

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012, 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 DeTienne, Shantal Taylor, Jim Taylor, Flammini and Mayor Harrison.

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

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve the Council agenda with amendments as follows:

- Move Item 10a, "Consider approving 2012-13 Budget", to after Closed Session, Item 13a
- Remove minutes of a regular meeting held on July 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/JAMES MEYERS RETIREMENT

Mayor Harrison stated that, after 27 years of service in the Pubic Works Department, James Meyers is retiring. He stated that Mr. Meyers was a fabulous employee, a good human being, and he would do anything for his fellow workers. Mayor Harrison presented a Retirement Commendation plaque to Mr. Meyers.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Shirley Mintern, 2606 Edina Blvd., stated there are five foreclosed and many rental properties in her neighborhood which are accompanied by unkempt lawns, strewn garbage and dumped furniture. She thanked Bob Miller, Bob Surano, Rich Ianson, and Commissioners DeTienne and Jim Taylor for being there for her to help keep the neighborhood cleaned up. Ms. Mintern stated that property owners should be required to maintain their properties even if they are foreclosed or rental properties.

Clyde McLemore, 2815 Ezekiel, stated that his nine-year-old son was walking the dogs and a kid took them from him. He returned home without the dogs so Mr. McLemore contacted neighbors to help in the search for the dogs. He contacted the Zion Police Department and they participated in the search. The dogs were recovered. He thanked the Police Department for their help.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Special Meeting held July 27, 2012 at 2:12 p.m. and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on July 27, 2012 at 2:17 p.m., with all members having previously received copies.

- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Public Works Monthly Report, June 2012
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 113694 through 113806 drawn on PNC Bank, Total: \$530,356.46

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, that minutes of a Regular City Council Meeting held on July 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. be approved, with all members having previously received copies.

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

AMENDING PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION/FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

A memo (12-DOC-68) was received from Chief Lewis requesting that the Personnel Authorization be amended as a result of the SAFER grant and corresponding reorganization of the Fire/Rescue Department.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that a Resolution (12-R-13) be passed amending the personnel authorization adding a Deputy Chief and one Firefighter/Paramedic position in the Fire/Rescue Department. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION/IDOT STREET & HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE BY MUNICIPALITY

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor that a Resolution (12-R-14) be passed for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$150,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the year 2012. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

ORDINANCE/SURPLUS PAGERS AND CHARGERS

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that an Ordinance (12-O-35) be passed declaring obsolete pagers and chargers in the Fire/Rescue Department as surplus property. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT**

Commissioner Jim Taylor stated that a report (12-DOC-69) was received from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity notifying the City of the results of a compliance audit associated with the \$1.3 million grant received by the City to benefit the stadium project. Based on the information contained in the audit, IDECO determined that as of July 24, 2012, the City is in compliance with the audit requirements of the agreement. No action was required on this agenda item.

INVOICE/ SAFETY EQUIPMENT

A memo (12-DOC-70) was received from Ron Colangelo requesting approval of payment of an invoice from USA Bluebook in the amount of \$12,976.89 for various safety equipment. These items are being purchased by the Public Works Department through their portion of the City's IPRF Grant. The revenue and expenses for the Department's portion is being split between the Street and Water Divisions and is reflected in the current budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve payment of the invoice from USA Bluebook in the amount of \$12,976.89 for various safety equipment. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS/MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

A memo (12-DOC-71) was received from Chief Brooks requesting permission to enter into an annual maintenance agreement with Current Technologies in the amount of \$17,981.07. This agreement covers the citywide network of surveillance cameras and related equipment. This is a budgeted item. Mayor Harrison stated the downtown cameras have assisted the Police Department in the apprehension of criminal suspects and that some of the cameras were donated by Energy Solutions.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to approve entering into an annual maintenance agreement with Current Technologies in the amount of \$17,981.07 for maintenance of the citywide network of surveillance cameras and related equipment. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

REPLACEMENT SQUAD CARS

A memo (12-DOC-72) was received from Chief Brooks requesting the purchase of 10 replacement squad cars through a 3-year lease program. The first year expense would be \$180,000 which includes the initial lease payment and emergency equipment set up for each vehicle. This is a budgeted item under Capital Outlay and will be funded through a combination of five revenue line items. These revenue sources are self-generating and will go toward funding the second and third years of the lease at approximately \$85,000 per year. The new squad cars will not be equipped with laptop computers which equates to a savings of about \$5,000 per car. The alternative is the use of tablet technology which is \$700 to \$800 per unit. Commissioner Jim Taylor thanked Chief Brooks and Finance Director David Knabel for their creative approach to financing in meeting department needs.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to approve the purchase of 10 replacement squad cars through a 3-year lease program in an amount not to exceed \$350,000. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS

A memo (12-DOC-73) was received from Chief Lewis requesting the following promotions in the Fire/Rescue Department contingent on approval of the Zion Fire and Police Commission:

Battalion Chief Gregory Friedrich to the rank of Deputy Chief
Lieutenant Alan Eppers to the rank of Battalion Chief
Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Messick to the rank of Lieutenant

These promotions would become effective following approval of the Fire and Police Commission at its August 2012 meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the promotion of BC Gregory Friedrich to Deputy Fire Chief, Lt. Alan Eppers to Battalion Chief and FF/P Jason Messick to Lieutenant, effective upon approval of the Fire and Police Commission. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

OBSOLETE PAGERS & CHARGERS

A memo (12-DOC-74) was received from Chief Lewis requesting permission to accept the bid of United Communications Corporation in the amount of \$380 for obsolete pagers and chargers previously declared as surplus.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to accept the bid of United Communications Corporation in the amount of \$380 for the purchase of obsolete pagers and chargers in the Fire/Rescue Department. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Mayor Harrison commended the department heads for their assistance in the budget process. He thanked Finance Director David Knabel whose goal is to set a new tone with the Department Heads to achieve a balanced budget and be creative with financing. He stated the City is expecting a huge budget shortfall in Fiscal Year 2012-13.

Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated that it was great the way the City Council unified and didn't cut one job. She stated that they really came together and that they deserved a round of applause. She stated they will work to do the best they can next year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 9	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Farmer's Market every Thursday Shiloh Blvd. & Sheridan Road
August 18	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Electronics Recycling at the Public Works Facility at 3220 27 th St.
	4:00 p.m.	Zion Community Connections at Zion Police Administration Building Training Room
August 21	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Zion Township Board Meeting Regular Zion City Council Meeting

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss personnel and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to reconvene the regular Council meeting at 8:32 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET/FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2012 – APRIL 30, 2013

Mayor Harrison stated that questions still must be answered prior to approval of the 2012-2013 budget. He stated the budget will be placed on the August 21, 2012 City Council meeting agenda for final consideration.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to table approval of the 2012-2013 budget until the August 21, 2012 regular Council meeting. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, 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 Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved August 21, 2012