addressed including availability of the program for single family, multi-family and, commercial/industrial, what improvements should be eligible, duration of the abatement, percentage, and public benefit of the abatement. Council requested that staff prepare a draft of the proposed changes to the City's tax abatement policy and bring it back for review and consideration at a future date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 a.m.

Janice Oberloh  
City Clerk