

Windsor Heights City Council Study Session Minutes – July 16, 2007
Council Chambers, 1133 66th St.

Mayor Sullivan called meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Council present: Carole Tillotson, Steve Peterson, Diana Willits, Flo Hunter and Donna Markley. Staff present: City Administrator Marketa Oliver; Police Chief Gary Walters; Police Captain Dennis McDaniel; Community Services Director Clint Fichter; Fire Captains Linda Adams and Matt Klein.

City expenditure and service benchmarking

The Council discussed information regarding comparisons of city expenditures in various categories. There was in-depth discussion regarding expenditures in the public safety area, specifically in the area of law enforcement. The matter was referred to the Public Safety Committee for additional study.

Citizen Survey Proposals

Staff discussed two proposals received to conduct a citizen survey. There was consensus to move forward with a proposal from Institute for Social and Behavioral Research.

Public Safety Committee report

Committee members Markley and Peterson reported that they had met with the Fire Captains to discuss the direction of the Fire Department. Oliver and Sullivan had also met with the Department membership at large. Peterson took the Council and staff through a ‘colored hats’ exercise to evaluate various options, including review of governance models, the possibility of continuing with the three fire captains in charge and regional recruitment and national recruitment with a ‘head hunting’ type firm. Peterson will pull his notes together and the Public Safety Committee will meet and review the information further to create a recommendation.

Sullivan closed the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

David J. Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marketa George Oliver, City Administrator/Clerk