

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION

The regular meeting of August 24, 2011 was held in room 317 of City Hall.

Meeting called to order by Vice President Becker at 4:10 p.m.

Present were: Fine (Robert Fine, Representative of the Park and Recreation Board), Hodges (Betsy Hodges, Chair of the Ways & Means/Budget Committee of the City Council). Johnson (Barbara Johnson, President of the City Council; Rybak (R T Rybak, Mayor of Minneapolis), Becker (Carol J. Becker, Elected Member).

Absent: Wheeler (David Wheeler, Elected Member).

The Board had before it the information packet relating to the Park Board actions of August 3 as they relate to the 2012 Levies and correction to the packet as provided by Board staff. Superintendent Jayne Miller and staff from the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board provided an addition handout and briefed the Board as to the tax levy requested by the Park Board for 2012. The request is for a 0% increase in the levy, the same tax revenue as budgeted for 2012 for the Park Board. Discussions relating to the limited Regional dollars provide to the Park Board compared to the regional use. The capital needs of the Neighborhood Parks were discussed.

As to the issue of setting the Public Hearing to take public testimony as it relates to the maximum tax levies for pay 2012 after considerable discussion Mayor Rybak moved to hold the public hearing on Tuesday September 13, 2011 after which the Board would then vote on the adoption of the maximum levies for pay 2012. Motion seconded by Johnson. The motion was adopted. Yeas – 4. Nays – 1, as follows; Yeas – Fine. Hodges, Johnson, Rybak – 4; Nays – Becker.

The following reports were presented by the secretary to the Board:

R – 1. Variable Rates (Tax Exempt) for the weeks starting August 17 & 24, 2011.

R – 2. Mayor's Budget information as presented in his Budget Message dated August 11, 2011.

R – 3. Actions related to the reduction in 2011 LGA.

Rybak moved to adjourn; seconded by Johnson.
The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.