

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2006 - 6:30 P.M.
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
 - II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the October 2, 2006 Regular Meeting (#1-8)
 - B. Communications (#36-48)
 - C. Receipts
 - D. Bills and Payroll
 - III. Public Forum
 - IV. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Mayor's Report
 - B. City Administrator's Report
 - 1. Old Refuse Dump Removal (#9)
 - C. Director of Public Works Report
 - D. Director of Parks and Recreations Report
 - E. Sheriff's Department Report
 - 1. Naming of New Mountain Iron Sergeant
 - F. City Engineer's Report
 - G. City Attorney's Report
 - 1. Memo on Letter Distribution (#10-12)
 - H. Planning and Zoning Commission
 - 1. Variance – Noyes (#13-15)
 - 2. Zoning Violations (#16-17)
 - I. Street and Alley Committee (#18)
 - 1. County Road 7 Turn Lanes (#19-20)
 - 2. Locomotive Park Fencing (#21-23)
 - J. Liaison Reports
 - V. Unfinished Business
 - VI. New Business
 - A. Resolution Number 30-06 Accepting Bid (#24-25)
 - B. Library Electrical Quotes (#26)
 - C. Pay Request Number 1 (#27-28)
 - D. Continuation of Employment (#29)
 - E. Laurentian Bio-Mass Fire Protection (#30)
 - F. Communications (#36-48)
 - VII. Open Discussion
 - VIII. Announcements
 - IX. Closed Meeting (#31-35)
 - X. Adjourn
- # Denotes page number in packet

MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 2, 2006

Mayor Skalko called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Prebeg, Jr., Allen Nelson, Dale Irish, Ed Roskoski, and Mayor Gary Skalko. Also present were: Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator; Jill M. Forseen, Municipal Services Secretary; Larry Nanti, Recreation Director; Don Kleinschmidt, Director of Public Works; Rod Flannigan, City Engineer; and Wade Rasch, Sergeant.

The Mayor welcomed the audience and the television viewing audience to the meeting.

It was moved by Skalko and supported by Irish that the consent agenda be approved as follows:

1. Add the following items to the agenda:
 - V. A. Street and Alley Committee Items
 - VI. B. Highway 53 Consultant/Lobbyist

1. Approve the minutes of the September 18, 2006, City Council meeting as submitted.

2. That the communications be accepted, placed on file, and those requiring further action by the City Council be acted upon during their proper sequence on the agenda.

3. To acknowledge the receipts for the period September 16-30, 2006, totaling \$519,015.18, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

4. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period September 16-30, 2006, totaling \$314,433.87, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

During the public forum, Dennis Jorgensen, representing Curl Mesabi, thanked the Council for the initial assistance in 1995-1996 in facilitating the Joint Powers Board for the construction of the Range Recreation Civic Center in Eveleth. Mountain Iron, Eveleth, Virginia, and Gilbert are the owners of the facility. He said that he was appearing the Council to formally announce that Curl Mesabi would be hosting the World Junior Championships next March 3-11, 2007. Mr. Jorgensen said that he is trying to get the announcements that the Championship were going to be held through out the four City Council meetings because they are well attended by the viewing audience. They felt that the estimated financial impact to the area would be estimated at \$963,440.

Also during the public forum, Marian Chase, District Coordinator AARP Tax, North Saint Louis County, was present and requested the Council to waive the fees for the building usage to train volunteers to prepare income taxes free of charge for low and moderate income taxpayers of all ages. Last year they assisted over 3,400 people. Their group does not have any funds to pay rent for facility usage.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Skalko to allow AARP to use the Community Center facility from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from January 8-12, 2007 at no charge. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

During the Mayor's report, he said there was a concern with Locomotive Park regarding the train no longer being structurally sound any longer as per the letter received from the contactors that painted the locomotive. The City will hopefully be awarded a grant in the amount of \$25,000 for Locomotive Park. He said that if there would be funding awarded, a canopy and/or fence could be constructed over and around the locomotive. The Mayor also stated that there is a problem with vandalism with the antique lights being broken at Locomotive Park. The Mayor requested the residents to watch to see if they notice any vandalism and to call the Sheriff's Department. The Mayor also stated that the locomotive may have to be fenced off for safety reasons. Councilor Roskoski felt that the condition of the locomotive had not changed since the City received the locomotive.

It was move by Skalko and supported by Prebeg to seek quotes for a pickup truck for use in the Water and Wastewater Departments. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Irish, no; Roskoski, no; Prebeg, yes; Nelson, yes; and Skalko, yes.

The Blight Officer reported that he and the Sergeant were currently working on four blight issues.

It was moved by Irish and supported by Roskoski to have the Recreation Director work on estimates for a 10 foot by 14 foot pavilion on a concrete slab for the South Grove Central Park and get an estimate for graveling for the expansion of the parking areas for both fields in South Grove and bring the information to the next Park and Recreation Board meeting to get it budgeted for. The **motion failed** on the following roll call vote: Roskoski, yes; Prebeg, no; Nelson, no; Irish, yes; and Skalko, no.

The City Engineer provided the Council with the sound monitoring report regarding the P & H MinePro site. Councilor Roskoski commented he thought the consensus of the City Council was to have the sound monitors placed by the houses when the residents were complaining about the noise. Councilor Roskoski felt that there was no validity to the test completed. The Mayor said that the sound levels collected fell well below the accepted noise level regulations as administered by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The Mayor also stated that P & H MinePro is located in an industrial zoned area. The Mayor said that the complaints against P & H MinePro are a dead issue. He said that enough City funds have been expended to explore this complaint. The Mayor suggested that if Councilor Roskoski wants to pursue the matter further that he hire his own attorney and spend his own money. Councilor Irish said according to the City

Policy, there is no set limit to noise issues. Councilor Irish said that eight different families attended the public hearing and it should be looked into further. Councilor Irish felt that the City should look into seeking grant funding to have a noise wall constructed similar to what is done in the Minneapolis area. The Mayor said that P & H is looking for another site, so there is no point in looking at constructing a sound wall.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Skalko to the accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the Conditional Use Permit for Paul Terch, 5414 Mineral Avenue, Mountain Iron to add a 8 foot by 24 foot addition to his accessory building on his property on parcel 175-0055-00780. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Prebeg to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the Conditional Use Permit for Arvid Powilat, 8490 Mud Lake Road, Mountain Iron to construct a 5,000 square foot accessory building on his property on parcel 175-0071-01332. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

During the liaison reports, Councilor Roskoski stated that the Library Board said that the deficiencies are being taken care of and they are now waiting for the state inspector to come back to see that everything had been completed. Councilor Roskoski said that there was a doorway at the Library that they were concerned with being too narrow, but the Architect said that it is well within specifications for handicapped accessibility. Councilor Roskoski said that the lights in the front of the building are being researched to see what happened, the terra cotta on the front and south side of the building is presently being worked on, and the air condition may be installed by October 4, 2006.

Also during the liaison reports, Councilor Nelson advised the Council that the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the Conditional Use Permits and they advised the Zoning Administrator to review the ordinance regarding fabric structures on several properties.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to have the following items be taken up by the Street and Alley Committee as soon as possible:

1. Request to Saint Louis County for possible north and south bound right turn lanes off of County Road 7 on to east and west bound Unity Drive in the West Virginia area.
2. Locomotive Street sidewalk rehabilitation and mine fence relocation up by Locomotive Park, which is being funded by an IRRR grant.
3. The Walgreen driveway issues.

The **motion failed** on the following roll call vote: Irish, yes; Roskoski, yes; Prebeg, no; Nelson, no; and Skalko, no.

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The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Roskoski and supported by Irish to direct the City Administrator to contact Virginia Officials to clarify if the City needs to contribute to the Lobbyist for the Highway 53 Corridor and the request an estimated contribution. After further discussion, Councilor Irish withdrew his support for the motion. The **motion died** for lack of support.

The City Administrator advised the Council that there was a page missing from the communications from Saint Louis County regarding the funding for the 2007 CDBG projects, he said that Mountain Manor Playground Project was included in the recommendation for approval in the amount of \$20,000.

The following items were discussed during the open discussion period:

Councilor Roskoski said that regarding the Mashkenode Lake area earlier discussions with the Council regarding the information regarding what the Council could and could not do on their property. He said that the Mashkenode Lake area is being developed and increasing our tax base.

Councilor Roskoski clarified that he did not type out a letter on City stationery, but that he copied a correspondence that was sent to him that was not marked confidential, wrote a note on the bottom of the notice, and distributed it to area residents. Councilor Roskoski commented regarding the comment made by the Mayor regarding that he could not do whatever he wants. The Mayor said that the City Attorney is reviewing the matter and will be reporting on the issue at the next regular meeting.

Councilor Irish said that any motion should be supported so that it can be discussed between the Council members.

Councilor Roskoski said that regarding the 13th Street crossing that he contacted a High MN/DoT official who specifically told him that the City of Mountain Iron does not legally have jurisdiction regarding the project, but morally the City does. The Mayor said that this is a MN/DoT highway issue.

At 8:10 p.m., it was moved by Nelson and supported by Skalko that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill M. Forseen, CMC/MMCA
Municipal Services Secretary

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COMMUNICATIONS

1. Nancy Larson, Manager, Community Development Division, Saint Louis County, forwarding the recommendations regarding the 2007 CDBG projects.
2. Minnesota Association of Small Cities, a letter from Nancy Larson stating that she would be resigning as Executive Director.

Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
UTILITY	UTILITY	104,654.23
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	80.00
TAXES	MISCELLANEOUS TAXES	-
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	TACONITE MUNICIPAL AID	380,628.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	SEWER-CHARGE FOR SERVICES	582.27
MISCELLANEOUS	REIMBURSEMENTS	211.00
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	850.00
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	335.00
MISCELLANEOUS	SEPTIC APPLICATIONS	275.00
FINES	CRIMINAL	1,819.10
PERMITS	BUILDING	2,196.48
BUILDING RENTALS	NICHOLS HALL	45.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 101	3.91
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 301	199.51
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 376	15.65
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 378	152.57
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 602	19.56
COPIES	COPIES	.50
MISCELLANEOUS	ELECTRIC RECONNECT FEE	25.00
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	FEEES	24.00
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	300.00
PERMITS	VARIANCE	150.00
MISCELLANEOUS	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PAYABLE	26,433.40
METER DEPOSITS	WATER	15.00
Summary Totals:		<u>519,015.18</u>

Check Issue Date(s): 09/29/2006 - 10/09/2006

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10/06	10/06/2006	33901	10025	ARROWHEAD REGION EMER. MGMT A	002-20200	25.00
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10/06	10/06/2006	33906	40017	DISPLAY SALES	002-20200	2,185.38
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10/06	10/06/2006	33909	50033	EXTREME SIGNS	002-20200	100.00
10/06	10/06/2006	33910	60035	FOREMAN FIRE SERVICE & REPAIR	002-20200	887.00
10/06	10/06/2006	33911	1053	GLADYS KUJALA	002-20200	50.00
10/06	10/06/2006	33912	70029	GUARDIAN PEST CONTROL INC	002-20200	59.64
10/06	10/06/2006	33913	1051	HAARFAGER LODGE #40	002-20200	100.00
10/06	10/06/2006	33914	80004	HEISEL BROS PLUMBING	002-20200	115.46
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10/06	10/06/2006	33919	120006	L & M SUPPLY	002-20200	1,510.07
10/06	10/06/2006	33920	120032	LAKE COUNTRY POWER	002-20200	130.00
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10/06	10/06/2006	33922	120021	LAURENTIAN LAWN & LANDSCAPES	002-20200	149.10
10/06	10/06/2006	33923	120008	LEHMAN FABRICATING INC	002-20200	27.16
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10/06	10/06/2006	33933	130105	MN STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC	002-20200	190.00
10/06	10/06/2006	33934	130013	MOUNTAIN IRON FIREMEN'S RELIEF	002-20200	2,700.00
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10/06	10/06/2006	33936	40032	OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOG	002-20200	432.53
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10/06	10/06/2006	33943	180050	ROSS INDUSTRIES INC	002-20200	1,299.22
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10/06	10/06/2006	33945	1049	SHARON GISLASON	002-20200	100.00
10/06	10/06/2006	33946	190024	ST LOUIS CO SHERIFF LITMAN	002-20200	35,000.00
10/06	10/06/2006	33947	190016	ST LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR	002-20200	59.40
10/06	10/06/2006	33948	4051	ST LOUIS COUNTY CDBG	002-20200	100.00
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10/06	10/06/2006	33957	220025	VERIZON WIRELESS, BELLEVUE	002-20200	21.02
10/06	10/06/2006	33958	220014	VIKING INDUSTRIAL NORTH	002-20200	308.05
10/06	10/06/2006	33959	220004	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	002-20200	35,707.31
10/06	10/06/2006	33960	1020	VIRGINIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CTR	002-20200	100.00
10/06	10/06/2006	33961	1052	WENDY STANZELL	002-20200	100.00
10/06	10/06/2006	33962	230005	WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC	002-20200	146.97
10/06	10/06/2006	33963	240001	XEROX CORPORATION	002-20200	603.07

Totals:

198,598.53

Payroll-PP Ending 9/22/06 105,431.93

Electronic Transfer-Sales Tax 9/20/06 10,403.41TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$314,433.87

COUNCIL LETTER 101606-IVB1
COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI
OLD REFUSE DUMP REMOVAL

DATE: October 11, 2006
FROM: Councilor Roskoski
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Councilor Roskoski requested this item be placed on the Agenda with the following background information:

Did the project come in under, on, or over the bid price? Some sort of preliminary report should be available for the Council.

Staff Note: The project has not been 100% completed therefor we have not received the final pay request therefor we are unable to determine the final cleanup costs. Enclosed in your packed is the first pay request for the project. (CJW)

THE TRENTI LAW FIRM

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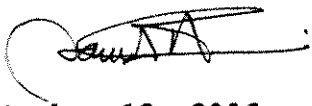
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mountain Iron City Council

FROM: Sam A. Aluni, City Attorney 

RE: Mayor Skalko's Motion of September 18, 2006
Our File No. 55,337-4

DATE: September 20, 2006

MAYOR SKALKO'S MOTION OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2006, as follows: The city attorney shall review and come back with his written findings for our second meeting in October on whether it is legal, ethical or appropriate behavior for any city councilor "acting alone" without council authorization to write and distribute memos throughout our community such as Exhibit "A" listed on Page 16 of the council packet for the Mountain Iron City Council Meeting of September 18, 2006.

As is noted in the Handbook for Minnesota Cities prepared by the League of Minnesota Cities, "This is a time of rising expectations, diminishing resources and increasingly complex issues. Balancing individual constituent interests with the long term good of the community is becoming increasingly difficult. Council members are often criticized as acting for some personal agenda or on behalf of unseen interests. For these reasons, in order to be, and to be perceived as, an effective decision maker, certain standards of conduct should be followed.

The laws and rules governing openness and ethics in government must be followed and promoted. Any actual or perceived conflict of interest should be avoided. All members of the city council should encourage high ethical standards in making decisions. An ethical manner is essential to restore public confidence in our democratic institutions." (Handbook for Minnesota Cities, page 121 through 122).

In carrying out their duties, council members do not relinquish any of the rights of free speech granted to all citizens. However, as noted in the handbook, "Council members' statutory duties are to be performed, almost without exception, by the council as a whole. The council, not individual members, must supervise administrative officers, formulate policies and exercise city powers." (Handbook for Minnesota Cities, page 125). As individuals, council members have no administrative authority. They cannot give orders or otherwise supervise city employees unless specifically directed to do so by the council. Therefore, it is essential that each city council member retain the discipline to distinguish his personal conduct and opinions from his role and duties as a member of the city council.

With respect to the specific administrative hearing regarding P&H Minepro's operations, the notice of the hearing specifically stated the issue as to whether P&H Minepro's operations require a conditional use permit for the alleged operation of a salvage yard. The administrative hearing procedures set forth in the ordinance do not make the hearing an open forum for citizen participation in the hearing process. Rather, the administrative hearing ordinance provides for a hearing to determine if a violation has occurred. The hearing board acts upon the administrative ticket issued by the Mountain Iron Sheriff's Office or other authorized city employee. The officer or employee issuing the administrative ticket presents evidence of the violation and the alleged violator is given an opportunity to respond. General public input is not contemplated in the administrative hearing process although it is permissible for the city to consider all relevant evidence from whatever source the hearing board may consider relevant. Mr. Roskoski's distribution of the hearing notice along with his own statement can be considered an invitation or notice to the public of the administrative hearing, and the distribution of the notice is not an illegal act. However, the distribution of the memo and subsequent participation by Mr. Roskoski in the administrative hearing process can be deemed unethical or inappropriate for the following reasons:

1. The participation of Mr. Roskoski on the administrative hearing board in light of his open and long standing criticism of and opposition to the activities of P&H Minepro on its business premises creates a question as to the fairness of the administrative hearing board process as applied to this specific case.
2. Although the administrative hearing board's decision was in favor of P&H Minepro, the participation of a city council member with a previously stated position regarding P&H Minepro's operations could have created a potential legal challenge to any decision rendered by the administrative hearing board.
3. The distribution of the memo and participation by Mr. Roskoski in the administrative hearing process exposes the councilor and the city to claims of conflict of interest. As noted in the

Handbook for Minnesota Cities at page 125: "There are situations where council members may find that they have an interest in a non-contract decision the council will make. This type of interest could be of a financial nature, but isn't always. These non-contract matters may include such things as council decisions on zoning, local improvements, and the issuance of licenses. Although not generally prohibited by law, an interested council member should abstain from participating in the council discussion and from voting on these issues, otherwise the council decision could be reversed by a court because of the self interest." These principles applicable to the council are also applicable to participation in an administrative hearing board.

In summary, although the facts and circumstances of this particular matter did not result in prejudice to any of the rights of the interested parties, the entire episode points up the need for all council members to be aware and sensitive to the distinction between their role as city council member and that of private citizen. Council members must avoid acting or being perceived as acting from some personal agenda or on behalf of unseen interests. Any actual or perceived conflict of interest must be avoided in order that the public be assured that the city council uses only the highest ethical standards in making decisions. If all members of the city council follow these principles, public confidence in the city council will be maintained.

CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
 VARIANCE APPLICATION *

pd #1502 9/27/06 #2,070,577

Name of Applicant Jean M Noyes Signature of Applicant Jean M Noyes Date 9-25-06
P.O. Box 373, Mountain Iron

Legal Description: Sec/Lot 1-2 Twp/Block 14 Rge/Subd Town 24 Parcel Code # 175-0010-01300
Nly 20 ft of Lot 2 & Sly 2 ft of Lot 6 cont 175-0010-01400

Area for which Variance Requested:

5757 Mt. Ave - Downtown Mt. Iron

Statements addressing condition of "undue hardship" for which variance is requested. Existing Foundation is 16' wide and replacing with a 20' structure is a hardship to meet requirement the minimum width

Existing Foundation is 16' wide and replacing with a 20' structure to meet the minimum width ~~is~~ requirement is a hardship.

* Applicant is required to submit a vicinity map, drawn to scale, showing applicant's and adjoining property including all existing or proposed buildings or uses. Use reverse side of this form.

