

**CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA  
AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING**

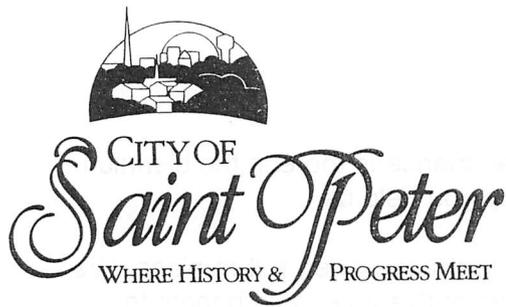
Regular Workshop Session of Monday, February 3, 2014  
Library Meeting Room– 5:30 p.m.  
601 South Washington Avenue

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **DISCUSSION**
  - A. Representative Clark Johnson Legislative Discussion
  - B. Highway 169 Coalition Councilmember Representation
  - C. Day Care Study Group Councilmember Representation
  - D. Employee Anniversary Recognition Program Modification
  - E. Others
- III. **ADJOURNMENT**

\*\*\*Following the workshop (at 6:30 p.m.) the Council will reconvene as a Committee of the Whole at the Fire Station (227 West Mulberry Street) for the annual meeting of the Fire Relief Association

Office of the City Administrator  
Todd Prafke

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## Memorandum

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Strand  
Members of the City Council

**DATE:** 1/29/2014

**FROM:** Todd Prafke  
City Administrator

**RE:** Representative Clark Johnson Visit

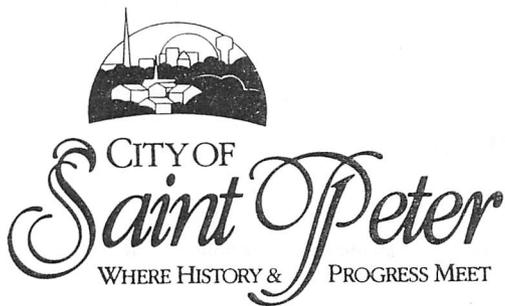
As you know we invite your State elected officials to visit with you at a workshop. Monday evening State Representative Clark Johnson will join us. We have done this for a number of years (11+) but only at workshops for the past three or four. Please find below a list of "starter" questions. This list is meant to help get the discussion going and hit some of the issues that you have discussed or prioritized in the past. It is in no way meant to be an exclusive list, but remember he is here to talk about City issues, so please feel free to use or not use, at your pleasure.

- What do you think will be the biggest things that will be discussed during the upcoming session that will impact the City of Saint Peter or Cities in general?
- Any issues we should know about relative to the Regional Treatment Center (RTC)? We still see it as a valuable employer and institution in our community. It is included in the bonding bill, but what are the chances it passes?
- Local Government Aid (LGA). What do you think is going to happen? Are we on stable ground or will we maybe see slight increases?
- Stormwater pilot project with Nicollet County - We need some assistance with the MPCA. We may need to spend more than a million dollars on cleaning stormwater in the next 5 to 10 years and it will have only a small impact. What if together we spent that with the County on ditches and others improvements that can have a big impact? Wouldn't that help us all meet the goal more effectively? Where do you think we should start?
- Elections. The cost for maintenance and replacement of election equipment (M100 tabulator and AutoMark assisted voting equipment) is a big concern for us. Will there be any State funding available to help with these costs as the equipment ages? Also election related, are you aware of any push to require cities holding odd-year elections to go to the even-year State/Federal election cycle?
- Will there be action related to E-cigarettes and how they are classified, or will the State wait until the CDC takes action? Other thoughts in this matter?

- A bike trail to Mankato is still in the back of our minds. What chance is there in the biennium that any funding could shake loose? Tell us how we can help you help us.
- We continue to be concerned about the energy mandates that have been put in place. We agree with the environmental issues, but don't see mandates at this level as a benefit to our customers - particularly our fixed income and elderly customers. Many mandates place undo pressure on the system and increase capital costs substantially. We've heard people comment that there is too much stick and not enough carrot. What do you think about this?
- Cooperative efforts. Find a place that has more and is using public funds better. If you have ideas and ways we can work together let us know. Are there others we could or should emulate?

Thank you for being available to us. Are there ways we can communicate with you better?

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## Memorandum

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Strand  
Members of the City Council

**DATE:** 1/29/14

**FROM:** Todd Prafke  
City Administrator

**RE:** Highway 169 Coalition Council Representation

### **ACTION/RECOMMENDATION**

None needed. For your discussion and information only.

### **BACKGROUND**

Upon creation of the Highway 169 Coalition, the City Council took action to name Councilmember Pfeifer as the City's elected official representative. With Councilmember Pfeifer's retirement from the Council, it would be appropriate for the Council to appoint a different representative.

Time has been set aside on the workshop agenda for Monday evening to discuss who might have an interest in being appointed to this position. Action on the appointment will need to be done by Council resolution at a regular meeting.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns on this agenda item.

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# U.S. Highway 169 Corridor Coalition

Advocating for a Critical Regional Corridor

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**Mission:** Working together to enhance safety, reduce congestion and maximize economic development along the U.S. Highway 169 interregional corridor.

