

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of the Meeting

October 6, 2014

Chairman Marchese called the meeting to Order at 8:10 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 except Councillor Brasco were present.
2. Councillor McMenimen moved to table the minutes of the meeting held on August 4, pending clarification on the votes of several items. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
3. Councillor McMenimen moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on September 15. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
4. Councillor Vizard moved to take the matter of the resolution concerning the status of the police station and fire station building projects (9/8/2014) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Vizard moved to hear from off-committee members, Police Chief MacPherson and Fire Chief Ciccone. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Vizard questioned both chiefs about the status of their respective projects. Chief MacPherson stated that the renovation plans were completed in July and the project is ready for bid. He further stated that before the project could be bid, an interim location needed to be identified that would be suitable for police operations and have sufficient parking spaces. Chief Ciccone stated that preliminary plans have been completed and briefly explained the proposed changes, including potential use of the former WATCH property. Councillor LeBlanc asked questions about the interim space for the police station and if the project would be phased. Councillor Logan asked questions about the location of the interim space for the police station, including the use of temporary structures. He also questioned if the Moody Street Fire Station would be operable during any construction period. Councillor Stanley asked questions of the plans for the police station and the cost of the design, indicating that the Council had not received any information. Councillor Fowler questioned if the fire station would be able to accommodate the size of new fire vehicles. Councillor Romard questioned if the Building Department had been involved in finding interim space for the police station and suggested that the City look at the former Standard Thompson property as a possibility. Councillor Rourke asked questions about the construction coordination of the existing fire station with the proposed new portion. Councillor Rourke moved to request the Mayor to provide the lease schedule of the tenants currently occupying the Young Building on Moody Street. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Logan moved to table the resolution. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

5. A motion by Councillor Logan to take the matter of the resolution concerning the audit of the CDBG program (9/8/2014) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Logan moved to hear from an off-committee member, Planning Director Cagle. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Logan asked several questions of the Planning Director to explain the issue and what remediation efforts have been taken. Ms. Cagle clarified the audit should be properly termed a monitoring. Councillor Logan stated he was satisfied with Ms. Cagle's answers and how the remediation of the monitoring has been handled. Councillor Rourke asked questions concerning the "map" and the five year plan. Chairman Marchese informed the Committee about the October 14 and October 27 dates for the CDBG input meetings for the proposed five year plan and the next budget funding application. Ms. Cagle stated that information could also be found on the Planning Department website. Councillor Logan moved to file the resolution. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

6. A motion by Councillor McLaughlin 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