

ITEM: Flood Preparedness Policy-City Priorities

The City Council is being asked to approve the attached resolution which outlines the city priority in addressing flood issues should they occur in the Spring of 2011. Although the order could be fluid, the order is likely as indicated below.

The priorities of the city will be the following:

1. Emergency response to situations that need immediate attention. These would be situations to preserve life and or a threat of serious injury
2. Responder Safety
3. City Owned Infrastructure and Services Preservation
4. Coordination of Volunteers
5. Interoperability/Communications with emergency personnel and the community
6. Business and Residential Property assistance (non emergency including preservation of property)
7. Cost Tracking
8. Recovery Efforts and Clean Up
9. Demobilization

Summary: The city has a priority to provide response to deal with situations of immediate emergency where there is a likely potential of serious injury or death to individuals if not dealt with. Secondly to preserve the city infrastructure and protect same so the city can continue to function as needed. The function of Public Safety is also to have a presence at the flooding emergency to block off areas, monitor the emergency and to protect the public generally from the danger(s) of the event. Prediction and warning is also a crucial effort of the city and public safety. The ability of the city to assist individual home owners and private businesses with flooding preservation becomes a resource issue, hence that responsibility will fall on the private individual. The city will provide private resource information as it relates to property preservation.

Staff will prepare a flood preparedness plan to be used for community outreach based on the adopted priorities.

SUBMITTED BY: Public Safety Director Mark Taylor

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION #2011-018

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING FLOOD
PREPAREDNESS POLICY/CITY PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, the City has a priority to provide response to deal with situations of immediate emergency where there is a likely potential of serious injury or death to individuals if not dealt with; and

WHEREAS, the city infrastructure must be preserved and protected so the city can continue to function as needed; and

WHEREAS, the function of Public Safety is to have a presence at the flooding emergency to block off areas, monitor the emergency and to protect the public generally from the dangers of the event; and

WHEREAS, prediction and warning is a crucial effort of the City and Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, the ability of the City to assist individual home owners and private businesses with flooding preservation becomes a resource issue, hence that will be the responsibility of the private individual.

WHEREAS, the City will provide private resource information as it relates to property preservation to its city residents and businesses.

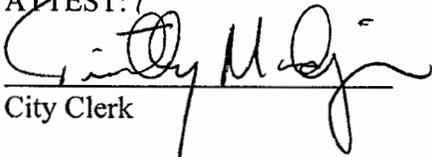
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The City Council adopts the following flood preparedness priorities:

1. Emergency response to situations that need immediate attention. These would be situations to preserve life and or a threat of serious injury
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PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 15th day of February 2011.

ATTEST:



City Clerk



Mayor

VOTE: Y ROSSING Y BUCKHEIT Y GANEY Y NAKASIAN
 Y POWNELL Y VOHS Y ZWEIFEL