

BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS  
Fargo, North Dakota

**Regular Meeting: Monday: April 9, 2007:**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held in the City Commission Room at City Hall at 5:00 o'clock p.m., Monday, April 9, 2007.

The Commissioners present or absent were as shown following:

Present: Coates, Mahoney, Williams, Wimmer, Walaker.

Absent: None.

Mayor Walaker presiding.

**Order of Agenda Approved:**

Commissioner Coates moved the Order of the Agenda be approved.

Second by Williams. All the Commissioners voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Minutes Approved:**

Commissioner Coates moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on March 26, 2007 be approved as read.

Second by Williams. All the Commissioners voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Consent Agenda Approved:**

Commissioner Coates moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- a. 1st reading of the following Ordinances:
  - (1) Amending Section 25-1506 of Article 25-15 of Chapter 25 of the Fargo Municipal Code Relating to Alcoholic Beverage Classifications.
  - (2) Amending Section 25-1507 of Article 25-15 of Chapter 25 of the Fargo Municipal Code Relating to Alcoholic Beverage License Fees.
  - (3) Amending Section 25-1508 of Article 25-15 of Chapter 25 of the Fargo Municipal Code Relating to Issuance and Transfer of Licenses.
  - (4) Amending Section 25-1506 of Article 25-15 of Chapter 25 of the Fargo Municipal Code Relating to License Classifications.
- b. 2nd reading, waive reading and final adoption of an Ordinance Rezoning Certain Parcels of Land Lying in Kirkham's 2nd Addition to the City of Fargo; 1st reading, 3/26/07.
- c. Receive and file Year to Date - Budget to Actual Report for March 2007.

- d. Fire Department budget adjustment in the amount of \$2,200 for administering a National Emergency Training Center "Chemistry for Emergency Responders" class.
- e. Fire Department budget adjustment in the amount of \$4,689.49 for haz mat training.
- f. Police Department budget adjustment and NDDOT grant in the amount of \$3,500 to fund extra safety belt enforcement and education.
- g. Applications for five-year property tax exemptions for improvements made to buildings:
  - (1) Joseph and Loretta Askew, 1613 17th Street South.
  - (2) Sandra Retzlaff, 1126 1st Street North.
  - (3) Holly Anderson, 505 21st Street North.
  - (4) David Booth, 1014 Southwood Drive South.
- h. Contract with area law enforcement agencies to develop a security plan for sites where medication is dispensed in the event of a public health emergency.
- i. Ground Lease with Bank of the West, f/k/a Community First Bank and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., f/k/a Norwest Bank and the City of Fargo regarding the parking ramp south of Main Avenue, north of First Avenue South.
- j. Agreement for Special Improvements for Eid Co. for improvements in Legacy I 5th Addition.
- k. Applications for Games of Chance:
  - (1) YWCA Cass Clay for a raffle on 4/23/07.
  - (2) YWCA Cass Clay for a raffle on 5/31/07.
  - (3) El Zagal Arab Patrol for a raffle on 5/10/07.
  - (4) NDSU History Club for a raffle on 4/26/07.
  - (5) Tyler's Ride for Research for a raffle on 6/19/07; Public Spirited Resolution.
  - (6) Jeff Volk Benefit Fund for a raffle on 5/5/07; Public Spirited Resolution.
  - (7) SENDCAA Head Start and Early Head Start Parent Committee for a raffle on 5/22/07.
- l. Bid award for Cleanup Week contracting services to Master Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$33,850.00.
- m. Bid award for water main repair materials to Northern Water Works Supply in the amount of \$6,436.55 for Section 1 (Repair Sleeves) and in the amount of \$37,391.22 for Section 2 (Miscellaneous Materials).
- n. Service Agreement with Minnkota Power for utility relocation associated with 52nd Avenue South reconstruction (District No. 5314).

