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Minneapolis City Council  
Barbara Johnson, President  
350 South Fifth Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Council President Barbara Johnson and Members of the City Council,

I have vetoed the Council Action relating to appointments to the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission (Commission). Although this Action approved three appointments as a group, I am vetoing the Action specifically because of the appointment of Paul Thatcher.

As you know, all of the members the Commission, aside from the chair, are appointed by the City to manage the HHH Metrodome. When we appoint people to commissions, they are a voice for the City and this Commission is no exception. We need to ensure that the people we appoint have a record of collaboration and effectiveness. These expectations are even more vital at a critical time when we are entering complex discussions about the future of the Metrodome, the Vikings stadium, Target Center, and sales taxes. All these issues will touch the Commission directly or indirectly in the coming months and I feel it crucial we are represented by people who can build the partnerships we will need.

During his time on the Commission, Paul Thatcher has been a divisive voice. By alienating those who disagree with him and not playing a collaborative role, Mr. Thatcher has made the Commission a less effective, less productive body. During normal times we should expect better. During extraordinary times when we face difficult decisions, we cannot afford this type of behavior.

I am vetoing this Action in hopes that a new slate of appointees can be recommended that better represents the City's values of partnership, collaboration, and respect.

Sincerely,

Mayor R.T. Rybak  
City of Minneapolis

Comm of the Whole - Your Committee, having under consideration applications for three City Council appointments to the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission, for terms beginning January 4, 2011 through January 5, 2015, now recommends approval of the appointments of the following applicants:

- a) Timothy Baylor
- b) Paul Rexford Thatcher, Sr. (reappointment)
- c) Charles T. Lutz (reappointment).

Certified as an official action of the City Council: *CU*

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE (X INDICATES VOTE)													
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	NOT VOTING	ABSENT	VOTE TO OVERRIDE	VOTE TO SUSTAIN	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	NOT VOTING	ABSENT	VOTE TO OVERRIDE	VOTE TO SUSTAIN
Reich	X						Glidden	X					
Gordon		X					Schiff	X					
Hofstede	X						Tuthill	X					
Johnson	X						Quincy	X					
Samuels	X						Colvin Roy	X					
Lilligren	X						Hodges	X					
Goodman	X												

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