OFFICE USE ONLY

ITEM	ACTION	DATE	INITIAL
Zoning Administrator Review	Sent to JDM 9-27-06	9-27-06	JDM
Public Hearing Set	Set for 10/9/06 7:05 PM	9-28-06	JDM
Hearing Notice Published	Missouri Daily News	9-29-06	JDM
Board of Adjustment and Appeals Recommendation			
Council Action			
Filed with County Recorder			

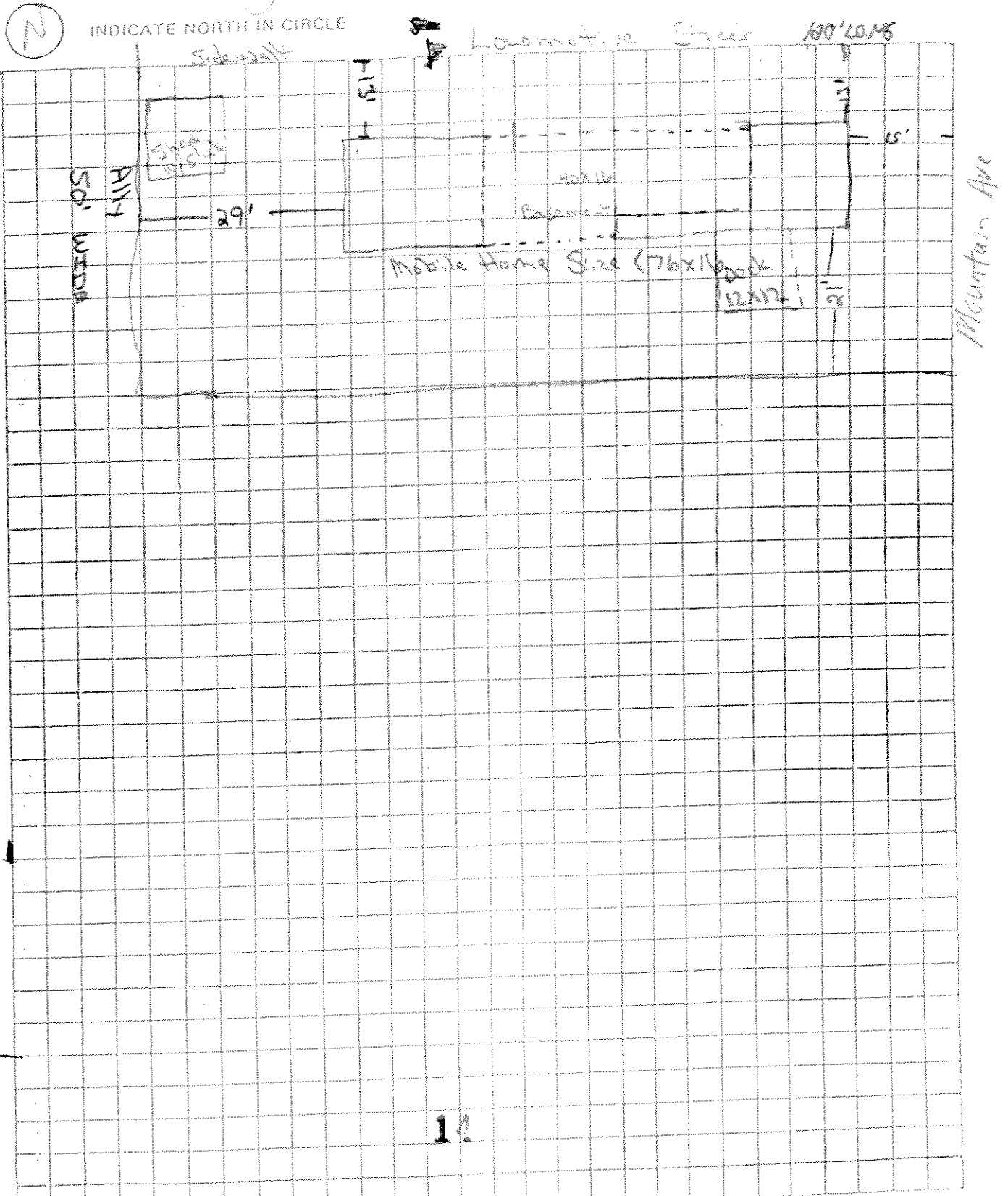
Conditions Attached _____

VICINITY MAP TO SCALE - SHOW DIMENSIONS OF LOT AND ALL EXISTING AND PROPOSED STRUCTURES, DISTANCES FROM FRONT, SIDE AND REAR LOT LINE SETBACKS TO ALL EXISTING AND PROPOSED STRUCTURES. SHOW ALLEY AND STREET NAMES ADJOINING LOT.

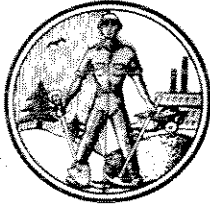
I/We certify that the proposed construction will conform to the dimension and uses shown and that no changes will be made without first obtaining approval.

Signature Janet [unclear]

Date 9/27/06 EACH SQ = 5'



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Mountain Iron will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 9, 2006 at 7:05 p.m. in the Mountain Iron Room of the Mountain Iron Community Center.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider a request made by Jean M. Noyes, 5757 Mountain Avenue, Mountain Iron for Variances from the 20 foot minimum building width as required by the Zoning Ordinance, to construct a single family dwelling. The property is legally described as follows:

Lot 1 and Northerly 23 feet Lot 2, Block 14, Town of Grant
Parcel Code: 175-0010-01380

And

Southerly 2 feet of Lot 2, Block 14, Town of Grant
Parcel Code: 175-0010-01400

The public can present its opinions at the public hearing or by letter addressed to the Zoning Administrator, City of Mountain Iron, City Hall, 8586 Enterprise Drive South, Mountain Iron, Minnesota 55768-8260.

By Order of the Planning and Zoning Commission
Jerry D. Kujala
Zoning Administrator

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COUNCIL LETTER 101606-IVH2

PLANNING AND ZONING

ZONING VIOLATIONS

DATE: October 11, 2006

FROM: Jerry Kujala
Zoning Administrator

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Star Homes was issued an administrative tickets for non-conforming signs, the signs that are not permitted and the violation has not been corrected. The City Council should review the situation and perhaps request the City Attorney to outline the fact that they face further ticketing and court action if they don't comply.



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August 21, 2006

Tom Schlotec
Star Homes
8421 Mud Lake Road
Mountain Iron MN 55768

Dear Mr. Schlotec:

By my count you have six unpermitted signs at your location. Any sign not on a structure requires a permit; however, this number of signs is in excess of what is allowed by the ordinance. In addition, it appears that some of these appear to have been placed on public property.

Since a permit has been issued for your large sign, all others are in violation. A ticket will be issued for each of these still in place on September 1, 2006.

Sincerely,

Jerry Kujala
Zoning Administrator

JK/js

pc Planning & Zoning Commission
Craig Wainio, City Administrator

COUNCIL LETTER 101606-IVIA
STREET AND ALLEY COMMITTEE
VARIOUS ISSUES

DATE: October 11, 2006
FROM: Street and Alley Committee
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Street and Alley Committee met on October 5th and addressed the following issues and is forwarding them to the City Council for further action:

1. The Otto Road loop safety concern has been taken care of.
2. Those in attendance at the meeting felt right lane turn off #7 onto Unity is a good idea. The next step would be to notify the County of our wishes.
3. The Locomotive Park/Mesabi Trail fence project will be put onto paper by Benchmark Engineering. The next step would be Parks and Recreation Board review/Downtown Group review.



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October 11, 2006

Mr. Craig Wainio, City Administrator
City of Mountain Iron
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

Re: City of Mountain Iron, MN
County Highway 7 Turn Lanes at Unity Drive
Project No. MI06-23

Dear Mr. Wainio:

As directed by the Street & Alley Committee, Benchmark Engineering Inc. has reviewed the County Highway 7 and Unity Drive intersection for placement of right turn lanes along County Road 7. Please refer to the enclosed exhibit.

It is our opinion there is adequate street width to create right turn lanes on County Highway 7 by completing minor shoulder paving, placing striping and pavement markings to delineate a right turn lane and a left turn/thru lane at the Unity Drive intersection in each direction. The cost to provide the appropriate pavement markings and shoulder paving would be approximately \$2,000, as opposed to significant removal & reconstruction costs of curb & gutter, sidewalk, class V base, bituminous pavement, and street lights if right turn lanes were added to the existing pavement width.

Due to the fact this roadway is a County Highway, St. Louis County Public Works will have to review and approve this plan prior to implementation.

If you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,
Benchmark Engineering, Inc.

Eric E. Fallstrom, P.E.

Enclosure



DAIRY QUEEN

R/W

24"

UNITY DRIVE

AUTO SALES

COUNTY HWY. 7

BANK

BITUMINOUS
PATCHING

12'

10.5'

20

UNITY DRIVE

GAS STATION

12'

10.5'



COUNTY HWY. #7 TURN LANES
CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA
CONCEPT PLAN

Benchmark
ENGINEERING, INC.

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October 11, 2006

Mr. Craig Wainio, City Administrator
City of Mountain Iron
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

Re: City of Mountain Iron, MN
Locomotive Park Improvements Exhibit & Cost Estimate
Project No. MI06-22

Dear Mr. Wainio:

As directed by the Street & Alley Committee, Benchmark Engineering Inc. has reviewed the Locomotive Park area for a possible extension of the sidewalk east of the existing Baldwin Locomotive to Marble Avenue. A brief site review was conducted to determine feasibility of the proposed work.

Enclosed please find an exhibit outlining the proposed clearing, removals, sidewalk, paving, and fencing required to complete the project as directed by the Street & Alley Committee. Also enclosed is an engineer's estimate of construction costs with contingency and estimated engineering costs included.

