

MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2006, AT 3:40 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

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Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners DeTienne, Flammini, Taylor, Bennett and Mayor Harrison.

CITY HALL RECEPTIONIST

A memo (06-DOC-128) was received from Clerk Mackey, requesting permission to post and advertise for the hiring of one (1) part-time Receptionist, due to a vacancy in this position.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to grant permission to post and advertise for the hiring of one (1) part-time Receptionist. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

2007 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Brian Usher proposed the 2007 Street Improvement Program as follows:

- Zone A: Engineering & Project Cost Estimate: \$311,089
 Winthrop Court from Kedron to Thompson
 Wilson Court from Bethesda to Sheridan
 20th Street from Bethesda to Thompson
 Garnett Avenue from 21st to Winthrop Ct.
 Thompson Avenue from 20th to 18th

- Zone C: Engineering & Project Cost Estimate: \$303,857
 21st Street from Sheridan to Edina
 22nd Street from Sheridan to Edina
 23rd Street from Sheridan to Elim and Elim to Edina
 Edina Blvd from 21st to 23rd
 Elizabeth Avenue from 21st to 23rd
 Elim Avenue from 21st to 23rd

- Zone D: Engineering & Project Cost Estimate: \$238,882
 Elisha Avenue from 21st to 23rd
 Emmaus Avenue from 21st to 23rd
 Enoch Avenue from 21st to 23rd
 22nd Street from Bethesda to Sheridan

- Zone E: Engineering & Project Cost Estimate: \$283,630
 Gilead Avenue from 33rd to 34th
 Gilboa Avenue from 33rd to 34th
 34th Street from Gilead to Gabriel
 Gabriel Avenue from 33rd to City Limits
 Sharon Place from 33rd to Gabriel
 Clover Lane from 34th to end
 Mary Kay Lane from 34th to end

Commissioner Taylor recommended, at a minimum, approving Zone A and Zone E for a total estimated cost of \$594,719. Commissioner Taylor stated funding could be provided for this project, without increasing the prior year's budget, as follows:

<u>General Fund</u>
\$85,000 - 10-04-1-02-590 Sidewalks
\$300,000 - 10-04-1-02-395 Streets & Alleys
<u>Street & Bridge</u>
\$230,000 – available funds

Commissioner Taylor also recommended considering the improvement of a portion of Colgate Avenue, if other funds could become available, noting MFT funds have already been utilized. Colgate Avenue was last improved in 1987. Commissioner Bennett also noted that bond payments are increasing. Mr. Usher stated, if the street project is approved, the bid date would be in mid-February with the work started in the spring. Mayor Harrison questioned the availability of CBDG grant funding. Mr. Usher stated it's too late to apply for these grants for this project. Mr. Usher noted, if Street and Bridge funds were utilized, there would still be available funds for materials, such as gravel, sealant, salt, asphalt, etc. Commissioner Bennett stated money isn't available in the budget for these projects, noting Fire permits and Building inspections are lower than predicted. A total of \$698,000 was used for the 2006/07 street projects. Commissioner Taylor stated road projects should be a high priority for the city, noting good streets are a higher priority than a new fire station. Commissioner Bennett stated the city should start exploring options, including considering the addition of a municipal sales tax via referendum. Mayor Harrison stated the Council should place a freeze on 2007/08 capital purchases, not including emergency expenditures. Commissioner Bennett stated he is opposed to including any additional personnel in the next budget, and cuts may be necessary in other areas.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve Zone A and Zone E for the 2007 Street Improvement Program, as presented, with funds to be allocated from Sidewalks, Street and Alley, and Street and Bridge, as recommended.

Commissioner Bennett stated he would want to see the impact on the current and future budgets, before approving expenses for this project. Commissioner Taylor stated streets are important to citizens, and he is willing to limit expenses in the spring, so funds are available.

Mr. Usher stated he will present project costs to the Council prior to bidding these projects, in order to have more definite information on both revenue and expenses at that time.

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, nay; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 4:58 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved November 21, 2006