- o. Magellan Pipeline Encroachment Agreement for sidewalk installation for Project No. 5660.
- p. Permanent Easement Agreement and Slope Easement and Landscape Buffer Agreement for Project No. 5523.
- q. Declaration Concerning Dedication for Project No. 5314-1.
- r. Consultant contract award for Project No. 5499 to SRF Consulting Group.
- s. Consultant contract award for Project No. 5681 to HWS Consulting Group with Houston Engineering, Inc.
- t. Bid advertisement for Project No. 5734-1.
- u. Contracts and bonds for Project No. 5707 and SW 07-01.
- v. Bills in the amount of \$2,521,733.46.

Second by Williams. On call of the roll Commissioners Coates, Williams, Mahoney, Wimmer and Walaker voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

**Water Main Replacement, Street Reconstruction and Incidentals Improvement District No. 5711 (On 12th Street North from 13th to 15th Avenues and 13th and 14th Avenues North from 10th Street to University Drive):**

Commissioner Coates moved the following action be taken in connection with Water Main Replacement, Street Reconstruction and Incidentals Improvement District No. 5711:

**Adopt Resolution Creating Improvement District No. 5711:**

WHEREAS, The Board of City Commissioners of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, deems it expedient that Improvement District No. 5711, in the City of Fargo, North Dakota, be created

On 12<sup>th</sup> Street North from 15<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North.

On 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue North from University Drive to 10<sup>th</sup> Street North

On 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North from University Drive to 10<sup>th</sup> Street North

On 11<sup>th</sup> Street North from 15<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North.

On 11 ½ Street North from 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North.

On 12<sup>th</sup> Street North from 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North.

**COMPRISING:**

Lots 1 through 32, inclusive, Coulter's Sub.  
of lots or blocks 61, 62, 63 and 64, Ohmer's  
Sub. Of South West ¼ section 31.

Lots 1 through 33, inclusive, Sub. of lots 65, 66, 67 and 68, Ohmer's Sub. of South West  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 31.

Lots 1, 8 and 9, inclusive, Lanes Sub. of block 69, Ohmer's Sub of South West  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 31.

South 140' of West 150' of block 53  
adjacent East 10' of vacated 11  $\frac{1}{2}$  Street.  
South 77.5' of West 80' of East 280' of block 53.  
South 100' of East 200' of block 53.  
West 132' of East 282' of North 150' of block 52, less triangular  
piece for street block of block 52.  
North 50' of East 150' of block 52.  
All in Ohmer's Sub.

Lots 3 through 16 Block 2, inclusive, Todd's Sub.  
of blocks 57, 58, 59 and 60, Ohmer's  
Sub. Of South West  $\frac{1}{4}$  section 31.

Lots 1 through 16 Block 1, inclusive, Todd's Sub.  
of blocks 57, 58, 59 and 60, Ohmer's  
Sub. Of South West  $\frac{1}{4}$  section 31.

West 140' of East 280' of block 56.  
West 140' of East 280' of block 55.  
North 100' of West 140' of East 280'  
of block 54.  
South 100' of West 130' of East 280'  
of block 54.  
North 122.5' of West 80' of East 280'  
of block 53.  
East 75' of North 68' of West 150' of  
block 56.  
South 132' of West 150' block 56 &  
adjacent East 10' of vacated 11  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Street.  
West 150' of block 55 & adjacent  
East 10' of vacated 11  $\frac{1}{2}$  Street.  
West 150' of block 54 & adjacent  
East 10' of vacated 11  $\frac{1}{2}$  Street.  
North 60' of West 150' block 53  
& adjacent East 10' of vacated 11  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Street.  
All in Ohmer's Sub.

South 50' of West 100' of East 250'  
of Block 52.

West 100' of East 250' of block 51.  
North 150' of East 100' of West  
250' of block 50.  
South 50' of West 120' of East 250'  
of block 50.  
North 50' of West 150' of East 290';  
less street & South 43' of North 50'  
of East 140' & West 10' of North 7'  
of East 140' & East 290' of South 150'  
of block 49.  
North 40' of East 50' of West 190' of  
block 51 & South 90' of East 50' of  
West 190' of block 52, less diagonal for  
street block.  
South 60' of North 100' of East 90' of  
West 190' block 51.  
South 100' of East 50' of West 190'  
of block 51.  
North 100' of East 100' of West 190'  
of block 50.  
North 50' of East 50' of West 190' less  
diagonal street of block 49 & South 100'  
of East 50' of West 190' of block 50.  
All in Ohmer's Sub.