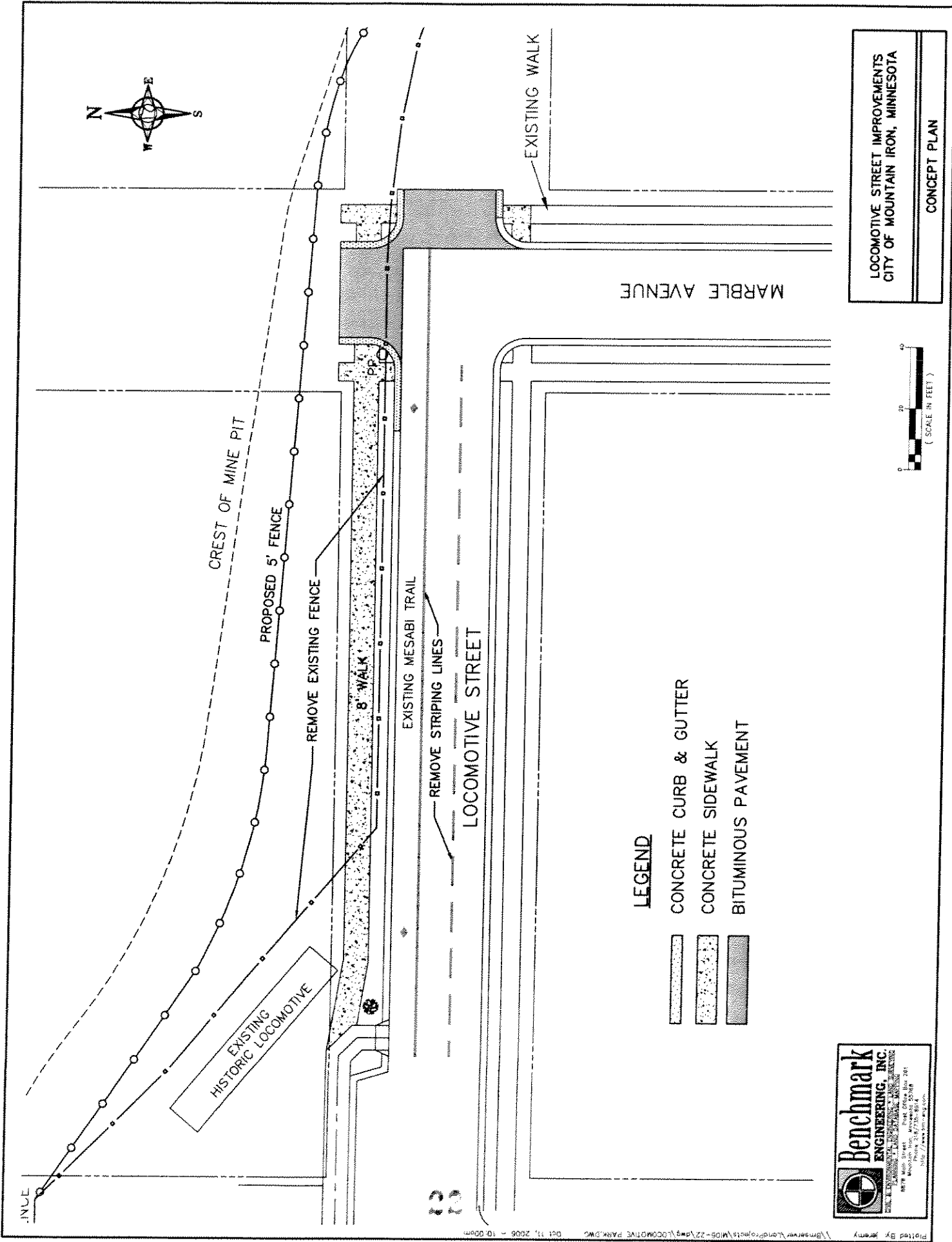
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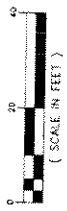
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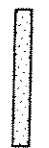





LOCOMOTIVE STREET IMPROVEMENTS
 CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA

CONCEPT PLAN



LEGEND

-  CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER
-  CONCRETE SIDEWALK
-  BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT



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**ENGINEER'S PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF COST
 LOCOMOTIVE PARK SIDEWALK & PAVING IMPROVEMENTS
 MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA
 PROJECT NO. : MI06-22**

ITEM NO.	ITEM	UNITS	ITEM COST	PROJECT QUANTITIES	TOTAL AMOUNT
2101.511	CLEARING & GRUBBING	LUMP SUM	\$2,000.00	1.0	\$2,000.00
2104.501	REMOVE FENCE	LIN. FT.	\$2.00	450.0	\$900.00
2104.513	SAWING BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT (FULL DEPTH)	LIN. FT.	\$3.00	100.0	\$300.00
2105.501	COMMON EXCAVATION	CU. YD.	\$10.00	80.0	\$800.00
2105.535	SALVAGED TOPSOIL (CV)	CU. YD.	\$10.00	62.0	\$620.00
2211.503	AGGREGATE BASE (CV), CLASS 5	CU. YD.	\$16.00	67.0	\$1,072.00
2350.501	TYPE LV4 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE (B)	TON	\$75.00	18.0	\$1,350.00
2350.502	TYPE LV3 NON-WEARING COURSE MIXTURE (B)	TON	\$75.00	28.0	\$2,100.00
2357.502	BITUMINOUS MATERIAL FOR TACK COAT	GALLON	\$3.00	12.0	\$36.00
2521.501	4" CONCRETE WALK	SQ. FT.	\$4.00	1,900.0	\$7,600.00
2531.501	CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER - DES. B618	LIN. FT.	\$15.00	83.0	\$1,245.00
2557.501	FENCE, DESIGN 60V-9322	LIN. FT.	\$8.00	450.0	\$3,600.00
2564.603	4" BROKEN LINE YELLOW - EPOXY	LIN. FT.	\$1.00	250.0	\$250.00
2575.505	SODDING TYPE LAWN	SQ. YD.	\$4.00	200.0	\$800.00
2575.555	TURF ESTABLISHMENT	LUMP SUM	\$500.00	1.0	\$500.00

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST : \$23,173.00

CONTINGENCY (15%): \$3,475.95

ESTIMATED ENGINEERING - DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION PHASE: \$4,402.87

ESTIMATED PROJECT COST: \$31,051.82

BENCHMARK ENGINEERING, INC.

COUNCIL LETTER 101606-VA
ADMINISTRATION
RESOLUTION NUMBER 30-06

DATE: October 11, 2006
FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Resolution Number 30-06 is approving the bids for the Unity Drive project. The bids will be opened on Friday, October 13, a bid tabulation and recommendation will be mailed to the City Council on Friday.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 30-06

ACCEPTING BID

WHEREAS, pursuant to an advertisement for bids for the improvement of Unity Drive from Mud Lake Road to Diamond Lane by overlayment, reconstruction and installation of curb, gutter and sidewalk, bids were received, opened and tabulated according to law, and the following bids were received complying with the advertisement:

AND WHEREAS, it appears that _____ of _____, Minnesota is the lowest responsible bidder,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA:

1. The Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to enter into the attached contract with _____ of _____, Minnesota in the name of the City of Mountain Iron for the improvement of Unity Drive from Mud Lake Road to Diamond Lane according to the plans and specifications therefore approved by the City Council and on file in the Office of the City Administrator.
2. The City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to return forthwith to all bidders the deposits made with their bids, except that the deposits of the successful bidder and the next lowest bidder shall be retained until a contract has been signed.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 16th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2006.

Mayor Gary Skalko

ATTEST:

City Administrator

COUNCIL LETTER 101606-VIB

PUBLIC WORKS

LIBRARY ELECTRICAL UPGRADE QUOTES

DATE: October 11, 2006

FROM: Don Kleinschmidt
Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Quotes were received on the Library Electrical Upgrade as follows:

Hometown Electric	\$31,350.00
Seppala Electric	\$33,827.00
Range Electric	\$44,300.00

Staff recommends hiring Hometown Electric at their low quote of \$31,350.00.

Contractor's Application For Payment No. 1

To (Owner): City of Mt Iron	Application Period: September 29, 2006	Application Date: 9-29-06
Project: Mt. Iron Voluntary Remedial Action Plan	From (Contractor): KGM Contractors Inc	Notice to Proceed Date: 8-22-06
	Contract: Mt. Iron Remedial	Via (Engineer): Wenck Associates Inc
Owner's Contract No.: 0754-12	Contractor's Project No.: 0754-12	Engineer's Project No.: 0754-012

Application for Payment

Change Order Summary

Approved Change Orders	Number	Additions	Deductions
TOTALS		\$0.00	\$0.00
NET CHANGE BY CHANGE ORDERS			\$0.00

Contractor's Certification

The undersigned Contractor certifies that: (1) all previous progress payments received from Owner on account of Work done under the Contract have been applied on account to discharge Contractor's legitimate obligations incurred in connection with Work covered by prior Applications for Payment; (2) title of all Work, materials and equipment incorporated in said Work or otherwise listed in or covered by this Application for Payment will pass to Owner at time of payment free and clear of all Liens, security interests and encumbrances (except such as are covered by a Bond acceptable to Owner indemnifying Owner against any such Liens, security interest or encumbrances); and (3) all Work covered by this Application for Payment is in accordance with the Contract Documents and is not defective.

