

**MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in special session on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall.

Members present: Mayor Mark Hanus; Council members Ray Salazar, Mark Wegscheid and Heidi Gesch

Members absent: Council member Kelli Gillispie

Others present: City Manager Kandis Hanson, Community Development Director Sarah Smith, Finance Director/Clerk/Treasurer Catherine Pausche, Mary Bujold, Theresa Malloy, George Linkert, Steve Ward, David Goode, and Pete Wiechert

1. Open meeting

Mayor Hanus called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Presentation of Market Study by Mary Bujold, with discussion

Mary Bujold, President of Maxfield Research, Inc. walked through a PowerPoint presentation of the downtown redevelopment updated analysis highlighting key demographic trends, housing, commercial market analysis, and her conclusions and recommendations.

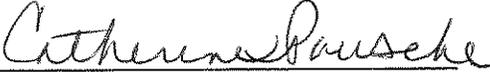
Discussion ensued to clarify some of the language and trends. Bujold's recommendation is to watch the development of a hotel in Excelsior and/or Wayzata as she does not think all three cities could support a hotel. Bujold stated it usually takes 50 or more units to cover the overhead and she did not think Mound could support that. Bujold felt that the City should look to local, independent retailers and restaurateurs with a few locations in the Twin Cities for possible expansion to Mound. Bujold did not think the large retailers would be interested due to no major highway running through and insufficient daytime traffic. Bujold cited many strengths including the significant downtown infrastructure and development that has already taken place, access to area lakes and trails, residential base, and the community events.

3. Action accepting Market Study, with any necessary amendments

MOTION by Wegscheid, seconded by Gesch, to accept the Market Study. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Adjourn

MOTION by Salazar, seconded by Wegscheid to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried.


Attest: Catherine Pausche, Clerk


Mayor Mark Hanus