

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners DeTienne, Flammini, Shantal Taylor, and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor. Mayor Harrison was absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

AGENDA CHANGES

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

- Add Item 9i - Memo from Commissioner Jim Taylor scheduling budget meetings

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the Council agenda with an amendment as follows:

- Add to Announcements – Zion Community Connections, June 16, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the Council agenda with an amendment as follows:

- Add Item 9J – Update on progress of search to fill Director of Finance vacancy

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the Council agenda with an amendment as follows:

- Add a Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the amended complaint re: Grand Slam Sports and the baseball stadium project pending litigation

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, nay; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, nay. Motion failed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kathy Richards, Office Manager, MidAmerica Medical and Physical Therapy, stated there is a serious parking problem for businesses on the west side of the 2600 block of Sheridan Road as CTCA employees have taken over the City lots behind the businesses leaving no parking spaces for the business employees or patrons. Her business has tried to work with CTCA to prevent their employees from occupying the short term parking locations. CTCA suggested she have the Police ticket the violators. She stated that the Police

Department has been wonderful in enforcing the parking in 30 minute and 2-hour time restricted spaces. CTCA employees continue to park in the "all day" parking spaces which are marked "Business Patrons Only". Ms. Richards requested that the City Council consider declaring the "all day" portions of the City lot be by permit only and that permits be issued to the business owners. She stated that moving the signs would be the biggest expense for the City. Chief Brooks stated that with the current situation, he must rely on enforcement of the existing signs to help resolve the problem. He hopes to employ a summer intern who will be assigned exclusively to parking enforcement. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor recommended that Ms. Richards meet with City staff as soon as possible to discuss a resolution and that this matter be placed on the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting agenda. Commissioner Shantal Taylor recommended a letter be sent to the hospital asking about their plans to build a parking garage which would help to eliminate the parking problem in the City lot.

Shon Sadler, 3506 Sarah Drive, stated that a proposal to post "No Parking" signs along Sarah Drive in Shepherd's Crossing Subdivision, would be discussed later in the meeting. He distributed exhibits identifying parking problems on Sarah Drive. He stated that the solution to the problem is speed limit enforcement not the installation of "No Parking" signs. He encouraged the Council to vote "nay" on the proposal as it would have an impact on future home owners and that no cars parked in the problem area would increase speeding. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor stated that Mr. Sadler would be called upon during the discussion of this item later in the meeting.

Patrick Walsh, 2317 Lydia, stated that, unless items are distributed to all City Council members present, a citizen should not be allowed to address the Council. He stated that communication is poor and has broken down to being partial or non-existent. He stated that he believes the citizens have a right to know what is happening at the corner of Rt. 173 and Green Bay Road and the Council should not hide behind the fact that the property is involved in pending litigation. He asked that the City Council be accountable for their decisions. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor stated that the Council members were elected to make decisions on behalf of the community and that he was offended that Mr. Walsh would tell him how to run a meeting. He asked Mr. Walsh upon what authority he did so. Mr. Walsh stated that he served on the Zion Elementary District 6 School Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** FOIA Monthly Report, April 2012
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 113103 through 113190 drawn on PNC Bank, Total: \$398,351.75
- (d) **PROCLAMATION:** Memorial Day, May 28, 2012

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, nay; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne, that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held on May 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., with all members having previously received copies, be approved.

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, nay; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, pass. Motion failed.

RESOLUTION/SUPPORT FOR ITEP GRANT

A memo (12-DOC-41) was received from Ron Colangelo requesting a resolution be passed in support of the City of Zion's application for an Illinois Transportation Enhancements Program (ITEP) grant. Mr. Colangelo is applying for two grants, the ITEP and the Surface Transportation Program Grant. If received, these grants would be combined with portions of the City's Motor Fuel Tax and Street and Bridge funds to complete the Shiloh Blvd. Project. This includes the streetscape improvements and resurfacing of North and South Shiloh Blvd. west of Sheridan Road. Mr. Colangelo stated that the project would not be undertaken unless the City receives both grants, and that a resolution of support is needed from the Council in order to apply for the ITEP grant.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, that a Resolution (12-R-9) be passed in support of the City of Zion application for funding through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION/ABOLISHING FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS COMMISSION

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne, that a Resolution (12-R-10) be passed abolishing the City of Zion Festival of Lights Commission. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, nay; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated that the City should have some sort of representation on the Christmas committee.

