

MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2010, AT 4:33 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, Shantal Taylor, DeTienne, Jim Taylor and Mayor Harrison.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that the Council recess to Closed Session at 4:33 p.m. to discuss personnel. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to reconvene the Special Council meeting at 6:07 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

WASTE COLLECTION & RECYCLING PROGRAM

Commissioner Flammini stated the City and Veolia have determined that there has been a discrepancy between the actual number of units in the City and the number billed by Veolia for trash, recycling and yard waste services dating back to May 2007. Veolia's proposal would be to hold the current rate until the entire discrepancy of \$228,335 has been paid, which would be approximately October 2013. Due to this proposal, Veolia is also asking for a three-year extension to the current contract. Commissioner Flammini stated this proposal would not work without implementing a rate increase, as residents are currently under billed by \$1.46 per month. With City expenses added, a minimum rate increase of \$2.75 per month would be needed as soon as possible to break even at the current rate. Commissioner Flammini recommended voiding the existing contract with Veolia, in order to draft a new agreement with new criteria and rates.

Veolia has also offered to provide weekly recycling with 65 or 95 gallon wheeled carts at no direct cost. The City and Veolia have agreed to consider dropping the cart rental program, as it is costly, and less than 10% of the residents use the program. Commissioner Flammini stated it would be beneficial to transfer the cost for the leaf pickup program to Fund 55.

Commissioner Flammini noted Zion is the only community in Lake County, wherein residents can put out unlimited trash and properly packaged landscape materials for a flat monthly fee. Only a few communities in Lake County offer options for leaf pickup and on-location brush chipping.

The Council agreed for Commissioners Flammini and Jim Taylor and Larry Pannell to review all options as soon as possible, in order to bring back before the Council at a future meeting including:

- Remedy proposal with Veolia
- Altering recycling program and containers
- Discontinuing rental cart program
- Considering rate increase
- Drafting new agreement with Veolia

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 6:28 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved July 6, 2010