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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, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Interim Director of Park and Recreation and the City Clerk.

1. SHOOTING RANGE UPDATE.

Chief Jones provided an update on the new shooting range located off Ryan Dam road. He reminded the City Commission that the City along with Fish, Wildlife and Parks and several shooting clubs partnered in the development of this new facility. Chief Jones stated that one of the clubs the City would like to locate at this new facility was the skeet club which was currently located at Wadsworth Park. He stated there has been conflict with their shot and skeet fall with the residences in the area and staff would be proposing that the Commission not renew the skeet club lease.

2. STROKE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Joe Russell, Great Falls Fire Rescue, stated that every 45 seconds someone has a stroke and every 3 minutes someone dies from a stroke. He explained that because of this, in 2002, the City and Benefis Healthcare partnered in a stroke awareness campaign and developed a stroke assessment tool that is used now when firefighters respond to a medical call. This tool is responsible for saving lives and is now being looked at nationally.

3. LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL DAY

Police Captain Tim Shanks stated that the Great Falls Police Department and the Great Falls Police Protective Association will host the Police Officers Memorial day on May 15, 2006. The Police Department will request a proclamation and there will also be a parade consisting of up to 60 – 100 marked and unmarked police vehicles from across the state. He added that it was an honor to be selected to host this event and encouraged the Commission to place it on their calendars to participate.

ADJOURN

Following a brief question and answer session from the Commission, Mayor Stebbins adjourned the work session of January 17, 2006, at 6:10 p.m.

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