

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2015

#1 CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nichols called the Special Meeting of the Public Services Committee meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. The special meeting was held prior to the Council meeting due to cancellation of the April 28, 2015 regular meeting.

Roll Call was answered by Chairman Steve Nichols, Vice Chairman Steve Foster, Aldermen Frank Hoskins, April Gilbert, Sharon McMahon, and Tom Stone. Alderman Kevin Davis was absent. A quorum was present.

Others Present were Mayor Scott Eisenhauer, Alderman Mike O'Kane, City Clerk Lisa Monson, City Comptroller Gayle Lewis, Corporation Counsel David Wesner, DATS Director Jaclyn Marganski, Engineering & Urban Services Director David Schnelle, Human Relations Administrator Sandra Houston, Planning & Urban Services Manager Christopher Milliken, Public Safety Director Larry Thomason, Risk Manager Kathy Courson, 4 audience members and 1 news media.

#2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Nichols presented the Minutes of the special meeting of March 17, 2015 and the regular meeting of March 24, 2015. Alderman Gilbert moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Stone. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Nichols presented the agenda and there being no changes, Alderman Stone moved for approval as amended, seconded by Vice Chairman Foster. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#4 AUDIENCE COMMENTS - None

#5 FINANCE – Gayle Lewis, Comptroller

Chairman Nichols presented Items A & B for a single vote. There being no objections, Alderman Stone moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval of both, seconded by Alderman Gilbert. Those items being:

#5-A) Payroll for April 24, 2015 of \$64,403.00; and

#5-B) Schedule of Vouchers Payable, having been published, posted, and distributed, for April 28, 2015, of \$263,136.35;

There being no questions, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Gilbert, Hoskins, McMahon, Stone, Foster, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

Chairman Nichols presented Items C through F for a single vote. There being no objections, Vice Chairman Foster moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Stone. Those items being:

#5-C..a resolution authorizing a Budget Amendment to the Fire Division Budget, Expenditure– Increase to Overtime by \$80,000.00, with funds to come from the General Fund Reserve;

#5-D..a resolution authorizing a Budget Amendment to the Fire Pension Retirement Fund Budget, Revenue – Increase Property Tax Levy by \$19,500.00 and increase Expenditure–Fire Pension Fund by \$19,500.00, with funds collected from Real Estate Taxes;

#5-E.. a resolution authorizing a Budget Amendment to the Police Pension Retirement Fund Budget, Revenue Increase Property Tax Levy by \$18,000.00 and increase Expenditure– Police Pension Fund by \$18,000.00 with funds collected from Real Estate Taxes; and

#5-F.. a resolution authorizing a Two Year Agreement for Broker Services with Old National Insurance, for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016, to act as the City's broker for health insurance, as well as life, dental and vision insurance plans.

Comptroller Lewis reviewed items C-E and explained in item C the Fire Division overtime was necessary due to recall manning and items D-E were necessary to make up the difference for the total amount budgeted in the Fire Pension and Police Pension funds. Manager Courson handed out a report from Old National Insurance highlighting premium savings offered to the City and ways in which claim costs have been reduced. Alderman Hoskins questioned if the employees were happy with their plans and Manager Courson "yes", especially the retirees who have received cost savings in their monthly premium high deductible plan. Mayor Eisenhauer stated the employees were pleased with the health awareness activities that took place over the past year. Alderman Stone questioned employee education and Dan Grelecki with Old National Insurance responded a third party is performing a claims analysis to see if there are difficulties with past claims. He also feels engagement opportunities with City employees and retirees have helped educate everyone in various things such as knowing which pharmacy has the higher discounts. Alderman McMahan questioned average premium versus cost in claims. Mr. Grelecki responded there has been a shift by implementing the high deductible plans and since those are less expensive plan what we are seeing is the premium amounts have gone down so we are at the same loss ratio but collecting less premiums which is a good sign. The ultimate goal is to try to get the claim amounts down and we are right on target at 92% and trending in the right direction. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Hoskins, McMahan, Stone, Foster, Gilbert, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#6 CITY CLERK'S REPORT – Lisa Monson, City Clerk

#6-A..Chairman Nichols presented ordinance adopting a Supplement (S-48) to the City's Code of Ordinances. Vice Chairman Foster moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman McMahan. Clerk Monson stated the supplement update is for the City website as well as hard copy supplements for the Code of Ordinance books. There being no questions or further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen McMahan, Stone, Foster, Gilbert, Hoskins, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#7 ENGINEERING & URBAN SERVICES - David Schnelle, Director