By:	Date:
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1. ORIGINAL CONTRACT PRICE \$ 506,172.00
2. Net change by Change Orders \$ 0.00
3. CURRENT CONTRACT PRICE (Line 1 ± 2) \$ 506,172.00
4. TOTAL COMPLETED AND STORED TO DATE \$ 447,083.00
(Column G on Progress Estimate)
5. RETAINAGE:
 - a. 5 % x \$ Work Completed \$ 44,708.30
 - b. 5 % x \$ Stored Material \$ 0.00
 - c. Total Retainage (Line 5a + Line 5b) \$ 44,708.30
6. AMOUNT ELIGIBLE TO DATE (Line 4 - Line 5c) \$ 402,374.70
7. LESS PREVIOUS PAYMENTS (Line 6 from prior Application) \$ 0.00
8. AMOUNT DUE THIS APPLICATION \$ 402,374.70
9. BALANCE TO FINISH, PLUS RETAINAGE \$ 103,797.59
(Column G on Progress Estimate + Line 5 above)

Payment of: \$ 411,923.70
(Line 8 or other - attach explanation of other amount)

is recommended by: _____ (Engineer) _____ (Date)

Payment of: \$ 411,923.70
(Line 8 or other - attach explanation of other amount)

is approved by: _____ (Owner) _____ (Date)

Approved by: _____ (Date)

Funding Agency (if applicable) _____ (Date)

Progress Estimate

Contractor's Application

A		B		C		D		E		F		G		H		I	
Item Description		Bid Quantity	Unit Price	Bid Value	From Previous Application	Work Completed Quantity this Period	Value this Application	Materials Presently Stored (not in C or D)	Total Completed and Stored to Date (\$ + E + F)	% (G / B)	Balance to Finish (B - G)						
1.	MOBILIZATION	1	\$15,643.00	\$15,643.00		1	\$15,643.00	\$0.00	\$15,643.00	1	\$0.00	\$15,643.00					
2.	FIELD ENGINEERING	1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00		1	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	1	\$0.00	\$3,500.00					
3.	TEMP EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		1	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	1	\$0.00	\$1,000.00					
4.	SITE PREP AND ACCESS ROAD	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00		1	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	1	\$0.00	\$15,000.00					
5.	COMMON EXCAVATION	12,000	\$2.43	\$29,160.00		10000	\$24,300.00	\$0.00	\$24,300.00	0.833333333	\$4,860.00	\$24,300.00					
6.	CONTROLLED FILL	15,000	\$2.50	\$37,500.00		12000	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	0.8	\$7,500.00	\$30,000.00					
7.	WASTE EXCAVATION	20,300	\$1.58	\$32,074.00		18000	\$28,440.00	\$0.00	\$28,440.00	0.886669951	\$3,634.00	\$28,440.00					
8.	ON SITE CONTAMINATED SOIL TREAT	700	\$10.00	\$7,000.00		350	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	0.5	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00					
9.	TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL	11,227	\$32.27	\$362,295.29		10000	\$322,700.00	\$0.00	\$322,700.00	0.8907099	\$39,595.29	\$322,700.00					
10.	SITE RESTORATION	1	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		1	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	1	\$0.00	\$3,000.00					
Totals				\$506,172.29	\$0.00		\$447,083.00	\$0.00	\$447,083.00		\$0.00	\$447,083.00					\$59,089.29

Application Number: 1
Application Date: 9-29-06

EJCDC No. C-620 (2002 Edition)
Prepared by the Engineers' Joint Contract Documents Committee and endorsed by the Associated General Contractors of America and the Construction Specifications Institute.

COUNCIL LETTER 101606-VD

ADMINISTRATION

CONTINUATION OF EMPLOYMENT

DATE: October 11, 2006
FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Mr. Tim Satrang is approaching the end of his six month probationary period as a Wastewater and Water Operator. Staff has reviewed his performance and recommends to the City Council that Mr. Satrang's employment with the City be continued beyond the probationary period which is set to expire on October 26th.

COUNCIL LETTER 101606-VE

COUNCILOR ROSKOSKI

LAURENTIAN BIO-MASS FIRE PROTECTION

DATE: October 11, 2006
FROM: Councilor Roskoski
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Councilor Roskoski requested this item be placed on the Agenda with the following background information:

There does not seem to be ample hydrant coverage for an area that is about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile x $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in size. This situation should be referred to out Fire Chief for further study and recommendation.

COUNCIL LETTER 101606-IX

CITY COUNCIL

CLOSED MEETING

DATE: October 11, 2006
FROM: City Council
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The City Council may enter into a Closed Meeting to discuss contract negotiations strategies concerning the contract with certain management personnel.

Councilor Roskoski is also requesting that the City Council go into closed session based upon the following background information:

Employee performance. Attorney Aluni should be present to help review certain situations.

Staff Note: Enclosed, please find an exert of a League of Minnesota Cities Memo outlining the situations for a closed meeting. Based upon the information provided by Councilor Roskoski, Staff strongly encourages the City Council to review the information from the League and possibly consult with the City Attorney prior to entering into a closed meeting on these grounds. (CJW)

See Part III - G - *Common problems in applying the law.*

Because the term “meeting” has not been clearly defined, the issue of whether or not a meeting has been held must be decided on a case-by-case basis. Some examples of cases are discussed in further detail in a later section of this memo.

C. Gatherings to which the law applies

Moberg v. Indep. Sch. Dist. No. 281, 336 N.W.2d 510 (Minn. 1983).

The open meeting law applies to any gathering of a quorum or more of public officials where the members discuss, decide or receive information as a group on issues relating to the official business of the public body.

Minn. Stat. §§ 412.191, subd. 1; 645.08 (5).

A “quorum” is a majority of the members of a statutory city council. A majority of the qualified members of any board or commission also constitutes a quorum. Home rule charter cities may have different quorum requirements in their charters.

Thus, the open meeting law would apply to any of the following types of gatherings:

- *Regular and special meetings.*
- *Public hearings.*
- *Executive sessions.*
- *Work sessions.*
- *Retreats.*

A.G. Op. 63-A-5 (June 13, 1957); Minn. Stat. § 13D.01, subd. 1.

See Part III - G - *Common problems in applying the law.*

D. Exceptions and the procedures to use them

Minn. Stat. § 13D.01, subd. 3.

There are some exceptions to the open meeting law. Under certain circumstances, some meetings may be closed. There are also some meetings that must be closed. Before a meeting can be closed under any of the exceptions, the council must state on the record the specific grounds permitting the meeting to be closed and describe the subject to be discussed.

1. Meetings that may be closed

There are some meetings that the public body may close if it chooses. The following types of meetings may be closed:

- ***Meetings to consider strategies for labor negotiations under PELRA.*** Although a meeting to consider strategies for labor negotiations may be closed, the actual negotiations must be done at an open meeting if a quorum of the council is present.

Minn. Stat. §§ 13D.03; 13D.01, subd. 3.

Procedure. The following must be done to use this exception:

- i. Before closing the meeting, the council must decide to close the meeting by a majority vote at a public meeting.
- ii. Before closing the meeting, the council must state on the record the specific grounds permitting the meeting to be closed and describe the subject to be discussed.
- iii. A written roll of all people present at the closed meeting must be available to the public after the closed meeting.
- iv. The meeting must be taped.
- v. The tape must be kept for two years after the contract is signed.
- vi. The tape becomes public after the labor agreement is finalized.

If an action claiming that other public business was transacted at the closed meeting is brought during the time that the tape is not public, the court will review the record privately. If it finds no violation of the open meeting law, the action will be dismissed and the recording will be preserved in court records until it becomes available to the public. If the court determines that there may have been a violation, the entire recording may be introduced at the trial. However, the court may issue appropriate protective orders requested by either party.

- **Meetings to evaluate the performance of an individual subject to the public body's authority.**

Minn. Stat. §§ 13D.05, subd. 3(a);
13D.01, subd. 3.

Procedure. The following must be done to use this exception:

- i. The public body must identify the individual to be evaluated prior to closing the meeting.
- ii. The meeting must be open at the request of the individual who is the subject of the meeting, so some advance notice to the individual is needed in order to allow the individual to make an informed decision.
- iii. Before closing the meeting, the council must state on the record the specific grounds permitting the meeting to be closed and describe the subject to be discussed.
- iv. At the next open meeting, the public body must summarize its conclusions regarding the evaluation. The council should be careful not to release private or confidential data in its summary.

Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(b).

Prior Lake American v. Mader,
642 N.W.2d 729 (Minn. 2002).

*Northwest Publications, Inc. v.
City of St. Paul*, 435 N.W.2d 64
(Minn. App. 1989).

- **Attorney-client privilege.** Meetings between the governing body and its attorney to discuss active, threatened, or pending litigation may be closed when the balancing of the purposes served by the attorney-client privilege against those served by the open meeting law dictates the need for absolute confidentiality. The need for absolute confidentiality should relate to litigation strategy, and will usually arise only after a substantive decision on the underlying matter has been made. This privilege may not be abused to suppress public observations of the decision-making process, and does not include situations where the council will be receiving general legal opinions and advice on the strengths and weaknesses of a proposed underlying action that may give rise to future litigation.

Procedure. The following must be done to use this exception:

- i. Before closing the meeting, the council must state on the record the specific grounds permitting the meeting to be closed and describe the subject to be discussed. The council should also describe how a balancing of the purposes of the attorney-client privilege against the purposes of the open meeting law demonstrates the need for absolute confidentiality.
- ii. The council must actually communicate with its attorney at the meeting.

Minn. Stat. § 13D.01, subd. 3; *See The Free Press v. County of Blue Earth*, 677 N.W.2d 471 (Minn. App. 2004) (holding that a statement that a meeting was being closed under the attorney-client privilege to discuss "pending litigation" did not satisfy the requirement to "describe the subject to be discussed" at the closed meeting).

2. Meetings that must be closed

There are some meetings that the law requires to be closed. The following meetings must be closed:

Minn. Stat. §§ 13D.05, subd. 2(b);
13.43, subd. 2(4).