Lots 5 thru 7 & 10 & 11 Lane's Sub.  
Of block 69, Ohmer's Sub of South West  
¼ section 31.

Lot 12 of Lane's Sub. of block 69, Ohmer's  
Sub. of South West ¼ section 31 & North  
50' of East 130' of block 70 in Ohmer's Sub.

South 150' of East 130' block 70.  
East 130' block 71.  
East 145' of block 72, less West 15'.  
North 150' of East 133.83' of West 282.3' &  
South 50' of East 141.21' of West 281.21'  
of block 70.  
West 282.9', less 2.8' for street block 71.  
North 100' of West 280' block 72.  
South 100' of East 129' of West 279' of  
Block 72.  
All in Ohmer's Sub.

All of the foregoing located in the City of Fargo, Cass County, North Dakota.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Water Main

Replacement, Street Reconstruction and Incidentals Improvement District No. 5711, in the City of Fargo, North Dakota, be and the same is hereby created.

**Request Report and Estimate of Cost From the City Engineer for Improvement District No. 5711:**

Direct City Engineer to report as to the general nature, purpose and feasibility relative to the construction of Improvement District No. 5711, in the City of Fargo, North Dakota; as well as an estimate of the approximate cost of said construction. (The Engineer's estimate of cost is \$1,883,007.98.)

**Order Plans and Specifications for Improvement District No. 5711:**

Direct City Engineer to prepare Plans and Specifications for the construction of Improvement District No. 5711, in the City of Fargo, North Dakota.

**Adopt Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Engineer's Report for Improvement District No. 5711:**

WHEREAS, The Board of City Commissioners of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, has created Improvement District No. 5711, in the City of Fargo, North Dakota, as required by law; and

WHEREAS, Plans and Specifications and the Engineer's Report prepared by the City Engineer, have been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Plans and Specifications and Engineer's Report for the construction of Improvement District No. 5711, in the City of Fargo, North Dakota, be and the same are hereby approved and ordered filed in the Office of the City Auditor.

**Adopt Resolution Declaring Water Main Replacement, Street Reconstruction and Incidentals Necessary:**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF FARGO:0

That it be and is hereby declared necessary to construct Water Main Replacement, Street Reconstruction & Incidentals, Improvement District No. 5711 in the City of Fargo, North Dakota, according to the Plans and Specifications approved by the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, filed in the Office of the City Auditor, and open for public inspection.

That the entire cost of said improvement be specially assessed against the benefited property in said improvement district in amounts proportionate to and not exceeding the benefits to be derived by them respectively from said improvement.

Protests against the proposed Water Main Replacement, Street Reconstruction & Incidentals must be in writing and must be filed with the City Auditor's Office within thirty days after the first publication of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Auditor's Office is hereby instructed to publish this Resolution, as required by law.

**Direct City Auditor's Office to Call for Bids for Improvement District No. 5711:**

Direct City Auditor's Office to publish a Notice, as required by law, calling for bids for the construction of Improvement District No. 5711, in the City of Fargo, North Dakota.

Second by Williams. On call of the roll Commissioners Coates, Williams, Mahoney, Wimmer and Walaker voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

**Water Main and Incidentals Improvement District No. 5741 (On North University Drive, North of 36th Avenue):**

Commissioner Coates moved the following action be taken in connection with Water Main and Incidentals Improvement District No. 5741:

**Adopt Resolution Creating Improvement District No. 5741:**

WHEREAS, The Board of City Commissioners of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, deems it expedient that Improvement District No. 5741, in the City of Fargo, North Dakota, be created

On North University Drive from the south edge of Riverwood 8<sup>th</sup> Addition to approximately 370' north of the north edge of Riverwood 8<sup>th</sup> Addition.

**COMPRISING**

Lots 1 through 4, Block 1.  
Lots 1 through 4, Block 2.  
Lots 1 through 8, Block 3.  
All in Riverwood 8<sup>th</sup> Addition.

