

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of the Meeting

October 20, 2014

Chairman Marchese called the meeting to Order at 8:15 pm

1. Councillor McMenimen moved that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. The Clerk called the roll – all Councillors were present.
2. Councillor McMenimen moved to take the minutes of the meeting held on August 4, 2014 from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on August 4, 2014, as amended. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
3. Councillor McMenimen moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on October 6, 2014. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
4. A communication dated October 9, 2014 was received from the Mayor concerning a prospective tenant for the City building located at 14 Church Street. President Waddick moved to hear from off committee members Purchasing Agent, Joe Pedulla and Acting Superintendent of Buildings, Patrick Powell. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President Waddick asked questions concerning the custody of the building, handicap accessibility and renovation work to the building. Councillor Romard asked questions concerning the responsibility of performing the building renovations. Councillor Stanley asked questions about the current use and occupancy of the building. President Waddick asked follow up questions about the RFP process and the criteria so as to attract potential respondents. President Waddick stated that the City should not bear the cost of the building improvements. Councillor Fowler asked if the City should sell the building. Councillor Darcy asked for copies of the previous two RFP solicitations and moved to request the Purchasing Agent provide them to the Committee. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President Waddick moved approval of his draft order. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 11-3, with Councillors Darcy, Giordano, LeBlanc, Logan, McLaughlin, McMenimen, O'Brien, Rourke, Stanley, Vizard and Waddick in favor and Councillors Brasco, Fowler and Romard opposed. Chairman Marchese, presiding, did not vote. A motion by President Waddick to table the Mayor's communication of October 9, 2014 was adopted on a voice vote.
5. A resolution was submitted by Councillor O'Brien requesting the Personnel Director update the Committee on the Social Media position. Councillor O'Brien moved to hear from an off-committee member, Personnel Director, Kristen Murphy. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Ms. Murphy explained there were twelve (12) candidates for the position of which four (4) were selected for further consideration. One of the four candidates, one withdrew. Ms. Murphy

stated the IT Director would be providing his recommendation for the selected candidate in a few days. Councillor Stanley asked if any internal candidates had applied, to which Ms. Murphy responded, no. Councillors Romard and Fowler asked questions about the position being in the union or not. Ms. Murphy stated it was not a union position. Councillor O'Brien moved to file the resolution. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

6. A motion by Councillor LeBlanc to adjourn was adopted by a voice vote and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Committee of the Whole