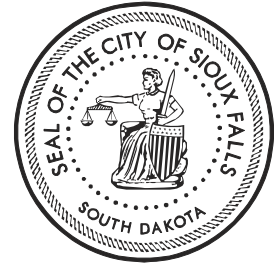


Minutes

Monday, June 4, 2007



Public Service Committee

3:00 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.
Carnegie Town Hall
235 West Tenth Street

Members Present: Kermit Staggers, De Knudson, J. Pat Costello

Staff Present: City Clerk, Debra A. Owen and Assistant City Clerk, Tamara M. Jorgensen

Guests: Bob Jamison, City Council Chair; Jonathan Ellis, Argus Leader; Georgia Hanson (3:13 p.m.), and Dick Gregerson (at 3:38 p.m.)

1. Call To Order.

Chairman Staggers called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from 05/14/07 Meeting

A motion was made by Committee Member Knudson and seconded by Committee Member Costello to approve the minutes with minor, cosmetic revisions.

3. Approval of Minutes from 05/21/07 Meeting

A motion was made by Committee Member Knudson and seconded by Committee Member Costello to approve the minutes with minor, cosmetic revisions.

4. Campaign Finance Ordinance Objectives

1. Finalized Post Election Reporting.

A consensus was reached that post election reporting would include filing 60 days after the election and any activity or amounts received after that time would be reporting on December 31 of that year.

2. Campaign Contribution Limits for Individual Contributors.

The following scenarios were discussed:

- a. No restrictions on individual or PAC Contributions.
 - b. Limitations on the amount of money an individual can contribute through the individual process and through the PAC.
 - c. If you limit individual contributions, you must limit PAC contributions as well.
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- d. No limit on the amount of money that can be raised, but a limit on how much one individual can contribute to a campaign.
- e. No limits on how much money can be spent, but a limit on how much one individual can contribute to a campaign.
- f. A limit on the amount of money can be raised for the campaign.
- g. Total elimination of all PAC contributions.
- h. Using a sunset clause for election revisions, if it does not work, other methods can be explored and implemented.
- i. Limit PACs to South Dakota contributions only.
 - Should people outside the City of Sioux Falls influence a Sioux Falls election?
 - What happens in Sioux Falls does have an influence on what happens in the state.
 - Who would monitor these types of PAC contributions?
- j. Have a set dollar amount limit of contributions to a campaign. An individual can contribute to both the individual and through a PAC, but cannot exceed the set limit.
- k. Full disclosure by knowing the names of each contributor to PAC's.

No action taken at this time.

3. PAC's.

See Above Notes.

4. Need to give adequate authority to enforce finance laws

This section not addressed at this meeting.

5. Additional Notes

Knudson encouraged input and welcomed suggestions from anyone regarding ways to improve this process. She asked when or if it would be appropriate to solicit suggestions from members of the press and other forms of media.

Owen asked the committee if they would like to invite the public to attend a public hearing or a public meeting to discuss proposed ordinance changes after they are drafted. All members agreed that this would be a good idea. Owen stated that she will have a draft of the discussed revisions for the next meeting so we can finish with the pre-election/post election updates.

Owen gave the committee information regarding the Mayoral race in Rapid City and the amounts that have been raised by the PAC committees. One PAC account has \$70,499 through contributions so far.

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Costello, Stagers and Jamison discussed the differences between how limiting or not limiting campaign finances can have an impact on the incumbent and the challengers. Stagers would like to see more of a creation for competition vs. restrictions or limitations. Name recognition, credibility, productivity while in service and the ability to raise campaign money were discussed.

The definition of and the use of IRS Code 527 in other nationwide and local elections was discussed. 527's can end up ruling a campaign with the candidate having little control over what ads are used. If 527 have become predominant in this area, campaign finance restrictions would limit the candidate's ability to counteract or 'fight' negative ads.

State law provision 12.25 and the City Charter have an impact on election laws. Owen stated that the state law does not address limitations and that this committee could amend an ordinance to increase or decrease election contributions.

6. Next Meeting is Scheduled For: Monday, June 18, 2007, at 3:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment at 3:55 p.m.