

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2011, AT 10:02 A.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 Jim Taylor, DeTienne, Flammini and Mayor Harrison. Commissioner Shantal Taylor was absent.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Harrison asked if there were any citizen comments, and there were none.

Mayor Harrison stated this Special Council meeting was called to discuss issues brought to the City Council by the IUOE/Local 150 union. Mayor Harrison stated the Council is duty bound to fact find and if not, the City could be in violation of various laws having been put on notice.

Mayor Harrison and Commissioners Jim Taylor, Flammini and DeTienne all stated they received calls from Commissioner Shantal Taylor, wherein she informed them this investigation was unfair and she didn't want to be a part it. Mayor Harrison and Commissioners Jim Taylor, Flammini and DeTienne agreed that she should have attended.

Mayor Harrison stated he wanted to clarify an issue wherein Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated at the June 7 City Council meeting that she found pornographic material displayed in the Building Department. Mayor Harrison presented the pictures in question; 1) the Coppertone Company's national advertisement for the Coppertone Girl, and 2) a picture purchased from a store showing the backsides of 3 little boys, which are no relation to any City employee's children.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that the Council recess to Closed Session at 10:09 a.m. to discuss personnel. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to reconvene the Special Council meeting at 12:20 p.m. with same members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mayor Harrison stated, after extensive fact finding, the City Council has determined the accusations regarding Commissioner Shantal Taylor are founded, and finds it necessary to make some changes.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve and authorize the following:

1. Transfer of all Building Department employees to under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Public Works,
2. For Rich Ianson to retain the title of Director of Building under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and
3. Authorize the city attorneys to prepare the necessary ordinance to amend personnel changes and commissioners' areas of responsibilities.

Mayor Harrison stated it was suggested that these issues are political, noting this is not political. When employees seek advice of their representation and feel something wrong has happened, it is the Council's obligation to seek the facts. Mayor Harrison stated the City Council did not seek out Local 150 to come forward with this information, as the employees sought this help, so this is not internal to this City Council. Commissioner Jim Taylor further clarified that this action would transfer all Building Department employees to Commissioner Frank Flammini and the attorneys would prepare the ordinance and personnel changes.

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; 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 Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 12:27 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved June 21, 2011