

Council Questions/Comments and Staff Responses Report for June 9, 2014

as of June 9, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman: Rob Fazzini

Item 7F: Request to Approve a Budget Amendment to Account 40100100 – 70050 in the Capital Improvement Fund and Prepare Repair Documents and Construction Observation Services for the Pepsi Ice Center Parking Structure. (Recommend that the Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance to add funds to Account 40100100 – 70050 in the Capital Improvement Fund be passed, the proposal from Walker Restoration Consultants for Repair Documents and Construction Observation Services for the Pepsi Ice Center Parking Structure be approved, in the amount of \$155,250, the City Manager and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents, and the Resolution be adopted.)

Question/Comment: Recommend pulling because we have not had the opportunity to review background information.

Staff Response: An addendum was issued on Friday, June 6 that included the Council Memorandum and background materials. This item will be addressed during the meeting.

Alderman: Rob Fazzini

Item 7Q: Petition from Wendell Niepagen requesting approval of an Expedited Final Plat for Metro Communications Subdivision located south of Fox Creek Rd. and north of Veterans Pkwy. (Recommend that the Final Plat be approved and the Ordinance passed subject to Petitioner compliance with the Tap-On Fee Memorandum prior to recording.)

Question/Comment: What caused the property to be “forcibly annexed”?

Staff Response: This property was part of 4 tracts that were forcibly annexed by the City on 11/27/2000, Ordinance number 2000-180. This area was surrounded by the City at the time of annexation. This annexation was one of many done in the 1999-2000 time frame to clean-up the City limits for the 2000 census.

Alderman: Rob Fazzini

Item 7T: City Manager’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Action Plan. (Recommend the FY 2014 Action Plan be adopted.)

Question/Comment: Why are we being asked to vote on this prior to the review of the detailed project management task list to be done at the 6-16-14 Committee of the Whole meeting?

Staff Response:

Alderman: Rob Fazzini

Item 7U: Text Amendment to Chapter 29, Section 194B of the City Code Pertaining to the Seizure and Impoundment of Vehicles Used in Violation of Certain Criminal Offenses. (Recommend that the Ordinance be passed.)

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REGULAR AGENDA

Alderman: Rob Fazzini

Item 8A: Text Amendment regarding Structure of the City Legal Department and Agreement with Sorling, Northrup, Hanna, Cullen & Cochran, Ltd. to Provide Legal Services. (Recommend that the Text Amendment be approved, the Ordinance passed, the Agreement approved, and the City Manager and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)

- i. Legal Services Structure and Text Amendment
- ii. Legal Services Agreement

Question/Comment: Is it the intention to retain two in house attorneys on a permanent basis going forward? What is the cost comparison with the recommended plan versus the previous all in house system? Why is this hybrid system considered better than our previous all in house system?

Staff Response:

Alderman: Judy Stearns

Item 8B : Communications Center Console Upgrade and Fire Department Starcom Subscriber Equipment. (Recommend that the formal bid process be waived, the Agreement with Motorola Solutions, a State sanctioned Sole Source Provider, for the Communications Center Console Upgrade and Fire Department Starcom Subscriber Equipment be approved, in the amount of \$842,607, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents, the Procurement Manager be authorized to issue a Purchase Order, and the Resolution adopted.)

Question/Comment: Kindly review what the final consensus has been on the question of whether the City could look at a return to Metcom? While I know there have been various documents and information, I am interested in the City Manager's summary of the question of whether the City could look at a return to Metcom?

Staff Response:

Alderman: Rob Fazzini

Item 8C: Request to Approve Purchase of Technical Service Agreement from National Development Council (NDC) for the Administration Department's Economic Development Office. (Recommend that the twelve (12) month agreement with the NDC, a sole source provider, for Community and Economic Development Advisement be approved, in the amount of \$5,000 per month, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents, and the Resolution adopted.)

Question/Comment: Who will coordinate for the City with NDC, and who will analyze data presented by NDC?

Staff Response: The City's Economic Development Coordinator will be responsible for overseeing the work and services provided by the NDC. During such time when the ED Coordinator is not available, the City's Assistant to the City Manager and City Manager will oversee the Agreement.

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Alderman: Judy Stearns

Item 8C: Request to Approve Purchase of Technical Service Agreement from National Development Council (NDC) for the Administration Department's Economic Development Office. (Recommend that the twelve (12) month agreement with the NDC, a sole source provider, for Community and Economic Development Advisement be approved, in the amount of \$5,000 per month, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents, and the Resolution adopted.)

Question/Comment: Please provide a list of cities that are signed up with this organization.

Staff Response: The City's Economic Development Coordinator has requested a list of current NDC Client communities as of June 9, 2014. Once such a list is received, it will be shared. According to the NDC website (<http://www.nationaldevelopmentcouncil.org/>), various projects have been accomplished in the following communities:

Iowa City, IA
Tacoma, WA
Durango, CO
Kingston, NY
New York, NY
Ft. Benton, MT
Napa, CA
Fairbanks, AK
Ithaca, NY
Olympia, WA
Redmond, WA
Newburgh, NY
Rochester, NY
Tumwater, WA

Yonkers, NY
Madison County, IL
Portland, OR
Houston, TX
Seattle, WA
Ft. Collins, CO
Riverside County, CA
Hartford, CT
Los Angeles County, CA
Daytona Beach, FL
Syracuse, NY
Richland, WA
Lynwood, WA
Abilene, TX

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