RESOLUTION/ABOLISHING CITIZENS LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini, that a Resolution (12-R-11) be passed abolishing the City of Zion Citizens Law Enforcement Advisory Commission. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, nay; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated that there are citizens who would like to foster adult relationships with the Police Department. She stated that abolishing the commission is not the answer and that the commission should be revamped. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor stated that the Mayor should be encouraged to investigate the possibility of re-establishing an adult police advisory committee.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

A proposed ordinance deleting Sections 2-526 through 2-533 and Sections 46-56 and 46-57 of the Zion Municipal Code abolishing the Human Relations Commission was presented to the Council for consideration. Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated that the City of Zion could use a cultural diversity and community awareness commission. She stated that the Human Relations Commission was active in the Farmer's Market and school functions and she feels there is still a need. She asked that this item be tabled until Mayor Harrison is present. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor recommended that Commissioner Shantal Taylor discuss the matter with Mayor Harrison and suggested that perhaps the Commission could be reformatted and started over. Commissioner DeTienne stated that the recommendation to abolish the commission was the Mayor's and he supported tabling further discussion until Mayor Harrison is present.

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini, to table the proposed ordinance deleting Sections 2-526 through 2-533 and Sections 46-56 and 46-57 of the Zion Municipal Code abolishing the Human Relations Commission until Mayor Harrison was present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE/ABOLISHING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ADVISORY COMMISSION

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini, that an Ordinance (12-O-23) be passed deleting Zion Municipal Code Sections 2-561 through 2-566 abolishing the City of Zion Environmental Issues Advisory Commission. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, nay; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated that, with the nuclear plant decommissioning and other environmental issues, the Commission should not be abolished. She suggested that an article be placed in the newspaper to see if any citizens are interested in serving the community on such a commission.

ORDINANCE/ABOLISHING ZION HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini, that an Ordinance (12-O-24) be passed deleting Zion Municipal Code Sections 2-591 through 2-601 abolishing the City of Zion Historic Landmark Commission. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, nay; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated that the City of Zion has a special heritage and the Shiloh House and the Dome have a significant influence on the community. She stated there may be citizens who have an interest on serving on such a commission.

**ORDINANCE/SPECIAL USE PERMIT EXTENSION
MIDWESTERN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

A memo (12-DOC-41A) was received from Rich Ianson stating that the Planning & Zoning Commission considered a request for the extension of a Special Use Permit for the temporary placement of a mobile scanner on Emmaus Avenue, petitioner Midwestern Regional Medical Center, Zoning Docket 12-Z-5. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the extension request.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne, that an Ordinance (12-O-25) be passed granting an 18-month extension of the Special Use Permit for the temporary placement of a mobile scanner on Emmaus Avenue, as petitioned by Midwestern Regional Medical Center, commencing on April 1, 2012 through and including September 30, 2013. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**ORDINANCE/LEASE EXTENSION FOR MOBILE SCANNER
MIDWESTERN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini, that an Ordinance (12-O-26) be passed granting an 18-month extension of the lease with Midwestern Regional Medical Center for a portion of Emmaus Avenue for the temporary placement of a mobile scanner on Emmaus Avenue commencing on April 1, 2012 through and including September 30, 2013. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

NO PARKING SIGNS/SARAH DRIVE

A memo (12-DOC-42) was received from Chief Brooks recommending the installation of “No Parking” signs along the curve, south side of Sarah Drive, west of Rebecca Drive, in Shepherd’s Crossing Subdivision, as parked vehicles create a line of sight obstruction for drivers who must maneuver around them. The Traffic Accident Investigation staff studied the concern and recommends that the “No Parking” signs should be posted. Chief Brooks stated that the Police Department asked residents not to park along

the curve on the south side of the street, however, they would not comply. The Department will now look to gain compliance through enforcement of newly installed “No Parking” signs. Sarah Drive resident Shon Sadler stated that he parks his vehicle there to try to slow down the traffic. Mr. Sadler stated that the no parking restriction will inconvenience him and his neighbors on the cul-de-sac and that the Shepherd’s Crossing Homeowners’ Association is not in favor of installing the “No Parking” signs. Commissioner DeTienne asked how many parking complaints the Police Department received. Chief Brooks stated that the complaint of Josh Lewis, a resident in Shepherd’s Crossing Subdivision, was the only one received. Ron Colangelo stated the issue would be remedied if, at least on the curves, residents would park on the outer edge of the streets only, not on the inner edge, and only on one side of the street.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini, to table consideration of the installation of “No Parking” signs on Sarah Drive to allow for further staff review. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

STREET SIGNS/WEST SCHOOL

A memo (12-DOC-43) was received from Chief Brooks addressing the concerns of the City Council regarding his previous request for permission to install street signs at West School as follows:

- Permanent - (3) “School Bus Parking Only” along east side of 2400 block of Joanna
Numerous “No Parking on School Days” on both sides of Salem Blvd.
from Horeb to Joanna
- Temporary - (1) “One Way Only” at 24th Street and Jethro
(affixed to movable barricades) (1) “Do Not Enter” at Salem Blvd. and Jethro

