

NOTES

Wednesday, September 8, 2010



Council Working Session

4:00 p.m.
Carnegie Town Hall
235 West Tenth Street

Members Present: Sue Aguilar, Vernon Brown, Michelle Erpenbach, Greg Jamison, and Rex Rolfing

Members Absent: Bob Litz, Kenny Anderson Jr., and James Entenman (arrived at 4:14 p.m.)

Staff Present: Debra A. Owen, City Clerk/Chief of Council Operations and Jamie Palmer, CMC, Assistant City Clerk

1. Call To Order

Council Chair Jamison called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Proposed Budget Amendments

Discussion occurred regarding the proposed amendments A through J. Erpenbach formally withdrew proposed amendment I. Amendments will be sponsored in the following way:

- A. Forestry Program - Anderson Jr./Erpenbach
- B. Compass Center - Aguilar/Rolfing
- C. Children's Inn - Rolfing/Brown
- D. Pool Hours - Erpenbach/Aguilar
- E. Municipal League Dues - Brown/Jamison
- F. Budget Analyst - Aguilar/Erpenbach
- G. Center for Active Generations - Brown/Jamison
- H. Zoo subsidy - Brown/Rolfing
- I. Formally withdrawn by Erpenbach
- J. Events Center Design - Brown/Jamison

Jamison shared the amendments that he is proposing. They were not in written format. The amendment would use the \$500,000 earmarked for the Events Center design for: Carnegie building improvements (\$248,000) and also to restore the Facade easement program and use the remainder for park land acquisition. He stated that he would also propose an amendment to restore \$300,000 to the Park and Recreation budget for mowing and ground maintenance but hasn't finalized the funding details yet.

Discussion occurred about arterial streets and intersection improvements. Studies will be done on intersections and roads for work replacement. Jamison stated that a priority list will be given to the council very soon. Aguilar asked if amendments can be brought the night that the budget is approved. Owen stated yes, but explained the importance of having them prepared before the meeting.

Aguilar asked about the Capital Improvement Plan in relation to projects that are in the plan in 2014. Discussion followed. It was stated that the council is voting on the plan itself not the individual projects that are outlined in the plan and that the appropriation of money for those projects occurs when the budget is approved each year.

Entenman spoke about the proposal for the development of a Business Improvement District as a funding source for the CVB. The funds will be used to promote the city and to bring more events. Petitions have been signed by 73% of the hotel owners and the petitions were officially filed in the City Clerk's office. He said that hotels under 40 rooms are exempt from the BID. Entenman said that they are continuing to meet with hotel owners just to be sure that everyone has the information. Owen stated that the Resolution of Intent will be voted on next Monday, September 13, 2010, and the 1st Reading of the ordinance is scheduled for November 8, 2010 and 2nd reading is scheduled for November 15, 2010. Entenman stated that Mayor Huether has expressed his support for this BID.

Jamison spoke about a change in reporting for sales tax. It will now be reported in an accrual basis rather than the cash basis. Rowenhorst stated that they will generate the "old way" and the "new way" report for a short while. Discussion occurred about the monthly distribution letters from the State of South Dakota.

3. Open Discussion

There was none.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Jamie L. Palmer, CMC
Assistant City Clerk