

**MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008, AT 3:38 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 Taylor, Bennett, DeTienne, Flammini and Mayor Harrison.

BUDGET

Recommended changes to the May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009 budget were presented as follows:

The Council discussed Cable Fund expenses with the following recommendations:

- Maintain website at current expense without any increases
- Reduce trolley hours to Wednesday through Saturday and 9:00am to 5:00pm, which would reduce related driver and gasoline costs
- Mayor Harrison questioned the need for additional trolley maps, noting there may be ample trolley maps already printed
- Reduction of expenses for Festival of Lights totaling \$26,600 from previously proposed budget
- Eliminating Positively Zion Program
- Eliminating City Page weekly newspaper article

The Council also recommended the Farmers Market be operated through the Chamber of Commerce office and moved back to its original site on 28th Street.

The Council directed Delaine Rogers to bring back her recommendations for reducing \$50,000 in the Cable Fund budget, not including the Festival of Lights.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that the Council recess to Closed Session at 4:48 p.m. to discuss personnel. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to reconvene the Special Council meeting at 7:46 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Council agreed to hold another Budget Workshop/Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 13 2008 at 3:30 P.M.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved May 6, 2008