Lots 1 through 10, Block 1.  
Lots 1 through 12, Block 2.  
All in Riverwood 1922 1<sup>st</sup> Addition.

The unplatted land in the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, Township 140 North, Range 48 West, adjacent to Riverwood 8<sup>th</sup> Addition.

A portion of the unplatted land in the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 13, Township 140 North, Range 49 West.

All of the foregoing is located in the City of Fargo, Cass County, North Dakota

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Water Main and Incidentals Improvement District No. 5741, in the City of Fargo, North Dakota, be and the same is hereby created.

**Request Report and Estimate of Cost From the City Engineer for Improvement District No. 5741:**

Direct City Engineer to report as to the general nature, purpose and feasibility relative to the construction of Improvement District No. 5741, in the City of Fargo, North Dakota; as well as an estimate of the approximate cost of said construction. (The Engineer's estimate of cost is \$81,238.)

**Order Plans and Specifications for Improvement District No. 5741:**

Direct City Engineer to prepare Plans and Specifications for the construction of Improvement District No. 5741, in the City of Fargo, North Dakota.

**Adopt Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Engineer's Report for Improvement District No. 5741:**

WHEREAS, The Board of City Commissioners of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, has created Improvement District No. 5741, in the City of Fargo, North Dakota, as required by law; and

WHEREAS, Plans and Specifications and the Engineer's Report prepared by the City Engineer, have been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Plans and Specifications and Engineer's Report for the construction of Improvement District No. 5741, in the City of Fargo, North Dakota, be and the same are hereby approved and ordered filed in the Office of the City Auditor.

**Direct City Auditor's Office to Call for Bids for Improvement District No. 5741:**

Direct City Auditor's Office to publish a Notice, as required by law, calling for bids for the construction of Improvement District No. 5741, in the City of Fargo, North Dakota.

Second by Williams. On call of the roll Commissioners Coates, Williams, Mahoney, Wimmer and Walaker voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

**Presentation of Appreciation Plaques to Outgoing Dome Authority Members:**

Mayor Walaker presented plaques to outgoing Dome Authority members Dale Beling, Marilyn Guy and Russell Johnson in appreciation of their service to the City of Fargo.

**Issuance of \$558,400 Taxable Tax Increment Bonds for Tax Increment Financing District No. 2006-01 Approved:**

The Board received a communication from Finance Director Kent Costin stating the Tax Increment Financing District No. 2006-01 (Bristol on Broadway project) has been completed and the last phase of this transaction is to pay the developer the assistance previously granted and to secure the long term financing for this project. Mr. Costin said the Finance Committee is recommending a private placement of this financing with Wells Fargo Public Finance at a rate of 6.47%. He said this financing is

structured as a taxable bond transaction because of the City's desire to have a developer letter of credit to guarantee future bond payments over the life of this loan. He said the rate is slightly under the anticipated rate at the time this project was approved. Mr. Costin requested authorization to proceed with the issuance of municipal securities in accordance with the TIF plan developed and approved in 2006.

Commissioner Mahoney moved the issuance of \$558,400 taxable tax increment bonds for Tax Increment Financing District No. 2006-01 be approved.

Second by Wimmer. On call of the roll Commissioners Mahoney, Wimmer, Coates and Walaker voted aye.

Commissioner Williams voted nay.

The motion was declared carried.

### **Request for an Extension of the Noise Ordinance for the NDSU Relay for Life Event Approved Until 1:00 a.m.:**

The Board received a communication from Jaime Jensen and Stacy Wingerter, NDSU Relay for Life Committee, requesting an extension of the City's Noise Ordinance from 10:00 p.m., April 20, 2007 to 2:00 a.m., April 21, 2007 for the Relay for Life event in Johnson Park, south of the NDSU campus. They said the Committee's plans include live entertainment, games and contests for the participants and general public. They said they plan to make the neighborhood surrounding Johnson Park aware of the event prior to April 20th.

Police Chief Keith Ternes suggested compromising and recommended an extension until 1:00 a.m.

Commissioner Mahoney moved the extension be approved until 1:00 a.m.