- **Meetings for preliminary consideration of allegations or charges against an individual subject to the public body's authority.** While the law permits the council to announce that it is closing a meeting to consider charges against an individual, it is still the best practice not to refer to that individual by name. The council should state only that it is closing the meeting to give preliminary consideration to allegations against someone subject to its authority. However, if someone requests the name of the employee who is the subject of the closed meeting, the name will probably have to be furnished since the existence and status of any complaints against an employee are public data.

Minn. Stat. §§ 13D.01, subd. 3;
13D.05, subd. 2(b).

Procedure. The following must be done to use this exception:

- i. Before closing the meeting, the council must state on the record the specific grounds for closing the meeting and describe the subject to be discussed.
- ii. The meeting must be open at the request of the individual who is the subject of the meeting. Thus, the individual should be given advance notice of the existence and nature of the charges against him or her, so that the individual can make an informed decision.
- iii. If the public body decides that discipline of any nature is warranted regarding the specific charges, further meetings must be open.

(Note: There is a special provision dealing with allegations of law enforcement personnel misconduct; see next discussion under ii.)

Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 2(a).

- **Portions of meetings at which any of the following data is discussed:**
 - i. Data that would identify alleged victims or reporters of criminal sexual conduct, domestic abuse or maltreatment of minors or vulnerable adults.
 - ii. Internal affairs data relating to allegations of law enforcement personnel misconduct or active law enforcement investigative data.
 - iii. Educational data, health data, medical data, welfare data or mental health data that are not-public data.

Minn. Stat. §§ 13D.01, subd. 3;
13D.05, subd. 2(a).

Procedure. Before closing the meeting, the council must state on the record the specific grounds for closing the meeting and describe the subject to be discussed.

E. Notice requirements

Minn. Stat. § 13D.04.

Public notice must be given of all meetings of a public body. The notice requirements differ depending on the type of the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

October 16, 2006

1. League of Minnesota Cities, forwarding the 2007 Policy Committee highlights.
2. Army National Guard, an invitation to attend a Community Reintegration training event on October 16th in Hibbing.
3. Range Recreation Civic Center, forwarding additional information regarding the estimated economic impact regarding the use of the facility.



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2007 Policy Committee Highlights

Improving Service Delivery (ISD) – The ISD Committee recommended five new policies as well as changes to a number of existing policies.

- ***NEW – Local approval of special laws.*** This policy urges the legislature to follow Constitutional and statutory requirements for enacting a law that is intended to affect or benefit a single local unit of government. It opposes bypassing the local approval requirement by enacting a general law that describes the local government in such narrow terms that it can only apply to one entity.
- ***NEW – Sustainable development.*** This new policy supports sustainable development efforts so long as those efforts do not limit local authority to determine what practices will best meet local needs. It urges federal and state governments to provide financial incentives, regulatory flexibility, and technical and educational assistance to encourage sustainable development practices.
- ***NEW – State oversight of amusement ride safety.*** The committee recommended that the League adopt a new policy supporting state oversight of amusement ride safety inspections.
- ***NEW – Funding to manage shade tree diseases and pests.*** This policy supports funding a state matching grant program to assist cities in addressing shade tree diseases and pest problems.
- ***NEW – Immigration reform.*** This policy urges Congress to enact and enforce effective immigration laws rather than transfer this responsibility to local personnel. It also opposes federal and state efforts to prohibit local units of government from implementing local policies aimed at fostering positive relationships between local government officials and immigrant communities.
- ***Private property rights and takings.*** This policy was updated to reflect 2006 legislative action that restricted local government eminent domain authority. The committee also recommended adding language to strengthen the regulatory takings section by opposing an automatic cause of action for damages any time a local regulatory action impacts the use or reduces the value of private property.
- ***Construction codes and licensing.*** Recommended changes to this policy encourage the state to review state building and energy codes as they relate to sustainable building design, construction and operation, and urge the state to use surplus building permit surcharge revenue to help cover the costs of local code official training and education.
- ***Legalization of fireworks.*** Members also supported changes to strengthen the League's fireworks policy in anticipation of aggressive legislation that would expand the definition of legal fireworks.

Improving Local Economies (ILE) – The ILE Committee recommended several changes to existing policies relating to affordable housing, economic development and transportation funding.

- ***New resources for affordable housing.*** The committee recommended several substantive changes to this policy, including support for new state resources to meet affordable housing needs and greater local flexibility to raise matching funds required by the Housing Account for Leverage Opportunities (HALO) program.
- ***Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and economic development.*** The committee recommended a few changes to the League's TIF and economic development policies based on suggestions from the TIF Task Force. Policy changes include more flexible funding for workforce readiness, and restoring

statewide jurisdiction and funding for the state redevelopment account or considering another program to address redevelopment needs in the metropolitan area.

- ***Adequate funding for transportation.*** Recommended changes to this policy include support for a 60/40 split of MVST dollars between roads and transit, clarification of existing city wheelage tax authority under Minn.Stat. §426.05, and state funding to cover all components of state highway projects, including related stormwater management systems.

Improving Fiscal Futures (IFF) – The IFF Committee recommended adding a list of broad tax policy principles to the League’s State/Local Fiscal Relations policy, which are based on recommendations from the League’s Financing Local Government Task Force report issued in 2005. The committee also proposed a new policy on community education funding and recommended changes to several existing policies.

- ***NEW – Equitable funding of community education services.*** This new policy supports a statutory increase in the community education revenue authorization for school districts to provide a steady source of revenue that would be assessed against all properties in the school district, not just properties which are located in the city.
- ***Local government aid (LGA) reform.*** The committee recommended that the League continue to support several adjustments to the LGA formula including the elimination of the taconite aid from the capacity factor, adjusting the need factor to reflect inflationary pressure and using current population estimates for the regional center aid base. This year, the committee also recommended that the League identify formula modifications that would minimize volatility in the program.
- ***Market value homestead credit (MVHC) program funding.*** Members recommended that the League continue to support the restructuring of the MVHC program to eliminate city budget vulnerability that exists under the current program.
- ***City revenue diversification.*** The committee adopted language opposing mandatory sharing of local sales tax revenue with neighboring cities and townships.

Human Resources and Data Practices – The Human Resources and Data Practices Committee adopted two new policies and recommended changes to several existing policies.

- ***NEW – Volunteer firefighter pension benefits.*** This policy supports a statewide study of paid and volunteer firefighter pension benefits. It also supports a centralized, statewide volunteer firefighter pension plan provided that participation is voluntary and the plan takes into account the different financial capacities of cities.
- ***NEW – Reserve Income Replacement Program (RIRP).*** This new policy urges Congress to extend and fund the RIRP program, which provides a federal income replacement payment to eligible National Guard and military reserve members who are ordered to federal active service.
- ***Public Employees Retirement Association.*** Changes to this policy support an increase in the number of years required for vesting to help reduce the need for additional contribution increases.
- ***Health care insurance programs.*** The committee recommended that the League support changes to state law that would clarify the requirement to bargain over changes in the “aggregate value” of benefits. Members also supported allowing cities to pool retirees separately from active employees in order to avoid liabilities associated with the new Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) requirements regarding “implicit subsidy,” and authorizing cities to invest these trusts in a broader array of investments similar to those available to pension funds.
- ***Data practices compliance issues.*** This revised policy opposes efforts to increase the maximum penalties that may be imposed on government entities that have violated the state data practices act.



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JFMN-CHPLN

05 October 2006

Dear Community Leader

On behalf of the Adjutant General, MG Larry Shellito, I would like to invite you to attend a Community Reintegration training event on October 16th 2006, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in HCC Theater building F, at the Hibbing Community College located at 1515 E 25th ST Hibbing, MN 55746. The purpose of this training is to equip you to help combat veterans and their families reintegrate into our community after combat in Iraq. There is no cost to attend this event and there will be beverages and snacks provided.

The training will cover how you as a community leader, can best be prepared to help returning combat veterans return to normal life. As you may know, we have recently deployed 3000 Minnesota Army National Guard soldiers. We need your help in order to help them come home and re-enter our community successfully.

Please RSVP with the number of attendees from your organization by 13 October 2006 to SFC Jody Courts at 651-281-3825 or by email to jody.courts@mn.ngb.army.mil.

John Joseph Morris
Chaplain, MNARNG
Deputy State Chaplain

ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE RANGE RECREATION CIVIC CENTER (1998-PRESENT)

EVENTS LISTED WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED WITHOUT CONSTRUCTION OF THIS FACILITY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>EST. ECONOMIC IMPACT</u>
FEBRUARY, 2000	NATIONAL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP	\$235,904
NOVEMBER, 2001	SENIOR WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	\$45,370
MARCH, 2002	U.S. MENS/WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIP	\$340,144
JANUARY, 2003	US WOMEN'S CURLING ASSOCIATION	\$71,840
FEBRUARY, 2005	NATIONAL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP	\$191,104
FEBRUARY, 2005	U.S. CURLING ASSN - CHALLENGE ROUND	\$69,984
FEBRUARY, 2006	U.S. CURLING ASSN - CHALLENGE ROUND	\$35,920
MARCH, 2007	WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	\$963,440

TOTAL ESTIMATED IMPACT SINCE INCEPTION: \$1,953,706
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EVENT DESCRIPTION:

NATIONAL SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS - FEBRUARY, 2000

