EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Golden Valley City Council Work Session

December 13, 2022

Agenda Item
3. Discussion of 2023 Council Appointments, Assignments, and Reimbursements

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Summary
Each year, the City Council appoints its members and staff to fill several roles required by statute. Additionally, the Council appoints its members to serve as representatives on various assignments. The 2023 proposed appointments are as follows:

1. Acting Mayor. Each year, the Council must appoint an Acting Mayor to fulfill the duties of Mayor during the disability or absence of the Mayor. (Minn. Stat. § 412.121.) This duty has historically been rotated. Listed below is the history of Mayor Pro Tem appointments:

- **2017** – Schmidgall
- **2018** – Fonnest
- **2019** – Clausen
- **2020** – Rosenquist
- **2021** – Sanberg
- **2022** – M. Harris
- **2023** –

2. Assistant Weed Inspector. Under Minnesota Statute, the Mayor acts as the weed inspector for the City. Each year, the City appoints assistant weed inspectors (Minn. Stat. § 18.80, subd. 3) to carry out the duties of weed inspector. Historically, employees of the Fire Department, Parks and Recreation Department and the City Forester have filled this role. The proposed assistant weed inspectors for 2023 are:

- Chris Sorheim, Fire/Property Maintenance Specialist
- Jake Dashiell, Fire/Property Maintenance Specialist
- Al Lundstrom, Park Supervisor
- Tim Teynor, City Forester

3. Board and Commission Liaisons. Each year, the Council appoints one Council Member to act as a liaison to each Board and Commission. The Proposed Board and Commission Liaisons for 2023 are as follows:

- **Board of Zoning Appeals** – Rosenquist
- **Environmental Commission** – Sanberg
- **Community Services Commission** – La Mere-Anderson
- **Open Space and Recreation Commission** – Harris, M
- **Planning Commission** – La Mere-Anderson
- **Diversity Equity & Inclusion Commission** – Harris, M
- **Police Employment, Accountability & Community Engagement (PEACE)** – Sanberg

4. Other Assignments. Each year, the Council assigns Council Members to serve as representatives on various other assignments. These appointments are for a one-year term. (Golden Valley City Code Section 2-43(b)) The proposed Council appointments for 2023 are as follows:

- **169 Corridor Committee** – Council Member Rosenquist
- **Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Campaign** – Mayor Harris
- **Blue Line Now! Coalition** – Mayor Harris (Delegate); Council Member Rosenquist (Alternate)
- **Bottineau Light Rail Community Works Steering Committee** – Council Member Rosenquist
- **Golden Valley Business Council** – Council Member Harris (Delegate); Mayor Harris (Alternate)
- **Golden Valley Historical Society Board** – Council Member La Mere-Anderson
- **Highway 55 Bus Rapid Transit** – Council Member Rosenquist
- **Hopkins School District 270 Caring Youth Committee** – Council Member Sanberg
- **Hopkins School District 270 Cities Joint Meetings** – Council Member Sanberg
- **Legislative Liaison and Spokesperson** – Mayor Harris
- **METRO Blue Line Extension Corridor Management Committee** – Mayor Harris (Delegate); Council Member Rosenquist (Alternate)
- **Metro Cities/LMC** – Varies
- **Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Committee** – Council Member Rosenquist (Delegate); Mayor Harris (Alternate)
- **Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce** – Council Member Harris
- **Minneapolis Water Advisory Board** – Mayor Harris
- **Municipal Legislative Commission** – Mayor Harris (Delegate); Council Member Harris (Alternate)
- **Northwest Suburbs Cable Communications/ CCX** – Council Member Sanberg
- **Quarterly Police Department Committee** – Mayor Harris (Regular Representative); 1 Council Member rotated quarterly
- **Regional Council of Mayors** – Mayor Harris
- **Robbinsdale School District 281 Government Advisory Committee** – Council Member Sanberg
- **Sochacki Park Governance Policy Board** – Council Member Rosenquist (Delegate); Mayor Harris (Alternate)

5. Discover St. Louis Park. Periodically, the City Council appoints a representative to the Discover St. Louis Park Board (the Saint Louis Park Visitors and Convention Bureau). Historically, this role has been filled by the City Manager. The proposed appointment to DSLP for 2023 is as follows:

- **Discover St. Louis Park Board** – City Manager Cruikshank

Financial or Budget Considerations
Under City Code, Section 2-43, the Mayor and Council are paid $50 for each meeting they are directed or designated to attend, up to a maximum of $150 per month. Where a delegate and alternate are

appointed, the delegate is eligible for payment for all meetings they attend. The alternate is eligible for payment for all meetings they attend that the delegate does not attend. The Ordinance requires the Council to outline the method for approval of meetings by resolution.

Legal Considerations
This item does not require legal review.

Equity Considerations
The City recognizes the historical and present disparities perpetuated by its structures, policies, and procedures burdened by different communities, particularly within Black, Indigenous and People of Color communities. The City Council is dedicated to examining practices and frameworks to dismantle inequity and barriers. While serving as liaisons and delegates to various boards, commissions, and committees, the Council is mindful to view their assignments through an equity lens. The City Council provides input to these committees and are aware of the impact their directives can have in dismantling barriers, providing resources, and enhancing opportunities for all residents and visitors to the City of Golden Valley.