

Memorandum

Date: February 2, 2011

To: City Council & Staff Participants in Council Work Plan Meetings

From: Mayor Dan Roe 

Subject: Council Work Plan Suggestions/Items of Interest

Dear Fellow Councilmembers and Staff:

Thank you again for your participation in a good discussion, part 1, this past Monday.

Per our homework assignment, I offer my suggestions for 2011/12 work plan items, in no particular order:

1. Reinvigorate the Imagine Roseville 2025 implementation process.

Involve a group of committed citizens in developing ideas for implementation, including: Ways to check our progress as a city in implementing the strategies and achieving the goals; when and how to update goals and strategies; how to communicate IR2025 with our citizens, businesses, faith groups, and public sector partners; what type of presence for IR2025 on the web; etc.

2. Develop and implement a Capital/Infrastructure replacement & maintenance financing plan

What items are not currently on the CIP? What items (or types of items) will we plan to bond for? What items will we save ahead for? What items are so frequent in recurrence that we must essentially pay cash for every year (i.e. police squads)? What items will we simply not do? (Remove them from CIP!) What about funding for ongoing maintenance and repairs, between replacements? How does the plan work over a long time-frame (i.e. ~60-years)? (Reference Shoreview's "Comprehensive Infrastructure Replacement Plan")

Build on lessons from Parks Master Plan implementation process.

Be sure to include parks implementation items and currently not-included IT and communications items (new council chamber cameras, etc.) on CIP lists.

3. Continue to explore shared services.

Contract w/ neighboring cities for fire and/or emergency medical coverage? Explore pooled HR services and/or health insurance purchasing groups? Provide maintenance/management of school district fields, and/or parks in neighboring cities? Etc.

4. Develop better connections between city government, school districts, and public and private providers of services to those in need in our community.

Regular, routine meetings between key players – school reps, police & fire reps, code enf and HRA reps, parks & rec reps, county reps, local faith group reps (churches, Love INC, Habitat groups, etc.), NWYFS, Keystone, senior programs, etc. Work to establish strong connections between those who encounter folks in need (schools and city staff) to those who provide services for folks in need (volunteer groups, county agencies, etc.)

5. Budget process fine-tuning.

Make sure our program listing is adequate for the purpose and understood by all participants in the process; make sure our documentation matches the process; make sure our fund structure matches our budgeting process and decision-making (i.e. – more funds, different types of funds, fewer funds, etc.) Ensure public and staff input/dialog with council throughout process. Update policies as needed to match changes to the process.

6. Zoning code “tweaking”

Review the specific topic of increasing set-backs in all districts from adjacent MDR and LDR properties. (Base such set-backs on building height, for instance?)

7. Support Human Rights Commission efforts on civic engagement and neighborhoods.