NUMBER OF TEAMS: 96 DURATION: 4 DAYS

1. PARTICIPANTS		2. PER DAY SPENDING		3. DURATION OF EVENT		4. IMPACT COMPUTATIONS	
# OF PEOPLE		PARTICIPANT SECTION		BASED ON "AVERAGE" RESULTS		MULTIPLY THREE SECTIONS	
LOCAL (20 TEAMS) NO LODGING REQUIRED	80	LOCAL NO LODGING REQUIRED	\$50	LOCAL	3.5		\$14,000
OUT OF AREA (76 TEAMS) LODGING REQUIRED	304	OUT OF AREA	\$85	OUT OF AREA	3.5		\$90,440
		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> \$105 ENTRY PER PERSON SPENT LOCALLY (\$30 DAY) - ADD \$20 PER DAY FOR BEVERAGES/OTHER TEAMS </div>					
		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> ASSUMES \$35 PER DAY LODGING (TWO PEOPLE PER ROOM) AND SPENDING FACTOR FOR LOCAL TEAMS </div>					
		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> ASSUMES LOCAL SPECTATORS WILL "AVERAGE" TWO DAYS OF ATTENDANCE </div>					
SPECTATOR SECTION		SPECTATOR SECTION					
LOCAL NO LODGING REQUIRED	250	LOCAL NO LODGING REQUIRED	\$30	LOCAL	2		\$15,000
OUT OF AREA LODGING REQUIRED	80	OUT OF AREA LODGING REQUIRED	\$100	OUT OF AREA	3.5		\$28,000
		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> ASSUMPTIONS: LOCAL SPENDING LIMITED TO PURCHASE OF FOOD AND BEVERAGES. OUT OF AREA SPENDING INCLUDES THIS AMOUNT AND \$78/DAY FOR HOTELS AND SHOPPING/OTHER </div>					
		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> INCLUDES MANY WIVES THAT TRAVELLED TO EVENT WITH THEIR HUSBANDS </div>					
				TOTAL CALCULATED DIRECT SPENDING OF CURLERS AND SPECTATORS			\$147,440
				MULTIPLY BY ECONOMIC IMPACT FACTOR		1.6	
							TOTAL ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT \$235,904



SR. WOMEN'S NATIONALS / NOVEMBER 8-II, 2001 ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

24 Teams

1. PARTICIPANTS

Athletes & Coaches

Local (not requiring lodging)	1a. 4
Minnesota (requiring lodging)	1b. 24
Out of State (requiring lodging)	1c. 68

2. PER-DAY SPENDING

Athletes & Coaches

Local (not requiring lodging)	2a. \$45
Minnesota (requiring lodging)	2b. \$87
Out of State (requiring lodging)	2c. \$87

3. DURATION OF EVENT

Athletes & Coaches

Local (not requiring lodging)	3a. 3
Minnesota (requiring lodging)	3b. 3
Out of State (requiring lodging)	3c. 3

4. COMPUTATIONS

Athletes & Coaches

Local 1a x 2a x 3a	4a. \$ 540
Minnesota 1b x 2b x 3b	4b. \$ 6,264
Out of State 1c x 2c x 3c	4c. \$17,748

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Spectators

Local (not requiring lodging)	1d. 50
Minnesota (requiring lodging)	1e. 6
Out of State (requiring lodging)	1f. 10

Spectators

Local (not requiring lodging)	2d. \$15
Minnesota (requiring lodging)	2e. \$72
Out of State (requiring lodging)	2f. \$72

Spectators

Local (not requiring lodging)	3d. 2
Minnesota (requiring lodging)	3e. 2
Out of State (requiring lodging)	3f. 2

Spectators

Local 1d x 2d x 3d	4d. \$1,500
Minnesota 1e x 2e x 3e	4e. \$ 864
Out of State 1f x 2f x 3f	4f. \$1,440

Entry Fee (averaged out over event)

Lodging

Meals

Gasoline

Concessions

Entertainment

Retail Purchases

Arrival the evening or afternoon prior to the event start would count as 1/2 day. Same for departure the morning or afternoon after the event conclusion.

\$28,356

Direct Spending
4a + 4b + 4c + 4d +

4e + 4f =

X 1.6

Total

Economic Impact \$45,370



2002 MEN'S & WOMEN'S NATIONAL CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP ECONOMIC IMPACT WORKSHEET

26 TEAMS

1. PARTICIPANTS		2. PER-DAY SPENDING		3. DURATION OF EVENT		4. COMPUTATIONS	
Athletes & Coaches		Athletes & Coaches		Athletes & Coaches		Athletes & Coaches	
Local (not requiring lodging)	1a. 4	Local (not requiring lodging)	2a. \$25	Local (not requiring lodging)	3a. 9 days	Local 1a x 2a x 3a	4a. \$ 900
Minnesota (requiring lodging)	1b. 10	Minnesota (requiring lodging)	2b. \$70	Minnesota (requiring lodging)	3b. 5 days	Minnesota 1b x 2b x 3b	4b. \$ 3,500
Out of State (requiring lodging)	1c. 30	Out of State (requiring lodging)	2c. \$85	Out of State (requiring lodging)	3c. 5 days	Out of State 1c x 2c x 3c	4c. \$12,750
	1c. 76		2c. \$85		3c. 9 days		4c. \$58,140
Spectators		Spectators		Spectators		Spectators	
Local (not requiring lodging)	1d. 700 wk	Local (not requiring lodging)	2d. \$100 wk	Local (not requiring lodging)	3d. 1 week	Local 1d x 2d x 3d	4d. \$70,000
Minnesota (requiring lodging)	1e. 25	Minnesota (requiring lodging)	2e. \$70	Minnesota (requiring lodging)	3e. 4 days	Minnesota 1e x 2e x 3e	4e. \$ 7,000
	1e. 25		2e. \$70		3e. 8 days		4e. \$14,000
Out of State (requiring lodging)	1f. 50	Out of State (requiring lodging)	2f. \$100	Out of State (requiring lodging)	3f. 8 days	Out of State 1f x 2f x 3f	4f. \$40,000
Entry Fee (averaged out over event)		Arrival the evening or afternoon prior to the event start would count as 1/2 day.		Same for departure the morning or afternoon after the event conclusion.		Direct Spending 4a + 4b + 4c + 4d + 4e + 4f =	
Lodging		Meals		Gasoline		Concessions	\$212,590
Entertainment		Retail Purchases					X 1.6
Total Economic Impact							\$340,144

U.S. WOMEN'S CURLING ASSN. CHAMPIONSHIPS - JANUARY, 2003

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

NUMBER OF TEAMS: 32 DURATION: 3 DAYS

1. PARTICIPANTS		# OF PEOPLE	2. PER DAY SPENDING		3. DURATION OF EVENT BASED ON "AVERAGE" RESULTS		4. IMPACT COMPUTATIONS MULTIPLY THREE SECTIONS	
PARTICIPANT SECTION								
LOCAL (10 TEAMS) NO LODGING REQUIRED	40	LOCAL	NO LODGING REQUIRED	LOCAL	2.5			\$5,500
OUT OF AREA (22 TEAMS) LODGING REQUIRED	88	OUT OF AREA	LODGING REQUIRED	OUT OF AREA	2.5			\$26,400
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> \$65 ENTRY PER PERSON SPENT LOCALLY (\$30 DAY) - ADD \$25 PER DAY FOR BEVERAGES/OTHER </div>					
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> ASSUMES \$35 PER DAY LODGING (TWO PEOPLE PER ROOM) SPENDING FACTOR FOR LOCAL TEAMS, AND 30/DAY SHOPPING/OTHER </div>					
SPECTATOR SECTION								
LOCAL NO LODGING REQUIRED	250	LOCAL	NO LODGING REQUIRED	LOCAL	1			\$7,500
OUT OF AREA LODGING REQUIRED	22	OUT OF AREA	LODGING REQUIRED	OUT OF AREA	2.5			\$5,500
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> ASSUMES LOCAL SPENDING LIMITED TO THIS AMOUNT ON FOOD & BEVERAGES. OUT OF AREA SPENDING INCLUDES THIS AMOUNT PLUS \$70 DAY FOR HOTELS AND SHOPPING ETC. </div>					
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> ASSUMES LOCAL SPECTATORS "AVERAGE" 1 DAY OF ATTENDANCE </div>					
							TOTAL CALCULATED DIRECT SPENDING OF CURLERS AND SPECTATORS	\$44,900
							MULTIPLY BY ECONOMIC IMPACT FACTOR	1.6
							TOTAL ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT	\$71,840

NATIONAL SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS - FEBRUARY, 2005

