

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007, AT 7:00 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 Flammini, Taylor, DeTienne, Bennett and Mayor Harrison.

Mayor Harrison led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MPMC DONATIONS

Anne Meisner, President and CEO of Midwestern Regional Medical Center, presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 in support of the Bee-Line Trolley. Ms. Meisner stated the hospital is proud to support the community, and the trolley program is enjoyed and utilized by hospital patients.

Ms. Meisner presented additional checks of \$7,500 each for the Police Department and the Fire/Rescue Department for the ongoing support of the departments and the city.

2007 BEE-PRENTICE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Dawn Wright, on behalf of National City Bank, presented a \$1,000 donation for the Bee-Prentice Scholarship Fund, which will be utilized as part of the scholarship for the winning Bee-Prentice recipient.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on April 17, 2007 at 7:00 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Detailed Balance Sheet and Revenue & Expense Report, period ending March 31, 2007; City Clerk's Monthly Report, April 2007; Public Works Department Monthly Report, March 2007
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 97502 through 97639 drawn on National City Bank, \$870,126.85
- (d) **PROCLAMATIONS:** World Laughter Day – May 6, 2007; Building Safety Week – May 6-12, 2007

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

PACE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Doug Sullivan, representing Pace, the Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority, requested the City's support of Pace by encouraging the Illinois General Assembly to provide Pace with necessary funding to maintain current service and expand into unserved areas. The Council had previously requested additional information, which was provided by Mr. Sullivan. Abe Goldsmith questioned whether or not Pace had considered extending bus service between Illinois and Wisconsin. Mr. Sullivan stated Pace is currently meeting with the Mayor of Kenosha, but any such service would have to be fully funded by the requested entity.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that a Resolution (07-R-8) be passed supporting Pace and the state funding for the Moving Beyond Congestion campaign. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Taylor, pass; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

AGENDA CHANGES

Mayor Harrison noted there is a requested agenda change to move a discussion item until after closed session.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to reopen the item for agenda changes. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to accept the Council agenda amendment as follows:

- Moving to consider approval of an ordinance setting salaries for certain non-union management and mid-management City employees from item 8.b. to 11.a.

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

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Commissioner Bennett stated the City had been negotiating a renewal contract with the Fraternal Order of Police, and an agreement has been reached.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve the contract agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, David M. Parker Memorial Zion Lodge No. 91 and Illinois FOP Labor Council for May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2009. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

REFUSE, RECYCLING & YARD WASTE CONTRACT

Commissioner Bennett recommended final approval of the Veolia Environmental Services contract amendment from Veolia Environmental Services for the 5-year extension of the refuse, recycling and yard waste contract as follows:

- The City would pay \$10.41 per residential unit per month for collection of general refuse.
- The City would pay \$2.94 per residential unit per month for collection of recyclables.
- The City would pay \$2.29 per residential unit per month for collection of yard waste.
- The City would pay \$1.45 per residential unit per month for rental of each collection cart.
- The City would pay \$9.49 per month for backdoor service, which would include the first 20 residential units with disabled residents.

Commissioner Bennett stated, in comparison with other companies and nearby communities, Zion has the lowest rate for refuse pickup. Zion residents pay slightly less than the City's total costs for these services. Commissioner Taylor stated the cost per week is only \$2.60 for garbage, \$0.57 for yard waste and \$0.74 for recycling. Commissioner Taylor noted there is also a procedure for complaints in this contract.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the First Amendment to the Waste, Recyclables and Yard Waste Collection, Transportation and Management Agreement with Veolia Environmental Services effective May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2012. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SOUND AMPLIFICATION

A memo (07-DOC-42) was received from Commissioner Flammini, recommending an exception for the licensing of sound amplification. Exelon Corporation (aka Commonwealth Edison) utilizes a paging system, fire siren and amplification system on their premises for security purposes at the power plant. These systems are part of homeland security measures. Licensing for sound amplification, which costs \$5.00 per day, is typically for residents who are holding a single-day gathering.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve an amendment to the licensing of sound amplification, allowing an exception for the Exelon Corporation power plant, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, pass; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

1913-1917 SHERIDAN ROAD

A memo (07-DOC-43) was received from Delaine Rogers, requesting permission to declare 1913-1917 Sheridan Road as surplus property, and allowing the property to be advertised for bid. All structures have been cleared, and this property is now ready as a commercial site.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to grant permission to declare city-owned property at 1913-1917 Sheridan Road as surplus, advertise for bids for the sale of the property, and for an ordinance declaring the property as surplus to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

NOSTALGIA DAYS/DOWNTOWN MOVIE NIGHT

A memo (07-DOC-44) was received from Delaine Rogers, recommending a contribution to the Nostalgia Days Committee for the Downtown Movie Night Project. The City has been supporting this project for the past few years, and a donation of \$8,000 funded through TIF #1 is requested.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve a donation to the Nostalgia Days Committee in the amount of \$8,000 for the Downtown Movie Night Project. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, pass; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

LAKE COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

A memo (07-DOC-45) was received from the Delaine Rogers, recommending renewal of the Lake County Illinois Convention and Visitors Bureau membership. Annual dues would be \$10,000. This is a budgeted item through the Cable line item.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve membership renewal with Lake County Illinois Convention and Visitors Bureau for the annual amount of \$10,000. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

2007 FARMER'S MARKET

A memo (07-DOC-46) was received from Delaine Rogers, requesting permission to obtain quotes for construction of a staging area for various city events near the Dome in the 2500 block of Sheridan Road. This structure would have a canopy design with a concrete base and electrical power, with work to be funded through TIF #1. This site would continue to be utilized for Nostalgia Days, Festival of Lights, the Farmer's Market and other events. The owner of Sheridan Health and Rehab Center has allowed the city free access to this property. Ms. Rogers estimated the project not to exceed \$15,000. Commissioner DeTienne stated he is opposed to the City making improvements on private property. Ms. Rogers stated this would be a TIF funded project, noting TIF funds are utilized for private projects.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant permission to obtain quotes for the construction of a staging area for various city events near the Dome in the 2500 block of Sheridan Road, as requested, with these quotes to be presented to the Council for approval. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, nay; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 8 Groundbreaking ceremony for Our Wounded Heroes home project at Shepherd’s Crossing
- May 8 Swearing-in Ceremony of Newly-elected Officials
- May 15 Township Board Meeting – 6:30 P.M.
- May 15 City Council Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
- June 16 Zion Historical Society “Trash to Treasure” Community Lawn Sale

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:46 p.m. to discuss personnel, purchase and sale of real estate, and probable and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:20 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

MANAGEMENT & MID-MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE SALARIES

Mayor Harrison stated the Council discussed salaries for management and mid-management employees. The Council agreed to defer setting management salaries until a later Council meeting, in order to first consider appointments. Mayor Harrison stated the Council also discussed mid-management Fire/Rescue salaries. The Zion Professional Firefighters Association union contract was approved at a previous meeting, however mid-management salaries were not approved.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve mid-management Fire/Rescue salaries beginning May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008 as follows:

Assistant Fire/Rescue Chief	\$95,644.82
Battalion Chiefs	\$89,404.82

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

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved May 15, 2007