Second by Wimmer. On call of the roll Commissioners Mahoney, Wimmer, Williams, Coates and Walaker voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

### **Recommendation to Appoint Rich Slagle to the Planning Commission Approved:**

The Board received a communication from Mayor Walaker recommending that Rich Slagle be appointed to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Rick Rayl ending June 30, 2007. Mayor Walaker stated because that term expires in less than three months, he is also recommending that Mr. Slagle be reappointed to fill a three-year term following that date.

Commissioner Coates moved the appointment of Rich Slagle to the Planning Commission for a term ending June 30, 2010 be approved.

Second by Wimmer. On call of the roll Commissioners Coates, Wimmer, Mahoney, Williams and Walaker voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

### **Hearing on Annexation of 4.10 Acres of Land in Stanley Township Lying in the Southeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 138 North, Range 49 West Continued to June 4, 2007 (5101 112th Avenue South):**

This was the time and date set for a Hearing on the annexation of 4.10 acres of land in Stanley Township lying in the southeast quarter of Section 28, Township 138 North, Range 49 West, however, due to notice issues, the Planning Department has requested the Hearing be continued to June 4, 2007.

Commissioner Coates moved the Hearing be continued to June 4, 2007.

Second by Williams. On call of the roll Commissioners Coates, Williams, Mahoney, Wimmer and Walaker voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

**Hearing on Annexation of 74.23 Acres of Land in Barnes Township Lying in the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 139 North, Range 49 West Continued to June 4, 2007 (4624 and 4716 7th Avenue North):**

This was the time and date set for a Hearing on the annexation of 74.23 acres of land in Barnes Township lying in the southeast quarter of Section 4, Township 139 North, Range 49 West, however, due to notice issues, the Planning Department has requested the Hearing be continued to June 4, 2007.

Commissioner Coates moved the Hearing be continued to June 4, 2007.

Second by Williams. On call of the roll Commissioners Coates, Williams, Mahoney, Wimmer and Walaker voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

**Hearing on a Renewal Plan on the Proposed Tax Increment Financing District No. 2007-01 Continued to April 23, 2007:**

A Hearing had been set for March 26, 2007 on a Renewal Plan on the proposed Tax Increment Financing District No. 2007-01 for a Plan to redevelop an area southwest of 12th Avenue North and Albrecht Boulevard.

At the March 26, 2007 meeting, the Hearing was continued to this date and hour.

The Board received a communication from Planning Director Jim Gilmour requesting the Hearing be continued to April 23, 2007 as the City's finance advisors are being asked to complete an additional review of this project.

Commissioner Coates moved the Hearing be continued to April 23, 2007.

Second by Wimmer. On call of the roll Commissioners Coates, Wimmer, Williams, Mahoney and Walaker voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

**Hearing on a Text Amendment to the Land Development Code Regarding Platting of Minor Subdivisions Continued to April 23, 2007:**

This was the time and date set for a Hearing on a Text Amendment to the Land Development Code regarding platting of minor subdivisions, however, Senior Planner Jim Hinderaker has requested the Hearing be continued to April 23, 2007 due to a significant error in the original legal.

Commissioner Coates moved the Hearing be continued to April 23, 2007.

Second by Wimmer. On call of the roll Commissioners Coates, Wimmer, Williams, Mahoney and Walaker voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

**City of Fargo's Section 5307 Federal Transportation Administration Grant Preliminary Program of Projects for 2007 Approved:**

A Hearing had been set for this day and hour to consider the City's Section 5307 Federal Transportation Administration grant preliminary program of projects for 2007.

The Board determined that there have been no written or verbal protests and no one is present to protest thereto.

The Board received a communication from Transit Administrator Julie Bommelman stating the Federal Transit Administration will make available to the City \$1,608,082 to be used for the transit system. She said the City of Fargo is required to hold a public hearing prior to submitting this application. She said the Program of Projects, which she attached, was developed by the Transit Division to be submitted with the application for these funds.

Commissioner Williams moved the Program of Projects for 2007 and Federal Transit grant award of \$1,608,082 be approved.

Second by Coates. On call of the roll Commissioners Williams, Coates, Mahoney, Wimmer and Walaker voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

**Request from the United Patriotic Bodies for City Funds to Purchase Signs for the Veterans Memorial Bridge Referred to the Finance Committee:**

The Board received a communication from Terry Richardson, Commander of the United Patriotic Bodies, stating the United Patriotic Bodies are getting very close to purchasing the signs for the bridge on Main Avenue over the Red River. Mr. Richardson said over \$15,000 has been raised towards the signs which will cost approximately \$40,000 and they will be purchased in the next few weeks. He said Moorhead has agreed to donate \$7500 in matching funds and matching funds from Fargo would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Richardson stated the local Veterans' groups would like to have a community picnic to coincide with the 4th of July parade this summer so it would be nice to have the signage in place by then.

Planning Director Jim Gilmour said it is important to integrate proposed signage with the design of the bridge so it looks uniform.

City Engineer Mark Bittner stated any improvements made to the bridge are considered historic so they need to be approved by the North Dakota and Minnesota historic preservation groups.

Mayor Walaker stated it is important to follow the proper permit process in order to complement both the bridge and the sign.

Mr. Bittner stated SRF Consulting were the design engineers for the bridge project so it is important to include them.

Commissioner Mahoney moved the request be referred to the Finance Committee.

Second by Wimmer.

Commissioner Mahoney stated the concern for a policy as far as requests for money.

Mayor Walaker said he has no discretionary funds so this request would need to go to the Finance Committee before the Commission can approve it. He said he received an email from former Mayor Bruce Furness stating the City had worked hard to get the bridge named in honor of the veterans but funding was not promised so he stressed the need to work with the Finance Committee and SRF.

Commissioner Wimmer stated the need to go through proper channels to ensure meeting appropriate design standards.

On call of the roll Commissioners Mahoney, Wimmer, Williams, Coates and Walaker voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

**Appropriate Staff Directed to Prepare Renewal Plans and Development Agreements for Two Tax Increment Financing Districts Along 12th Avenue North:**

The Board received a communication from Planning Director Jim Gilmour stating the Planning and Development Department has received two requests for preparation of development plans and tax increment financing assistance. He said both of these proposed projects are along 12th Avenue North, west of the NDSU campus. He stated City staff and the Finance Committee are currently working on a policy for the types of redevelopment the City would assist with and the process for review. Mr. Gilmour said the policy will be brought to the City Commission for consideration in the near future.

Mr. Gilmour stated Planning received a comment from Airport Executive Director Shawn Dobberstein regarding the Del Arneson project being in proximity of airport noise. He said the property is on the edge of the area where housing is discouraged due to being in line with the airport but the need for housing outweighs the noise issues from planes or trains.

Commissioner Coates said it is exciting to have these developments adjacent to NDSU as it will take housing pressures off nearby neighborhoods and be closer to campus for student access.

Commissioner Williams said with over 1000 tax exempt properties in Fargo it is important to continue improving the policies and measuring the effects of tax exemptions.

Commissioner Wimmer moved the appropriate staff be directed to prepare renewal plans and development agreements for these projects.

Second by Coates. On call of the roll Commissioners Wimmer, Coates, Mahoney, Williams and Walaker voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

**Discussion Regarding the Status of the Committee to Analyze the Two-Year Tax Exemption for New Home Construction:**

The Board received a communication from Commissioner Mike Williams regarding discussion by the Tax Exempt Review Committee relative to formation of a

task force to analyze Fargo's current two-year new home tax exemption. He said he received some inquiries from interested citizens at large and would like to know the best way to involve them. He questioned if the interested citizens would be included in the list of applicants being considered for selection along with the suggested representatives from the various industries directly involved in the new housing industries.

Mayor Walaker said that citizens can submit written testimony to the Tax Exempt Review Committee but he would like to prevent the committee from becoming too large.

Commissioner Wimmer said it is an open meeting intended for public input.

Commissioner Coates moved that the Board adjourn to 5:00 o'clock p.m., Monday, April 23, 2007.

Second by Wimmer. All the Commissioners voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

The time at adjournment was 6:00 o'clock p.m.