

CITY OF NEW HOPE
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Joint Work Session between
Crystal and New Hope Councils

November 30, 2011
Crystal Community Center

CALL TO ORDER The New Hope City Council met in work session pursuant to due call and notice thereof; Mayor Hemken called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

New Hope Council present: Kathi Hemken, Mayor
John Elder, Council Member
Andy Hoffe, Council Member
Eric Lammle, Council Member
Daniel Stauner, Council Member

Crystal Council present: ReNae Bowman, Mayor
Dave Anderson, Council Member
Julie Deshler, Council Member
Joe Selton, Council Member
Mark Hoffman, Council Member
John Budziszewski, Council Member
Janet Moore, Council Member

Staff present: Kirk McDonald, City Manager of New Hope
Anne Norris, City Manager of Crystal

Facilitator: Chad Weinstein, Ethical Leaders in Action

Mr. Chad Weinstein, Ethical Leaders in Action, introduced himself and explained his role to facilitate discussion between the city councils. He stated on November 15, 2011, the Crystal City Council notified the New Hope City Council and West Metro Fire-Rescue District (WMFR) Board of Directors of its intent to dissolve the WMFR District, pursuant to the joint powers agreement. He stated prior to the action, the city councils had agreed to hold a joint meeting on November 30 for a strategic development process in conjunction with WMFR District administration. He explained in light of the developments, it was agreed to hold the scheduled joint meeting between the two city councils to discuss the future of the fire district.

Members of both city councils were afforded an opportunity to share their perspectives. Following discussion it was the consensus of both councils to continue WMFR District operations in 2012 and work to resolve issues and if issues cannot be resolved by a date to be determined by the city managers, both cities agreed they would concurrently act on dissolution of WMFR District.

Both cities agreed to pass resolutions reaffirming the West Metro Fire-Rescue District Joint Powers Agreement, establish a timeline to resolve issues, and prepare a list of issues for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m. as there was no further business to come before the Council at its work session.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie Leone".

Valerie Leone
City Clerk