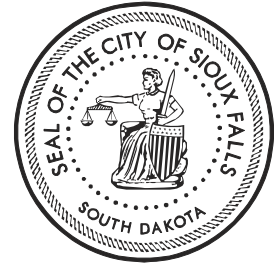


Minutes

Monday, June 25, 2007



Public Service Committee

3:00 pm – 3:58 pm
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: Georgia Hanson, Dick Gregerson, Darrin Smith, Katy Dressen and Karen Leonard (3:10 pm)

1. Call To Order.

Chairman Staggers called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Guest introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes from 06/18/07 Meeting

A motion was made by Committee Member Costello and seconded by Committee Member Knudson to approve the minutes.

3. Campaign Finance Ordinance Objectives

1. Definitive answer on Campaign Contribution Limits for Individual Contributors.
Discussion occurred. No action taken.

“Intent To Run” Form: Need to find a reasonable balance between the ‘public’s right to know’ and giving the candidate the opportunity to strategically assess his/her chances of winning.

Financial Reporting: It was determined that it is of value for the citizens to know who is contributing to a campaign, how much money is being contributed and where the money is being spent. This information should be clear and specific giving all candidates the same, level playing field. If a candidate or a person thinking about becoming a candidate either receives or disperses an amount equivalent to \$500.00 or more during the calendar year prior to an election, those details should be recorded and given to the City Clerk’s Office for the first report due on December 31st of that calendar year. Additional financial reports are due the end of each month prior to the Election date along with a financial report the Friday before the Election Day.

Candidate Definition: Discussion was held regarding the specific definition of a candidate and what transaction should be used to determine or ‘trigger’ when a person is an ‘official’ candidate. The discussion addressed the Notice of Intent forms, the financial statement filing requirements and the dates revolving around petition action. No decisions made on this subject.

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2. PAC's.

Discussion occurred. No action taken.

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.
- d. A limit on the amount of money can be raised for the campaign.
- e. Total elimination of all PAC contributions.
- f. Limit individual and PAC contributions for Sioux Falls elections to Sioux Falls citizens only.
 - Should people outside the City of Sioux Falls influence a Sioux Falls election?
- g. 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.

3. Need to give adequate authority to _____ enforce finance laws

No Discussion, no action taken.

4. Next Meeting is Scheduled For: Monday, July 2, 2007 at 3:00 pm and will include dialogue regarding the Board of Ethics decision that Council Members and Elected Officials cannot gather signatures on petitions.

5. Adjournment: 3:58 pm

Tamara M. Jorgensen, Assistant City Clerk