

**MINUTES
OF THE EDINA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
COMMUNITY ROOM, CITY HALL
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024
5:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Answering roll call were Members Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser and Mayor Hovland.

Staff in attendance: Scott Neal, City Manager; Assistant City Manager Ari Lenz; Jennifer Bennerotte, Communications Director; Cary Teague, Community Development Director; Addison Lewis, Community Development Coordinator; David Yanagisawa, I.T. Specialist, Sharon Allison, City Clerk.

CAHILL DISTRICT AREA PLAN

Manager Neal reviewed the goal for the Council to have consensus about a plan for the Cahill District Area with the goal of being able to move onto other area projects such as the Lincoln/Londonderry area.

Community Development Director Teague gave an overview of past Council discussions regarding the Cahill District Area Plan, reviewed the public engagement components that had taken place, and explained the options and next steps for Council input and decisions about moving forward.

The Council gave input and feedback on various details within the Cahill District Area Plan related to rezoning, housing, well-paying jobs, ways to find a healthy balance in land use, the importance of finding the reason for having this plan in order to have a specific vision, identifying the jobs/workers of the future and what they will want, possibilities for a 15 minute/smart city concept or a blended concept, and public feedback that had already been received.

The Council discussed the options available, impacts to staff time, ways to have a more balanced tax base, possibilities of setting this aside in order to find out what the legislature does with HF #4009, long-term ramifications of making changes, the possibility of not making a decision on this parcel within the current paradigm, and the difficulty in understanding what the public would truly like to see happen with this area.

The Council also discussed the idea of tabling discussion to the City Council retreat in April or out to 2025 and utilizing the interim time period to find partners to work with on some of the ideas and to find possible grant opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hovland adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Minutes approved by the Edina City Council Mar. 19, 2024.

Sharon Allison, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor