The Agenda Session was called to order by Chairman Rico, with Councilpersons Ladd, McGary, Murphy, Berz, Gilbert, Scott and Robinson present. Councilman Benson joined the meeting later. City Attorney Michael McMahan and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present included Beverly Johnson, Karen Hundt, Larry Zehnder, Jerry Stewart, Gary Hilbert, Chief Maffett, Chief Rawlston, Dan Johnson, Chief Parker, Solomon Hatch, Richard Beeland, Juliette Thornton, David Johnson, Dennis Malone, Steve Leach, Chief Williams, Chief Dodd, Missy Crutchfield, and Jim Templeton. Daisy Madison, John Van Winkle, Paul Page, Bill Payne, Randy Burns, and Frank Hamilton joined the meeting later.

Mr. Johnson proceeded to go over agenda items, beginning with Ordinance 5(a) dealing with Water Quality Fees, which has been held over.

Ordinances (b) through (f) have been covered over the last two weeks.

Ordinance (g) adopts a Plan of Services for annexation and will include a Public Hearing. Chairman Rico stated that only annexation would be discussed—not rezoning. Councilwoman Berz confirmed that this adopts a Plan of Services. She asked about the difference in wording and straight annexation. Attorney McMahan responded that this Ordinance annexes and adopts.

Ordinances (h) through (m) are zoning ordinances.

There was a man in the audience who wanted to speak to Ordinance (l) but was told he would have to wait until tonight at the Council meeting.

Ordinance (a) First Reading relative to City Court was covered last week.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Staff knew nothing about Ordinance (b) that amends the City Code to add a new subsection relative to excavation and restoration of paving. Councilman Murphy stated that this was inadvertently dropped from the Code saying that surfaces be matched to existing surfaces—that they have to be replaced in accordance with the existing surface. Councilman Murphy stated that he asked this question in a committee meeting and was told that it would be left in that surfaces had to match like surfaces, but it got dropped.

Mr. Leach stated that he would like to look at this in committee next week and be privy to what is going on.
Councilman Murphy explained that it was just one sentence long, with Councilwoman Robinson adding that it could be amended as noted.

Chairman Rico stated that Public Works really wanted to look at this, and he thought this should be allowed as professional courtesy.

Mr. Norris stated that they wanted to be more explicit.

Councilman Murphy explained that this was not in this week’s packet, and it was just one sentence.

**Resolution (a)** authorizes the Police Department to apply for and accept a Buffer Zone Protection Plan Grant in the amount of $192,365.65. It was noted that this is for tactical equipment. Councilman Murphy questioned the meaning of “Buffer Zone” in this context. Chief Rawlston explained that this was just a way to protect the infrastructure.

**Resolution (b)** authorizes a Moccasin Bend Gateway Plan. This will be covered in the Economic Development Committee.

**Resolutions (c) through (e)** were related to eminent domain proceedings.

There was concurrence on **Resolutions (f) through (j)** that pertain to resurfacing on every Resolution with the exception of (h).

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 27TH**

**Resolution (a)** authorizes a Community development Consolidated Plan for 2010-2014. Questions are to be directed to Beverly Johnson, who will go over this next week in committee.

**Resolution (b)** authorizes Parks and Recreation to assist the Friends of East Brainerd in the production of the Hub Fest and the Bark in the Park Festivals. Mr. Zehnder explained that they were asking permission to work with them on these festivals and all the revenue will go back to Heritage Park, and there will be a waiver of fees.

**Resolution (c)** is a Public Works’ item and will be discussed in committee next week.

**Resolution (d)** has to do with automated enforcement citations for red light cameras and speeding tickets that are six months or older as of April 16, 2010 in relation to the partial amnesty period. Councilman Murphy stated that we had to pass a separate Resolution on this, with Ms. Madison noting that this has to do with automated red lights and speed cameras. Councilwoman Scott asked if this was related to the total amount and was told by Councilman Murphy that the $12 million dollars covers everything owed to City Court.
Resolution (e) authorizes the appointment of Zachary Wiley as a special police officer (unarmed) for Neighborhood Services Division to do special duty.

Resolutions (f) through (j) all have to do with the Department of Neighborhood Services and will be covered next week in detail.

Resolutions (k) and (l) are Public Works’ items.

Councilwoman Berz asked Ms. Johnson if she would be sending any information to the Council on Resolutions (f) through (j)? Ms. Johnson responded that she would have a short power point next week; that if the Council wanted to read all of the proposals, they could. Councilwoman Berz stated that she would like some idea about the process. Ms. Johnson explained that these were handled with RFQ’s; that people responded, and they met with each one and then a Committee reviewed the proposals. Councilwoman Berz asked if Council got copies of the RFP’s? Ms. Johnson responded that she did not think so; that they are on the website, and a hard copy could be provided.

Mr. Johnson proceeded to go over the purchases, the first one being for Parks and Recreation for the purchase of a blanket contract for chemicals from Pro Solutions, Harrell’s, and John Deere Landscape for the estimated amount of $40,000.00. Councilwoman Scott had questions about the horticultural chemicals—that the purchase of 75 of them made her wonder. She noted the issue of working with Stormwater and the runoff, noting that chemicals wind up in the water supply. She asked if this had been looked at from this perspective? She mentioned that the County Agent has issued a forceful move to limit chemicals on land, and this was a lot of chemicals. She cautioned that she did not want us to be guilty of what we are telling others not to do.

Mr. Zehnder explained that this was specifically for golf courses; that these people had course work in natural types of chemicals that would be effective and also protect the environment. He agreed that this is an issue we need to look at; however this is specifically for golf courses and will not add to maintenance.

Councilwoman Scott still maintained that $40,000 was a lot of chemicals. She asked if we were testing the water runoff at the Golf Courses? Mr. Payne responded “not specifically at the golf courses”; that we do conduct training with Public Works and Parks and Recreation and this is done citywide to monitor PHF samples.

Mr. Zehnder reiterated that this is specific to golf courses; that these people have the certification to do this properly and with caution and there is always re-certification.

Councilwoman Scott asked if this could be polluting our environment, stating that maybe we should look into this.
The second purchase was for General Services and the purchase of a blanket contract for Grounds Maintenance from CBR Property Maintenance in the estimated amount of $23,000.00. Mr. Johnson stated that this was for mowing the grass. Mr. Page added that coming in June there will be some new properties—31-32 extra pieces that are included in this.

The third purchase was a Change Order for the Fire Department for making the contract a blanket contract for the Hurst Jaws of Life Extrication Equipment from G & C Supply not to exceed $100,000.00 annually. Chief Parker explained that this was a continuation of the bid for Enterprise South and was new equipment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.