

July 20, 2009
CITY OF WINDSOR HEIGHTS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
5:15 P.M. – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Unabridged version

Item 1: Roll Call

Mayor Pro Tem Diana Willits called meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Council present: Charlene Butz, Carole Tillotson, Flo Hunter, Steve Peterson, and Diana Willits. Mayor Sullivan was absent. City Administrator Marketa George Oliver, Police Chief Gary Walters, Fire Chief Chris Cross, Community Services Director Josh Heggen, and City Attorney Matt Brick all present.

Item 2: Approval of the Agenda - Roll Call 189

Hunter moved Peterson seconded approval. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 3: Good of the Order

Chief Gary Walters recognized Officer Matt Kiene, who received a Distinguished Service Award for his service during a standoff of Des Moines as part of the Metro STAR. Larry Wilson, from the Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful Committee recognized the three winners of the Most Beautiful Yard contest. Jackie Gardner, 9918 Alpine Drive in Urbandale, presented the council with the idea of building a dog park in Windsor Heights. The city would be responsible for most aspects of the park and there are some organizations that might be able to help fundraise.

Item 4: Approval of the minutes - Roll Call 190

Peterson moved approval of the June 20, 2009 City Council minutes both published and unabridged versions. Hunter seconded approval. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 5: Public Comment

John Thompson, 6300 School Street #222 asked that noise wall the DOT is constructing be extended to go all the way to 63rd Street. He asked again for a breakdown of all the costs associated with the work at Colby Park.

Item 6: Consent Agenda - Roll Calls 191-196

Peterson moved Butz seconded approval of: Confirm Sandy O'Brien for Sister City Commission; progress payment 12 to Elder Corporation for extra lighting at Colby Park in the amount of \$49,387.55; May for Public Works; report for Public Works; June report for Police and Claims and Payroll. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 7: Consideration of approval of a liquor license application for Wine and Spirits Gallery. Roll Call 197

Hunter moved approval, Peterson seconded approval. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Item 8: Presentation from Dave Ellis, Denman & Company, on the FY 2008 City Audit.

Dave Ellis from Denman reviewed the FY 08 Audit with the council. He noted the audit report is a clean opinion and best opinion they can give. He reviewed several of the findings with the council.

Item 9: Consideration of a letter of intent to the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization for Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program funds for widening 73rd Street from Wilshire Blvd north to Hickman Road. Roll Call 198

Tillotson moved Peterson seconded approval. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Item 10: Discussion regarding Windsor Heights legislative priorities.

Oliver discussed and reviewed the legislative priorities. Allen Sydnes, 2012 66th Street, expressed his concern with the use of TIF. Oliver explained TIF in more detail and the benefits it has brought to the city.

Item 11: Council member comments.

Tillotson suggested the city create a program for neighbors to turn in their neighbor for positive things like a beautiful yard or home upgrades.

Item 12: Mayor's Inquiries.

Willits reminded everyone that this Friday is Movie in the Park night with Madagascar 2 playing. She also noted Saturday is Community Coffee, Councilmember Peterson noted he will be there.

Item 13: Adjournment to closed session pursuant to 21.5c and 21.5j of the Code of Iowa. Roll Call 199

Tillotson motioned to adjourn to closed session at 6:22 pm. Peterson seconded motion. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Open session resumed at 6:48 pm.

Item 14 Resolution establishing just compensation value prior to start of negotiations Roll Call 200 Tillotson moved approval with a \$705,000 value, Peterson seconded approval. Hunter, Tillotson, Peterson and Willits voted yes. Butz voted no.

Item 15: Adjournment - Roll Call 201

Willits moved Butz seconded to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. on August 3, 2009. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Diana Willits Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Marketa George Oliver, City Administrator/Clerk