

City Manager's Report

Week of December 5, 2011

Staff met with our health insurance consultant, Kathy Rowe this week, to discuss our medical care renewal. Last year, she convinced BC/BS to reduce our increase from 25% to 15% based upon our long-term history of experience. This year, our experience is still running high, so we have asked her to recommend plan design changes to reduce an anticipated increase for next year. The changes can be implemented and rates estimated before they determine our final rates next fiscal year (which should be available in February.)

We found out that the Duncan Solutions representative at last Monday night's meeting has been with the company 3 months. So whenever you decide to have a representative attend a meeting, we will ask the regional VP from Milwaukee to attend and address your questions and concerns.

Next week, the property owner of 225 W. Touhy (Executive Plaza Building site) will be presenting a pre-application to the Appearance Commission for feedback, to develop the site for a Whole Foods grocery store.

The Uptown development is selling for \$18,250,000. Thus, our \$2 per \$1000 property transfer tax will create revenue of \$36,500.

A notice was sent this week to the property owner on Northwest Hwy where there is off-site advertising of a business, along with any other outstanding code issues and if there is no compliance by December 26th, he will be ticketed and then required to appear for adjudication January 10th.

Attached is a KTJ memorandum on the Attorney General's opinion about electronic communications.

Also attached a memorandum regarding the water fund and capital expenditures, along with alternatives to purchasing water from Chicago.

Attachments:

KTJ memo

Memo on water