#7-A) Chairman Nichols presented a resolution adopting Housing Program Policy Manual for City Housing Assistance Programs. Alderman Gilbert moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Stone. Manager Milliken stated this policy manual was recommended by the HUD representative and outlines the four housing programs and activities that are eligible and ineligible for each of the four programs. This policy manual will become a part of the Consolidated Plan. There being no further discussion or questions, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Stone, Foster, Gilbert, Hoskins, McMahan, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#7-B) Chairman Nichols presented a resolution adopting Redevelopment Plan for East Main Street. Alderman Stone moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Hoskins. Director Marganski thanked the Committee for allowing DATS to perform the East Main Street Corridor Study. There being no further discussion or questions, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Foster, Gilbert, Hoskins, McMahan, Stone, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#7-C) Chairman Nichols presented a resolution deeming it necessary to pursue purchase of Real Estate along East Main Street between Bowman Avenue and Kansas Street. Alderman Stone moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Vice Chairman Foster. Director Schnelle stated this resolution authorizes the City to negotiate contracts to bring back to Council for approval in ordinance form. Questions from Committee were addressed by Director Schnelle and Corporation Counsel Wesner. There being no further discussion or questions, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Gilbert, Hoskins, McMahon, Stone, Foster, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#7) Items of Information

- Manager Milliken stated there will be Public Hearings at the May Public Services Committee meeting for the CDBG Annual Action Plans for Program Year 2013 and 2014.
- Chairman Nichols asked if there was a hearing date set for the Raymond Street prohibited parking and Director Schnelle stated there will be a recommendation at the May Public Works Committee meeting.

#8 LEGAL – Dave Wesner, Corporation Counsel

#8-A) Chairman Nichols presented an ordinance amending Chapter 96 Pertaining to Intoxicating Liquor to include three variety types of liquor to Class W liquor license. Alderman Stone moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Vice Chairman Foster. Corporation Council Wesner stated there was discussion at the previous Public Services meetings regarding dealing with the Class W license. This class was not designed solely for the downtown area, but essentially allows for the retail sale of wine consumption on the sidewalk area outside of the premise as long as it does not impede pedestrian traffic so with another business, Café 13, beginning to redevelop and operate in downtown they were looking to do more than wine in their establishment so the feeling from the administration was to amend a current classification to allow for three types of liquor. To address Alderman Gilbert's question as to the brand of liquor it was stated the license holder would identify the type only and not the brand. Alderman O'Kane questioned if video gaming would be allowed with this type of classification and it was stated "yes" video gaming would be allowed, but this amendment would not allow for Video Gaming Cafes within the City. Mayor Eisenhower stated the City's liquor ordinance states 51% of revenue should be from alcohol or food related sales depending upon the liquor class; not a majority of revenue gained by video gaming. Vice Chairman Foster supports the amendment and feels the license holder should have their choice of three types of liquor. Alderman Hoskins questioned the procedure on changing the three varieties and it was stated the changes would be submitted to the Liquor Commissioner during the license renewal period. There being no further discussion or questions, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Hoskins, McMahon, Stone, Foster, Gilbert, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#8-B) Chairman Nichols presented an ordinance amending Chapter 115 Pertaining to Transient Merchants. Alderman Gilbert moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Stone. Corporation Counsel Wesner stated historically ice cream trucks fall under the classification of a transient merchant or itinerant vendor, but there has been recent discussion of whether the ice cream trucks should be in a different category due to the nature of how they operate. The administration has created a separate section in Chapter 115 with a separate definition in Chapter 115.05 and a fee of \$100.00 per year expiring on April 30 following the license date of issuance. He also stated zoning issues do not affect ice cream trucks. Alderman Puhr questioned the ordinance states Chief of Police instead of Director of Public Safety. Corporation Counsel Wesner stated there is a section in the code book that references any mention of Chief of Police is the Director of Public Safety. Alderman Puhr also noted the word applicant was misspelled on page 4 in Section A. Chairman Nichols yielded time to audience member Cyril Ostiguy who stated the \$100.00 per

year is so much better for the ice cream trucks and asked if barbeque food vendors at festivals would be considered itinerant vendors. Mayor Eisenhower stated "no" and if anyone is associated with a particular event they are not considered an itinerant vendor. Alderman Hoskins stated on page 4, Section A, the wording states the zoning administration will review the application. Counsel Wesner responded that language should be removed. Alderman Hoskins moved to delete the last sentence in Section A, seconded by Alderman Gilbert. There being no discussion or questions on the amendment, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen McMahon, Stone, Foster, Gilbert, Hoskins, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

There being no further discussion or questions on the amended ordinance, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Stone, Foster, Gilbert, Hoskins, McMahon, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#9 ITEMS OF INFORMATION

#9-A) Human Resources Monthly Report for April 28, 2015

#9-B) Risk Manager Monthly Report for March 2015

#9-C) Human Relations Monthly Status Report for March 17, 2015 – April 20, 2015

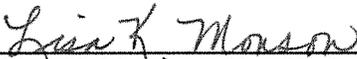
#9-D) Fire Division Monthly Report for March 24, 2015 – April 20, 2015

#9-E) Police Division Monthly Report for March 20, 2015 – April 24, 2015

[The reports were included in the agenda packet, but were not discussed during the meeting.]

#10 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Nichols at 6:00 p.m. following a motion by Vice Chairman Foster and a second by Alderman Stone.



Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

Approved: 05/26/15

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