

Minutes

Monday, July 2, 2007



Public Service Committee

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
at Carnegie Town Hall
235 West Tenth Street

Members Present: Kermit Staggers and J. Pat Costello

Staff Present: Assistant City Clerk, Tamara M. Jorgensen

Guests: Georgia Hanson

1. Call To Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes from 06/25/07 Meeting

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

3. Campaign Finance Ordinance Objectives

1. PAC's.

Chairman Staggers stated that he would like to see the following regarding campaign finance objectives: No limit on individual contributions, no limit on PAC contributions, timely and accurate reporting and open information. After discussion, Committee Member Costello communicated that whatever proposed changes are made, the City Council will still need to review and discuss. More revisions may be made in the future to whatever changes are recommended now.

As the group would like to have only one or two more meetings, it was determined that a listing of the ordinance revisions would be presented at the next meeting and the Committee members would vote on each item.

Also, a discussion and decision should be made on the 'Intent to Run' form, and a discussion on the Ethic Committee's recommendation about elected officials involvement in campaign activity.

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

Chairman Staggers stated that he would like to see the City Clerk's position responsible for enforcing the finance laws. In contrast, the City Clerk's position is the Election Representative for the City of Sioux Falls and, as such, it is vital that this position remain 'neutral' regarding any enforcement issues. Discussion covered having the City Clerk's Office monitor finance law infractions and that the City Attorney's Office maintains responsibility for enforcement.

Discussion continued regarding the method of enforcement needed and the dollar amounts of any fine(s).

4. Next Meeting is Scheduled For: Monday, July 9, 2007

5. Adjournment at 3:45 p.m.

Tamara M. Jorgensen
Assistant City Clerk
