

**JOURNAL OF COMMISSION WORK SESSIONS**  
**January 2, 2007**

City Commission Work Session

Mayor Stebbins presiding

**CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:** City Commissioners present: Dona Stebbins, Bill Beecher, Sandy Hinz, Diane Jovick-Kuntz and John Rosenbaum. Also present were the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Attorney, Directors of Planning, Park and Recreation, Fiscal Services, Acting Director of Public Works, Police Chief, Fire Chief, City Clerk and the Assistant to the City Clerk.

**1. MEDICAL DISTRICT MASTER PLAN.**

Marty Byrnes, CTA Architects, and Steve L'Heureux, L'Heureux Page Werner, introduced themselves as representatives of two of the five consulting firms involved in the Medical District Plan Consulting Firm Partnership. The Great Falls Medical District Master Plan was initiated through a partnership of the City of Great Falls, Great Falls Clinic and Benefis Healthcare. The completed Master Plan would be presented for approval at the Commission meeting.

Mr. Byrnes and Mr. L'Heureux presented a detailed overview of the Great Falls Medical District Master Plan, which was being proposed as a way to give a sense of identity to the Benefis campus and surrounding neighborhood areas, while still respecting existing land uses.

Goals presented in the vision of the plan included increasing interest in the area for living, working and investing business and creating public spaces, streetscapes and physical connections between major medical facilities and commercial areas. These goals would be accomplished with the input of the stakeholders, the City Planning Board, Neighborhood Council 5 and the public.

Mr. Byrnes and Mr. L'Heureux concluded their presentation with an explanation of the various recommended initiatives for implementing the Great Falls Medical District Master Plan. The master plan was intended to be implemented on a project-by-project basis, based on the overall vision for the entire district, as well as the Master Plan.

Mayor Stebbins thanked Mr. Byrnes and Mr. L'Heureux for their presentation.

**2. MMIA UPDATE**

Bob Worthington, Executive Director of MMIA was unable to attend.

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## **ADJOURN**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Stebbins adjourned the work session of January 2, 2007, at 6:40 pm.