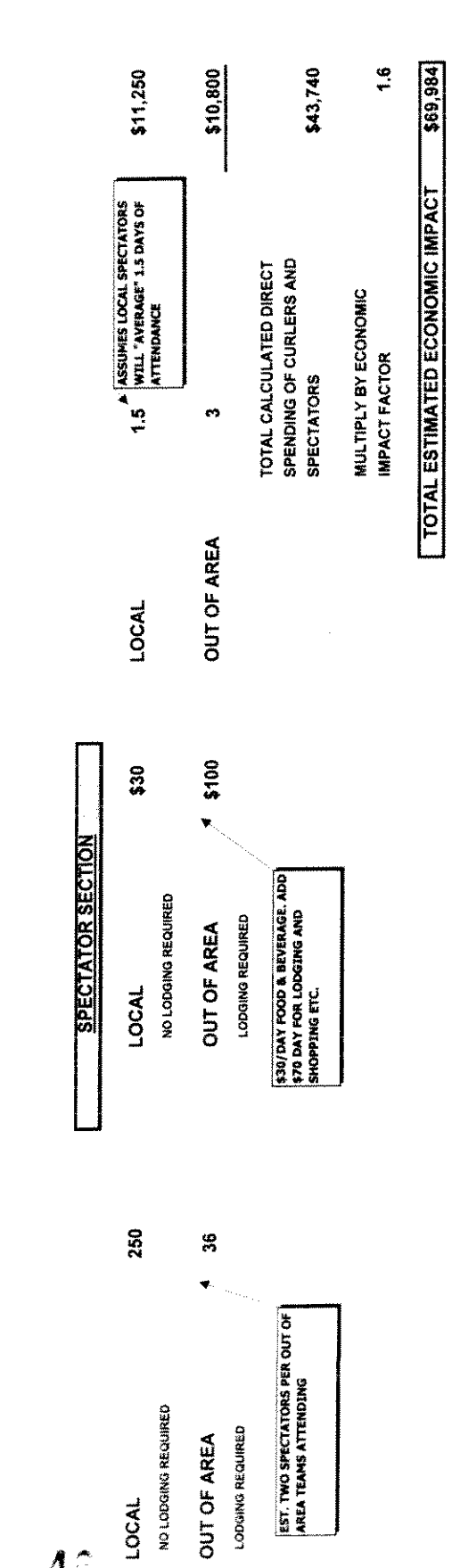
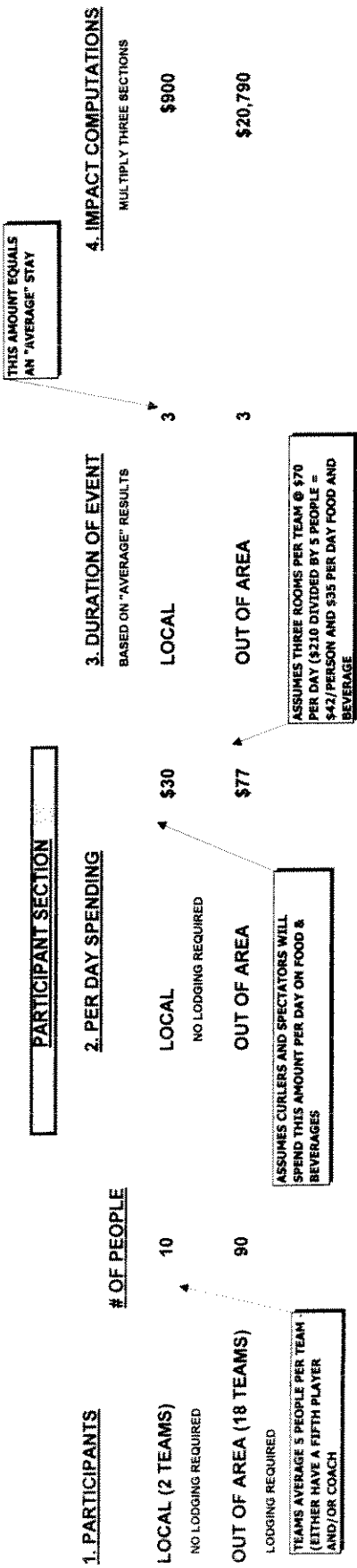
NUMBER OF TEAMS: 80 DURATION: 4.5 DAYS

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

1. PARTICIPANTS		2. PER DAY SPENDING		3. DURATION OF EVENT		4. IMPACT COMPUTATIONS	
# OF PEOPLE		BASED ON "AVERAGE" RESULTS		MULTIPLY THREE SECTIONS			
PARTICIPANT SECTION							
LOCAL (24 TEAMS)	96	LOCAL NO LODGING REQUIRED	\$50	LOCAL	3.5		\$16,800
OUT OF AREA (56 TEAMS)	224	OUT OF AREA LODGING REQUIRED	\$85	OUT OF AREA	3.5		\$66,640
<p>INCLUDES WIVES THAT TRAVELLED TO EVENT WITH THEIR HUSBANDS</p>		<p>\$110 ENTRY PER PERSON SPENT LOCALLY (\$25 PER ROOM) - ADD \$25 PER DAY FOR BEVERAGES/OTHER</p>		<p>ASSUMES \$35 PER DAY LODGING (TWO PEOPLE PER ROOM) AND SPENDING FACTOR FOR LOCAL TEAMS</p>			
SPECTATOR SECTION							
LOCAL	250	LOCAL NO LODGING REQUIRED	\$30	LOCAL	2		\$15,000
OUT OF AREA	60	OUT OF AREA LODGING REQUIRED	\$100	OUT OF AREA	3.5		\$21,000
<p>INCLUDES WIVES THAT TRAVELLED TO EVENT WITH THEIR HUSBANDS</p>		<p>ASSUMES LOCAL SPENDING LIMITED TO THIS AMOUNT ON FOOD & BEVERAGES. OUT OF AREA SPENDING INCLUDES THIS AMOUNT PLUS \$70 PER DAY FOR HOTELS AND SHOPPING ETC.</p>		<p>ASSUMES LOCAL SPECTATORS WILL "AVERAGE" TWO DAYS OF ATTENDANCE</p>			
TOTAL CALCULATED DIRECT SPENDING OF CURLERS AND SPECTATORS							\$119,440
MULTIPLY BY ECONOMIC IMPACT FACTOR							1.6
TOTAL ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT							\$191,104

EVENT DESCRIPTION: UNITED STATES CURLING ASSOCIATION - CHALLENGE ROUND - FEBRUARY, 2005

NUMBER OF TEAMS: 20 DURATION: 4 DAYS



EVENT DESCRIPTION: UNITED STATES CURLING ASSOCIATION - CHALLENGE ROUND - FEBRUARY, 2006

NUMBER OF TEAMS: 8 DURATION: 3 DAYS

1. PARTICIPANTS		2. PER DAY SPENDING		3. DURATION OF EVENT		4. IMPACT COMPUTATIONS	
# OF PEOPLE		PARTICIPANT SECTION		BASED ON "AVERAGE" RESULTS		MULTIPLY THREE SECTIONS	
LOCAL (NONE) NO LODGING REQUIRED	0	LOCAL NO LODGING REQUIRED	\$30	LOCAL	3	\$0	
OUT OF AREA (8 TEAMS) LODGING REQUIRED	40	OUT OF AREA ASSUMES CURLERS AND SPECTATORS WILL SPEND THIS AMOUNT PER DAY ON FOOD & BEVERAGES	\$72	OUT OF AREA	2.5	\$7,200	
<p>TEAMS AVERAGE 5 PEOPLE PER TEAM - (EITHER HAVE A FIFTH PLAYER AND/OR COACH)</p>		<p>ASSUMES THREE ROOMS PER TEAM @ \$70 PER DAY (\$210 DIVIDED BY 3 PEOPLE = \$42/PERSON AND \$30 PER DAY FOOD AND BEVERAGE)</p>		<p>THIS AMOUNT EQUALS AN "AVERAGE" STAY</p>			
<p>EST. TWO SPECTATORS PER OUT OF AREA TEAMS ATTENDING</p>		<p>\$30/DAY FOOD & BEVERAGE. ADD \$70/DAY FOR LODGING AND SHOPPING ETC.</p>		<p>ASSUMES LOCAL SPECTATORS WILL "AVERAGE" 1.5 DAYS OF ATTENDANCE</p>			
LOCAL NO LODGING REQUIRED	250	LOCAL NO LODGING REQUIRED	\$30	LOCAL	1.5	\$11,250	
OUT OF AREA LODGING REQUIRED	16	OUT OF AREA LODGING REQUIRED	\$100	OUT OF AREA	2.5	\$4,000	
<p>TOTAL CALCULATED DIRECT SPENDING OF CURLERS AND SPECTATORS</p>						\$22,450	
<p>MULTIPLY BY ECONOMIC IMPACT FACTOR</p>						1.6	
						TOTAL ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT	\$35,920

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

WORLD JUNIOR CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS - MARCH 3-11, 2007

NUMBER OF TEAMS: 20 DURATION: 10 DAYS

FOUR ROOMS PER TEAM @ \$70 PER DAY (\$280 DIVIDED BY 7 PEOPLE = \$40 PERSON AND \$75 PER DAY ON OTHER LOCAL EXPENDITURES THAT INCLUDE SHOPPING AND TRANSPORTATION)

ASSUMES ALL TEAM PERSONNEL WILL AVERAGE THIS MUCH PER DAY DURING THE COMPETITION.

TEAMS SHOULD AVERAGE 7 PEOPLE PER TEAM - (FIFTH PLAYER, COACH & TEAM LEADER)

1. PARTICIPANTS		# OF PEOPLE		2. PER DAY SPENDING		3. DURATION OF EVENT		4. IMPACT COMPUTATIONS	
				BASED ON "AVERAGE" RESULTS		MULTIPLY THREE SECTIONS			
PARTICIPANT SECTION									
LOCAL (1 TEAM)	NO LODGING REQUIRED	7	\$40	LOCAL	10			\$2,800	
OUT OF AREA (19 TEAMS)	LODGING REQUIRED	133	\$115	OUT OF AREA	10			\$152,950	
SPECTATOR SECTION									
LOCAL	NO LODGING REQUIRED	400	\$40	LOCAL	4			\$64,000	
TEAM RELATIVES ETC.	LODGING REQUIRED	152	\$150	OUT OF AREA	8			\$182,400	
OTHER VISITORS	LODGING REQUIRED	500	\$100	OUT OF AREA	3			\$150,000	

ESTIMATE \$150 A DAY LOCAL IMPACT PER PEOPLE COMING WITH TEAMS

ASSUMES LOCAL SPECTATORS WILL "AVERAGE" 4 DAYS OF ATTENDANCE

DOES NOT INCLUDE "REGIONAL/STATE" IMPACT OF AIRFARE TO MPLS./ST. PAUL

ESTIMATE A TOTAL OF 500 PEOPLE FROM OUT OF THE AREA ATTENDING SOMETIME DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIP

TOTAL CALCULATED SPENDING BY CURLERS/SPECTATORS → \$552,150

CURL MESABI INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENSES (LOCAL PURCHASES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES) → \$50,000

TOTAL EST. LOCAL SPENDING → \$602,150

MULTIPLY BY ECONOMIC IMPACT FACTOR 1.6

TOTAL ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT \$963,440