

CITY OF WINDSOR HEIGHTS SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2014 – 12:30 p.m. City Hall - Publication version

RC=Roll Call Vote

Mayor Willits called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Council present: Steve Peterson, Charlene Butz, Betty Glover, Dave Burgess and Tony Timm.

Approval of the Agenda

Council Member Peterson moved approval, Council Member Butz seconded approval of the agenda. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Consideration of Resolution 14-0204 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a contract for the purchase of property located at 1145 66th Street, Unit 1 in Windsor Heights for the use of City Hall administration

Council Member Burgess stated he was not able to check out other real estate options as there was a time constraint. All options were true lease with no option to buy. Potential lease costs were approximately \$19,000 per year. Some of those options are close to City Hall, such as ReMax offices and 6500 University. To pay for the property, an option discussed was to raise the levy. The Council discussed this option, with Council Member Glover stating she was not in favor of raising the levy to pay for the purchase. CA Fiegenschuh said this is not about expanding staff, but about more efficient use of space and increase space needs. This option is more efficient and less costly than adding onto the current City Hall. It was agreed an informal open house should be planned so residents can view the police department to get a better understanding of needed space. Residents asked the Council to focus on streets and keep them as a priority.

The Council discussed several options such as asking for an opt-out clause in the purchase agreement if the Council changed their minds. Fiegenschuh said he would have the City Attorney draft that language. Council Member Peterson moved to approve with the agreed language, Council Member Timm seconded. RC Vote passed unanimously.

Adjourn to 6:00pm on Monday, March 3, 2014 for the regular meeting of the City Council.

Council Member Peterson moved and Council Member Burgess seconded. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Diana Willits, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey Allen Fiegenschuh, City Administrator/Clerk