

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of the Meeting

September 15, 2014

Chairman Marchese called the meeting to Order at 8:00 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. A motion was made that that the minutes of the meeting August 4, 2014 be tabled pending submission to the Committee. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
3. A request was received from the Mayor to re-appoint Adam Maher to the Disability Services Commission. Councillor Waddick spoke in support of the Mr. Maher and moved approval of the re-appointment. On the motion, Councillors McMenimen, LeBlanc, O'Brien Stanley and Giordano and Waddick all spoke favorably of Mr. Maher. The motion for re-appointment was adopted on a voice vote.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to appoint Kathleen Dufromont to the Historical Commission to fill the vacancy from the resignation of David Smith. Councillor Romard moved to hear from an off-committee member, Kathleen Dufromont. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Romard spoke favorably about the applicant's background and experience. Councillors Vizard, McMenimen, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Waddick and Stanley asked questions of Ms. Dufromont and all were pleased with her responses. Councillor Romard moved to approve the appointment. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
5. A resolution was submitted by Councillor Logan and Waddick concerning cable TV coverage. Councillor Logan expressed concern about the equipment and its implementation, particularly over the lack of consultation with the City Council. Councillor Logan moved to hear from off-committee members Purchasing Agent Joe Pedulla, Maria Sheehan and Justin Barrett of WCAC, Justin Dorsey of HB Communications and the City's consultant Daniel Brown. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Logan asked several questions of Mr. Dorsey and stated he was satisfied with Mr. Dorsey's responses. Councillors Waddick, McMenimen, Romard, Rourke, LeBlanc, Darcy, O'Brien, Stanley, Fowler, McLaughlin asked questions of the off-committee individuals concerning video quality, initiation of the project, funding of the project, the design plans, scheduling of the work, warranty period, one individual's control over the Verizon account funds, amount of the rate charged by each provider and the proposed installation/use of microphones in the Committee Room. Councillor Logan moved to request the Mayor to authorize additional funds to purchase individual microphones, including on/off switches with LED lights for each seat

in the Committee Room. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 10-3, with Councillors Darcy, Fowler, Giordano, LeBlanc, Logan, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Rourke, Vizard and Waddick voting in favor and Councillors McMenimen, Romard and Stanley voting against. Councillor Brasco was absent from the vote. Councillor Logan moved to place the matter on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

6. A resolution was submitted by Councillors Logan, Romard, Vizard, Fowler and Stanley concerning the HUD audit finding of the CDBG Program. A motion to table the matter until the Committee of the Whole on October 6 was adopted on a voice vote.
7. A resolution was submitted by Councillor Vizard concerning an update of the Police and Fire Station renovation projects. Councillor Vizard moved that the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Mayor appear at the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 6 to provide an update on the status of the projects. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. A motion by Councillor Vizard to table the matter was adopted on a voice vote.
8. A resolution was submitted by Councillor Brasco concerning stress related issues of public safety officials. Councillor Brasco moved to request the Personnel Director provide the steps, policies, procedures and services in place for public safety officials relative to stress related issues and post-traumatic stress disorder. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. A motion by Councillor Brasco to table the matter was adopted on a voice vote.
9. A motion by Councillor Darcy to take the matter of the Met/Fern resolution (5/12/2014) from the table was adopted on a voice vote. A motion by Councillor Darcy to file the matter was adopted on a voice vote.
10. A motion by Councillor Darcy to take the matter of the tax exempt properties resolution (3/24/2014) from the table was adopted on a voice vote. A motion by Councillor Darcy to file the matter was adopted on a voice vote.
11. A motion by Councillor LeBlanc to take the matter of the I/I program resolution (4/28/2014) from the table was adopted on a voice vote. A motion by Councillor LeBlanc to request the Clerk of the Committee provide a copy of the CMOM Self-Assessment Checklist that was completed by the City Engineer to each member of the I/I Committee. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. A motion by Councillor LeBlanc to table the matter was adopted on a voice vote.

12. A motion by Councillor Fowler to take the matter of the lease/tenants of City owned property resolution (3/24/2014) from the table was adopted on a voice vote. A motion by Councillor Fowler to request the Recreation Director provide a list of all non-City agencies or organizations that are using Recreation Department space and the terms of any lease agreement. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. A motion by Councillor Fowler to table the matter was adopted on a voice vote.
13. A motion by Councillor Logan to adjourn was adopted by a voice vote and the Chair declared the committee adjourned at 10:35 pm.

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