

April 20th, 2009
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
5:15 P.M. – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Unabridged version

Item 1: Roll Call

Mayor Sullivan called meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Council present: Carole Tillotson, Flo Hunter, Steve Peterson, and Diana Willits. Charlene Butz was absent. City Administrator Marketa George Oliver, Police Chief Gary Walters, Community Services Director Josh Heggen, Assistant City Attorney Doug Fulton, and Public Works Director John Wiedman present.

Item 2: Approval of the Agenda - Roll Call 114

Peterson moved Hunter seconded approval. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 3: Good of the Order

Brooke Wade from the Windsor Heights Chamber of Commerce presented the City with a check for \$490 for the Community Center project with the proceeds from the silent auction held at the spaghetti dinner.

Item 4: Approval of the minutes - Roll Call 115

Peterson moved approval of the March 2nd, 2009 City Council minutes both published and unabridged versions with the change in language indicating public works would look at the grass issue, instead of the grass issue would be taken to the next Public Works meeting. Hunter seconded approval. Voice vote passed with Willits abstaining.

Item 5: Public Comment

Chris Klyn, 1104 69th Street asked if the city was going to pave the road at 69th and Mott. Oliver responded that the city was looking at the property for possibly building a storage garage, which would include paving that road. Fred Engelkind, 1116 64th, asked if the dead end sign at 64th Street near his house could be fixed, people keep turning around in his driveway. Wiedman noted that the sign had been recently replaced, and beyond that, there isn't much the city can do, but that he'll look at it again.

Item 6: Consent Agenda - Roll Calls 116-119

Peterson moved Tillotson seconded approval of : March report for Public Works, Police, and Fire and Claims and Payroll. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 7: Discussion and consideration of a resolution 09-0421-120 approving the final bid documents for the Colby Park Community Center - Roll Calls 120

Willits moved approval, Hunter seconded approval. Dan Sloan from Baldwin White noted that these documents will be utilized by contractors to bid on the community center. He stated these plans maintain the integrity of the plans the council wants for the building. Willits asked if the building could be complete by mid May of next year. Sloan stated that he would not rule that out; it is in the contractors best interest to finish the building as quickly as possible. Roll Call vote passed unanimously.

Item 8: Discussion and possible Consideration of resolution 09-0420/121 approving an updated contract for the Metro Library Service - Roll Call 121.

Tillotson moved approval, Peterson seconded approval. Oliver noted that this new agreement saves the city a significant amount of money for this year and next year. The City's contribution, had the contract continued on a per capita basis, would have been approximately \$221,751 for the FY 2010. The City originally budgeted \$195,000 for FY 2009, but this agreement would replace the previous contract

and bring the City's contribution to \$163,957 for the current fiscal year. The contract goes until June 30, 2011 and includes a maximum amount of \$172,155 per year that the City can pay regardless of usage.

Tillotson asked Oliver how she was able to achieve a reduction in cost when the City effectively had leverage. Oliver said the City and Polk County had expressed concerns about rising costs related to how the per capita formula worked. The library directors listened and responded. The library personnel from West Des Moines, Urbandale, Des Moines and Johnston deserve the credit for creating the new formula. Willits is pleased with the City's work on this matter. Roll Call vote passed unanimously.

Item 9: Consideration of ordinance 09-02 to amend the Code of Ordinances by amending sections of Chapter 29: Building and Property Regulations to create and rental conversion fee for new rental homes in Windsor Heights - Final Reading Roll Call 122

Tillotson moved approval, Peterson seconded approval of the final reading. Betty Glover, 6803 Del Matro, asked if there are any covenants that can be required for renters to sign to maintain the property. Oliver said that all rentals get inspected and they are subject to the nuisance code, just like any other residential home in Windsor Heights. Roll Call vote passed unanimously.

Item 10: Council member comments.

Peterson noted he still believes that the park is a mud hole and that planting grass now will not help the area this year. He believes that sod should be planted in front of the performance pavilion. Hunter noted when she was down at the park on Sunday she saw that the grass looked good towards the middle of the park. The grass just looked poor around the edges of the sidewalks and in certain other areas. Oliver noted that the Public Works Committee is meeting with representatives from Elder on the matter on Thursday.

Item 11: Mayor's Inquirers:

Sullivan said that the community coffee club will be cancelled this Saturday because Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful is doing their annual clean up. Participants will meet at the white tent, north of Burger King. Free breakfast will be provided at Hy-Vee following the clean up.

Item 12: Adjournment - Roll Call 123

Hunter moved Peterson seconded to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. on May 4th, 2009. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Jerry Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marketa George Oliver, City Administrator/Clerk