

May 3, 2010
CITY OF WINDSOR HEIGHTS REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
6:00 P.M. – Council Chambers
Unabridged version

Item 1: Roll Call

Mayor Sullivan called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council present: Charlene Butz, David Jenison, Betty Glover, and Steve Peterson. City Administrator Marketa George Oliver, City Treasurer Carrie Brannen, Chief Gary Walters, Public Works Director Jason VanAusdall, Community Services Director Josh Heggen, Fire Chief Cross and City Attorney Pat Burk present. Council absent Diana Willits.

Item 2: Approval of the Agenda - Roll Call 131

Sullivan noted that item 7 was removed from the agenda until the next meeting on May 17th. Peterson moved Butz seconded approval. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 3: Good of the Order

Brett Garrett, 1420 62nd St, who is an Eagle Scout candidate, presented the city council with his plan to revitalize benches the city current owns and place those benches along the bike trail between College and Hickman Road. The council praised Garrett for his project and look forward to seeing the final product.

Item 4: Approval of the minutes - Roll Call 132

Butz asked that the minutes reflect that she brought up the use of the concession during weddings, not Glover. Jenison moved approved of the minutes with that change, Glover seconded approval. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 5: Public Comment

Linda Smith, 2019 68th Street, voiced her concern over the abundance of possum in her area. She worried about diseases these animal can carry. She asked that the city reconsider its policy and again start trapping for citizens. Betty Koepsel, 2250 70th Street, asked that the sidewalk ramp near 70th and Colby and an area to the north have the sidewalks inspected because they are in not good condition. Ann Burgess, 7036 Wilshire, asked when the city stopped putting out traps for people. VanAusdall, the Public Works Director, noted the city had stopped around February due to the staff time and money is costs to provide this service. Also, by the city providing that service the city is taking away business from private companies, which is not an allowed practice. In addition, the city has no place to dispose of animals it does trap. The Department of Natural Resources has told the city it can no longer release animal where it previously did. Vicky Harris, 2019 68th Street, asked how much this can really cost the city. VanAusdall said he would expect that the animal trapping was easily costing the city 15 staff hrs per week with everything being trapped, like possums, raccoons, etc. Harris asked if a newsletter article could be written about not feeding wild animals.

Item 6: Consent Agenda - Roll Calls 133-134

Peterson moved Jenison seconded approval of: March Investments, Treasurer and Clerks Report and Claims and Payroll. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 7: Consideration of Progress payment number 10 to Prostruct in the amount of \$125,670.41 Roll call 135

Glover move approval, Peterson seconded. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 8: Public hearing for property conveyance (vacated street and right-of-way at 69th and Mott Street) subsequent to Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation and resolution 10-0503-136 taking appropriate action to convey said property. Roll Call 136

Sullivan opened the hearing at 6:15 pm. Oliver noted she had received not oral or written comments. Sullivan closed the public meeting at 6:16 pm. Peterson moved approval, Glover seconded. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Item 9: Consideration of resolution acting on the Planning and Zoning Commission .

1. ~~Consideration of resolution acting on the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to approve the Cowles School Site plan. Representatives from the Des Moines School District will be here to present the site plan and answer questions.~~ (Please note, this item has been delayed until the May 17th, 2010 Council Meeting)

Item 10: Consideration of resolution 10-0503-137 approving appliance purchase for the new community center for \$30,723.50. Roll Call 137

Peterson moved approval, Glover seconded. Glover noted she was happy to see three competitive bids. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Item 11. Consideration of Resolution approving the purchase of planters for the community center and seasonal change out in the amount of \$11,930.

Glover said she would see more bids. Heggen said he can check with the supplier and see if anyone else in the metro sales these particular planters, but that the costs of similar planters were provided in an effort to price compare. Jenison said he thought we were getting these from Summit Supply. Heggen said the information from Summit Supply was an example of comparable items. Allen Sydnes, 2012 66th Street, said he believed the city was spending too much money and that the planters should not be purchased at all. Ann Burgess, 7036 Wilshire, asked why more bids could not be solicited. Heggen said it is not that easy on a particular planter because usually a company only uses one supplier in an area. It is not like a road project where we have an engineer design, with very specific requirements, what the road will look like so we can compare apples to apples. There is not easy way to get bids since everyone sales different planters that are different sizes, color, materials, etc so it is hard to compare things. The council asked to review this item at the next meeting after getting more information on the planters.

Item 12: Consideration of a resolution 10-0503-138 approving a 28M agreement with DART. Roll Call 138

Peterson moved approval, Butz seconded. Roll Call vote passed unanimously.

Item 13: Update from Chief Cross regarding the Windsor Heights-Urbandale-Clive Fire Training Facility. Chief Cross reviewed the new training facility that has been built in Urbandale and thanked the council for their support.

Item 14: Staff updates:

None

Item 15: Council member comments:

Jenison asked about striping the street on Buffalo Road around 73rd Street. VanAusdall said he will work on it. Butz asked if the crosswalk on college could also be looked at. Glover asked if the city could look into office supply costs since a lot of money gets paid to Koch Brothers.

Item 16: Mayor's inquiries.

Mayor Sullivan proclaimed May as Building Safety Month and gave Dave Breese, the Windsor Heights Building Inspector a proclamation. Midwest Recovery is announcing Windsor Heights City Wide appliance and scrap metal clean-up. This clean-up will be held on May 8. Pick up is at the Public Works Building at 6800 School Street. This year's annual Windsor Heights city wide garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 8th. Spring clean up for solid waste will be on May 13 and 14, beginning promptly at 6:00 a.m. Windsor Heights Firefighters annual pancake breakfast and WHAMM will be held on Saturday, May 15th. You can purchase tickets at city hall for the pancake breakfast. If you'd like to run or volunteer for WHAMM, please let Tracy Levine know.

Item 17: Adjournment - Roll Call 139

Peterson moved Glover seconded to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on May 17, 2010. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Jerry Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marketa George Oliver, City Administrator/Clerk