## Welcome.

From Mankato to Interstate 694, the U.S. Highway 169 (US-169) corridor plays a key role in moving goods produced in south-central and southwestern Minnesota to regional and international markets. This major freight route accesses principal highways, rail lines and the largest intermodal inland waterway grain facility in the upper Midwest (the Ports of Savage). In the last two decades, the highway has also grown in importance as a corridor for commuter traffic.

For US-169 to remain a viable, efficient conduit in the movement of goods and people, congestion in the corridor must be successfully addressed. Increases in traffic have resulted in longer, more hazardous travel times. This, in turn, has a negative effect on the corridor's ability to connect with other parts of the state and the region, as well as to national and international markets. Maintaining the viability and efficiency of the corridor mandates a long-term commitment to a series of improvements designed to enhance the flow of traffic, both commuter and commercial, along this increasingly congested highway system.

To bring attention to the needs of the US-169 corridor, in 2008 communities and counties, from Mankato in Blue Earth County to Bloomington and Edina in Hennepin County, began a series of meetings. In the spring of 2009, the U.S. Highway 169 Corridor Coalition was officially established to advocate for the corridor.

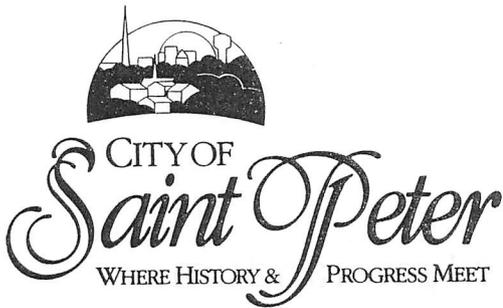
Contact the Coalition for more information about joining.

### US 169 Supporters

<p><b>Gold Level</b>                  Bolton &amp; Menk, Inc.                  Shakopee Mdewakanton                  Sioux Community (SMSC)                  WSB &amp; Associates</p> <p><b>Silver Level</b>                  Canterbury Park                  Greater Mankato Growth, Inc.                  HDR Engineering, Inc.                  Land to Air Express</p> <p><b>Bronze Level</b>                  McDonald's (Jordan)                  Happy Chef Systems, Inc.</p>	<p><b>Cities / Counties / Gov't</b></p> <p><b>Cities</b>                  Belle Plaine                  Bloomington                  Edina                  Jordan                  Le Sueur                  Mankato                  North Mankato                  Prior Lake                  Savage                  Shakopee                  St. Peter</p>	<p><b>Counties</b>                  Blue Earth                  Hennepin                  Le Sueur                  Nicollet                  Scott</p> <p><b>Townships</b>                  Louisville                  Spring Lake                  Sand Creek</p> <p><b>Other Agencies</b>                  Region 9 Development Commission</p>
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### Mission

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## Memorandum

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Strand  
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**FROM:** Todd Prafke  
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**RE:** Day Care Study Group Council Representation

### **ACTION/RECOMMENDATION**

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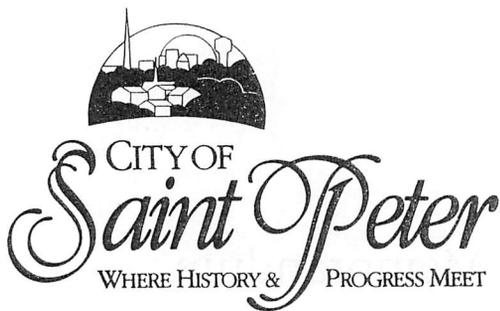
### **BACKGROUND**

As requested by the Council at the last goal session, I have begun to put together a study group to review the need for additional day care facilities in Saint Peter. The Council indicated they would like to have a member of the Council included in the study group.

Time has been set aside on the workshop agenda for Monday evening to discuss who might have an interest in being appointed to this position.

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## Memorandum

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Strand  
Members of the City Council

**DATE:** 1/30/14

**FROM:** Todd Prafke  
City Administrator

**RE:** Employee Anniversary Recognition Program

### **ACTION/RECOMMENDATION**

None needed. For your discussion and information only.

### **BACKGROUND**

In 2002 the City Council established an employee anniversary recognition program. Time has been set aside on the workshop agenda Monday evening to discuss possible changes to this program.

The program, which is part of the City's Personnel Policy manual, is recommended to be changed as follows:

#### **XXVI. EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

*The City of Saint Peter has chosen to recognize the excellence and longevity of its full-time, regular employees through an "Anniversary Recognition Program". As an employee reaches their 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 years and up work anniversaries, they will be provided with a recognition award from the City.*

*As an employee approaches his/her work anniversary, the appropriate Department Director will provide the employee a copy of the City's Anniversary Program Brochure from which to make a selection. The employee would be able to choose one item from a selection of items provided at each anniversary level. Should the employee choose, they may select an item from a lower level. In lieu of an item from the Anniversary Program Brochure, the employee may choose similarly valued Chamber Bucks (Chamber of Commerce Gift Certificates). The City Administrator's office will then order the recognition award and when received, the City Administrator or a member of the City Council will present the article to the employee with the City's appreciation for years of service.*

*Employees will not be allowed to receive the cash equivalent of the recognition award in lieu of the award.*

This modification will not change the cost of this program. It only expands the program to allow a gift of Chamber Bucks. The total cost of the program varies from year to year dependent on the number of qualifying anniversaries and employee longevity, but generally the program costs about \$1,800 across all funds.

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