SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Sertich at 7:30 p.m. with the following Roll Call:Members Present:Ald. Sertich, Ald. Mastalish, Ald. GeringMembers Absent:Mayor Moede, Deanna Boldrey, Kathie Wild, Ald. Voss, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Redeker,
Mike Kurutz, Don Neitzel, Carla Hagen, Sally Kahlhamer

<u>Item #2 – Convene into Committee of the Whole to Discuss Items on the Finance Agenda.</u> Motion by Ald. Gering, second by Ald. Mastalish to Convene into Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 – Budget Remarks by the Mayor.

Mayor Moede reported that there have been good discussions for the 2011 Budget and it is right in line for the 9 year plan. The Mayor passed the gavel back to Ald. Sertich with no objections from the Council.

Item #4 – Discuss/Recommend the 2011 City Budget.

Discussion ensued to the items of the 2011 City Budget that were questioned from the previous meeting.

The outdoor swimming pool operating budget was the first item of discussion. Alternatives for the outdoor swimming pool were discussed. Don Neitzel brought forward alternatives for the outdoor pool including a map of the proposal. It was noted that the body of water is spring fed. There is no conceivable way to divert the water. The area is prone to flooding. It was noted the major traffic area with Park View School during school pick up and drop off. A lit decorative fountain/aerator was discussed. The fountain/aerator and blue dye would cut down on the algae growth. Mike also mentioned moving the fence to the shoreline area. Mike noted extending Oak Street to Ruedebusch down to Degner Ave. and taking the bathhouse out as part of the proposal. Mike pointed out the fountain cost, electrical cost, fence, topsoil, seeding, and bathhouse demo. Electrical to the tennis courts lights would need relocated. Mike noted that he did not believe the tennis courts lights were needed, poles are old. Ald. Mastalish questioned the maintenance, electrical, and chemicals. Ald. Voss questioned if the City could tear the bath house out rather than hiring that portion out. The traffic traveling one way to Rudebush was discussed. Ald. Voss questioned if the area should be sold/offered to the school. Possible parking alternatives for the area were discussed. Ald. Gering noted that it is a nice proposal. Ald. Redeker questioned if the water could be brought more to the center. Mike noted that there is a culvert there that keeps the depth. It was noted the springs are active. Don discussed the proposal. Ald. Sertich noted that there could be grant money available. Ald. Sertich noted that Kathie Wild is waiting for a call back from FEMA on the 30 month extension. Ald. Sertich pointed out that she did not want the area to be confused for a truck route.

The Cemetery request was then discussed. Deanna noted that she followed up with the City Attorney, the League attorney, and the clerk's network. She read the state statute and the statement from the City Attorney. Ald. Sertich noted that the City is ultimately responsible for the cemetery. Ald. Sertich noted that the City will work with the cemetery such as tree clearing, black dirt, and will continue the snow removal.

The Sr. Center replacing the carpeting was removed from the parking list. The Sr. Center will look at replacing their carpeting with the next budget cycle.

Ambulance maintenance was then discussed. The proposal is for \$14,000 for maintenance. Concern is for the 1998 ambulance. Motion by Ald. Mastalish, second by Ald. Redeker to Change the \$14,000 Ambulance Maintenance to \$7,500 for all ambulances. Motion carried 5-1, Ald Sertich voted no.

The landfill attorney line item was then discussed. It was questioned if any of the landfill attorney fees would be covered by Veolia. The Mayor did not have any new information on the item yet. Ald. Gering noted to leave the amount as is.

Motion by Ald. Mastalish, second by Ald. Redeker to Take a Recess at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ald. Voss, second by Ald. Redeker to Reconvene at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

The Longevity was then discussed. Ald. Sertich noted that it would be only right that non-union full-time employees should be grandfathered in and then as people leave it is eliminated and there is savings in place. Ald. Sertich asked the Clerk to read the minutes from September 21, 2009. Motion by Ald. Sertich, second by Redeker to Bring in and extend Longevity to all Existing Non-Union Full-Time Employees to be Grandfathered in until it comes to an end. Kathie Wild questioned if the word full-time should be used as some employees get longevity that are not full-time. Ald. Gering pointed out that it was not right to bring up longevity in the eleventh hour. Motion by Ald. Mastalish, second by Ald. Pasbrig to amend the motion with a sunset date. Amendment motion tied 3-3, Ald. Mastalish, Ald. Sertich, and Ald. Pasbrig voted yes; Ald. Redeker, Ald. Gering, and Ald. Voss voted no. The Mayor broke the tie by voting yes. Amendment motion carried 4-3. Original Motion as amended tied 3-3. Ald. Sertich, Ald. Mastalish, Ald. Pasbrig voted yes; Ald. Redeker, Ald. Voss, and Ald. Gering voted no. The Mayor broke the tie by voting yes. The Original motion as amended carried 4-3.

Motion by Ald. Redeker, second by Ald. Sertich to Back out Proposed Raises for Non-Union Employees. Motion carried 5-1, Ald. Voss voted no.

The TAG Center subsidy was then discussed. It was noted that the subsidy is at \$125,806. Motion by Ald. Voss, second by Ald. Redeker To Change the TAG Center Subsidy to \$120,000. Motion tied 3-3. Ald. Voss, Ald. Gering, and Ald. Redeker voted yes; Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Mastalish, and Ald. Sertich voted no. The Mayor broke the tie by voting yes. The motion carried 4-3.

<u>Item #5 – Review Resolution 4272-2008 Review of Vehicle Registration Fee Ordinance Annually with</u> <u>Possible Recommendation of Amendments to Ordinance 1013-2008 Vehicle Registration Fee.</u> The City Clerk read the resolution.

Item #6 – Reconvene into Finance Committee.

Motion by Ald. Mastalish, second by Ald. Gering to reconvene into the Finance Committee. Motion carried 6-0.

<u>Item #7 – Receive, Consider, and Approve Committee of the Whole Report</u>. The City Clerk read the Committee of the Whole Report of motions from the Committee of the Whole.

Motion by Ald. Gering, second by Ald. Mastalish to approve the Committee of the Whole Report as noted below. Motion carried unanimously.

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<u>Item #8 – Adjournment</u> Motion by Ald. Gering, second by Ald. Mastalish to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Deanna Boldrey, City Clerk