Chief Brooks stated that available parking for parents during parent/teacher conferences was a concern. He stated that the school only conducts two such conferences per year; one is after school hours and one is on a day when the children are not in attendance at school. He stated that the school playground has been used as off-street parking for large events and could be used during conferences if necessary. Chief Brooks stated that the use of temporary traffic control devices, such as barricades, cones and signs, are only as good as the voluntary compliance drivers give them. Drivers will most likely continue to drive around the devices. The Police Department does work closely with the schools, and if problems are brought to his attention, he will assign an officer to set up periodic enforcement details and write citations.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini, to approve the installation of various street signs at West School as requested. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

TELECOMMUNICATOR VACANCY

A memo (12-DOC-44) was received from Chief Brooks requesting permission to fill a telecommunicator vacancy in the Police Department created by the resignation of Buddy Hicks. This position is one of nine and is necessary to adequately staff the E911 dispatch center.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini, to grant permission to fill a telecommunicator vacancy in the Police Department and post the position accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

ANNUAL SOFTWARE SUPPORT AGREEMENT

A memo (12-DOC-45) was received from Barbara Fitz-Henley requesting approval of renewal of an Annual Software Support Agreement with Harris Computer Systems for the 2013 Fiscal Year. The agreement with Harris is for the annual MSI (Municipal Software, Inc.), for the various accounting application software used to transact, record and report the City's financial business for the period May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013. The total amount of the annual maintenance is \$14,497.18. Commissioner Shantal Taylor asked if there were other providers available. Ms. Fitz-Henley stated that this vendor has been the preferred vendor for many years and the bidding process would cause additional expenses.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini, to approve renewal of an Annual Software Support Agreement with Harris Computer Systems for the 2013 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$14,497.18. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

WEBSITE MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini, to table consideration of approval of a website maintenance service agreement with GoFlo, Inc. Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated that the service agreement is between the City of Zion and Christopher Szymanski, who is the City Treasurer. She asked if the maintenance service contract went out for bid. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor stated that computer services are not subject to the bidding process. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor stated that it appears a conflict exists and consideration of the service agreement should be tabled until after the matter is discussed with the City Attorney. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A memo (12-DOC-46) was received from Mayor Harrison presenting appointments and re-appointments to various City Boards and Commissions.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to appoint the following members to City Boards and Commissions:

Accident Review Board

Don Leicht
Ernest Abbott

Fire and Police Commission

Chris Thomas

Jubilee Days Commission

Wayne Brooks
John Lewis
Ann Ennesser
Rick Walker

Liquor Control Commission

Terry McNabb

Electrical Commission

Rich Ianson
Merlin Kreis
John Lewis
Dave Geer
Pat Buchanan
John Hucker

Firemen's Pension Board

John Lewis
Diane Burkemper

Planning/Zoning Commission

Gabe Garriga

Police Pension Board

Shawn White

TIF Review Board

Debbie Lewis
 Donna Flammini
 Dorothy Mitchell
 Bill Warren
 Tiffany Taylor
 Juanita Winfrey

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

SCHEDULING OF BUDGET MEETINGS

Individual department budget meetings were scheduled with Department Heads and their Commissioners as follows:

May 21, 2012	10:00 a.m.	Public Works Department
May 22, 2012	10:00 a.m.	Fire/Rescue Department
May 23, 2012	10:00 a.m.	Police Department
May 24, 2012	10:00 a.m.	Inspection Department
May 24, 2012	3:30 p.m.	Public Property
May 25, 2012	10:00 a.m.	Public Affairs Department

A City Council budget workshop was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2012 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE VACANCY

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor stated that ads for a Director of Finance were placed in two newspapers, two professional publications, and on-line with an application deadline of May 11, 2012. He stated that seven applications were received and interviews have been scheduled.

2011 TO 2010 COMPARISONS/TAX LEVIES – RATES - EXTENSIONS

A memo (12-DOC-47) was received from Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor comparing the Zion tax levies, tax rates and extensions for 2011 and 2010. The total EAV decreased \$52,467,725. The total extension increased \$415,867. The tax rate increased .346. An analysis of four major funds (Corporate, Fire Protection, Street & Bridge, Ambulance) showed a net gain of \$407,499.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 28		City Offices Closed for Memorial Day
June 2	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Electronics Recycling at the Public Works Facility 3220 27 th St.
June 5	7:00 p.m.	Zion City Council Meeting
June 16	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Electronics Recycling at the Public Works Facility 3220 27 th St.
June 16	4:00 p.m.	Zion Community Connections Police Training Room

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved June 5, 2012