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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
**Alternate site proposed
for overnight shelter**

At a meeting with the Park Ridge Ministerial Association this week, Mayor Howard P. Frimark proposed an alternate site for hosting a temporary overnight shelter in the City. The temporary overnight shelter would be located at the City's Public Service Center which is on Busse Highway, just west of Greenwood Avenue.

This site is accessible by public transportation, has equipment needed to operate such a facility, and could be open from October to April as proposed by the Ministerial Association. The Ministerial Association unanimously agrees with this recommendation.

If this site were to be used for a temporary overnight shelter, the City would be a co-applicant for a license to operate such a shelter and for a special use permit because it is the owner of the property.

The City Council is currently in the process of discussing Zoning Ordinance text amendments to allow temporary overnight shelters in the City as well as licensing regulations for the operation of temporary overnight shelters.

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This discussion continues at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, October 20, 2008, at Washington School, 1500 Stewart, at 7:30 p.m. The City Council will conduct a workshop prior to the regular meeting on parking issues, at 6:30 p.m.

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