

# MINUTES

Monday, June 2, 2008



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## Fiscal Committee

4:25 p.m.  
Carnegie Town Hall  
235 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street

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Members Present: Committee Chair – J. Pat Costello, Gerald Beninga, Vernon Brown  
Staff Present: Debra Owen, City Clerk; Jamie L. Palmer, Assistant City Clerk  
Guests: Eugene Rowenhorst, Director of Finance; Jon Klemme, IT Supervisor; Leif Hage, IT Support Staff; Council Member Kermit Staggers; Council Member Kenny Anderson Jr.; Council Member Bob Litz; and Council Member De Knudson

### 1. Call To Order

Committee Chair Costello called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Beninga and seconded by Brown to approve the meeting minutes of April 7, 2008 as written. Costello called for a voice vote on the motion. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

### 3. Reports and Updates

- A. City Council Cellular Phone Policy (draft)  
Debra A. Owen, Council Chief of Staff/City Clerk

Discussion occurred regarding the draft City Council Cellular Phone policy. The policy, if approved, would authorize a phone stipend for Council Members that use their personal cellular telephone to conduct City business.

Jon Klemme and Leif Hage gave input and shared the importance of having the units be Windows-based because they communicate better with the City network. Klemme stated that Council Members could have a city number that routes calls directly to a cell phone number which would eliminate the need to publish personal cell phone numbers. Klemme stated that he would research a Blackberry unit to see if emails could be forwarded and if the unit communicates with the City network. Debra Owen will research cost of units. Owen, Klemme and Hage will report back to the committee once they have completed their research.

### 4. Open Discussion

Discussion occurred regarding the Draft 2009 Budget Schedule. Discussion followed regarding the number of days needed for hearings and the deadlines that must be met. Proposed dates were suggested and Debra Owen will email the tentative schedule to all Council Members.

Discussion occurred regarding the Balanced Budget Resolution. Knudson stated that she would like to revisit this Resolution at some point in the future. Owen read the Resolution as written. The interpretation of the Resolution seems to vary. Costello stated that the administration will report back at a later date with suggestions for improvement for the Resolution. Beninga reminded Rowenhorst that he was the tiebreaker in the discussion on whether the amount included in the Balance Budget Resolution should be 11% or 25%. No action taken on this item.

Owen stated that the National League of Cities early bird registration deadline is June 16, 2008. Discussion occurred about the importance of two Council Members attending this conference. Owen will announce the deadline at the Informational meeting on Monday, June 9, 2008.

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5. Adjournment at 6:03 p.m.

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Beninga to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Costello called for a voice vote on the motion. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Jamie L. Palmer  
Assistant City Clerk