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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 Community Development, Planning, Public Works, Fiscal Services, Interim Police Chief, Fire Chief, Interim Park and Recreation Director and the City Clerk.

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION REPORT.

Bob Deming, Chairman of the Local Government Study Commission, reported that the Great Falls City Study Commission, since being elected in November 2004, strongly believes that the current form of government with an elected city commission and an appointed city manager is the best option for Great Falls. The citizenry was satisfied with the form of government.

However, he added, that a small group asked the Study Commission to consider expanding the size of the Commission. On a 3-2 vote, the Study Commission will submit a ballot question to the voters to increase the size of the Commission from 5 to 7.

In addition to the ballot question, the Study Commission was making 4 recommendations for City Commission consideration which pertained to:

- Methods of communicating to the public on disaster emergency plans and ways for community members to be prepared for emergencies.
- Efforts by federal, state, local agencies and health care organizations in the prevention and management of any public health emergency.
- Inter-local agreements and strengthen collaboration and cooperation with other public agencies.
- Neighborhood Council members to take office the first Tuesday of January (same day as the City Commission)

After a brief discussion, the City Commission thanked the Study Commissioners for their hard work.

2. WATER MASTER PLAN.

Public Works Director Jim Rearden introduced representatives from Black and Veatch and Thomas, Dean and Hoskins, who reviewed the draft Water Master Plan. Mr. Gary Hendric (Thomas, Dean and Hoskins) reported that a master plan was a road map to the future. He, along with his associates, reviewed the master plan thoroughly and explained that the price to accomplish all the projects was \$145,000,000. He added the Commission would hear a funding proposal for this plan at a Work Session in August.

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ADJOURN

There being no further information for the Commission, Mayor Stebbins adjourned the work session of May 2, 2006, at 6:45 p.m.

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