

**COUNCIL AS A WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

Council President Mr. Morley opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Members of Council in attendance were Mr. D'Ambrosio, Mr. Knuchel, Mr. Hoefle, Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Lajeunesse, Ms. DePledge and Council President Mr. Morley. Also attending was Council Clerk Mrs. Cendroski.

Attending from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Law Director Mr. Klammer, Finance Director Mr. Condrón, CBO Mr. Stigalt, and Fire Chief Whittington. City Engineer Mr. Gwydir was absent and excused.

Also in attendance were members of the public.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED:

02-23-(01): Agreement: Village of Timberlake and City of Eastlake: Fire Protection and/or Rescue Squad Services:

Mr. Morley: The first item on the agenda is Legislation No. 02-31-(01) – an Agreement with the Village of Timberlake and the City of Eastlake for Fire Protection and/or Rescue Squad Services. This was heard in Mr. Lajeunesse's Committee but I will ask Mr. Condrón or the Mayor to speak on that.

Mayor Andrzejewski: This is a standard 3-year renewal at a 5% increase each year. Timberlake has already passed it so this is just for our Council to pass it.

Mr. Morley: Fire Chief Whittington do you have anything to add?

Chief Whittington: Nothing at this time.

Mr. Morley: That will appear on tonight's agenda – right Mr. Lajeunesse?

Mr. Lajeunesse: Yes, it will.

Mr. Morley: Are there any further comments or questions?

There were no further comments or questions.

Upon review by the Committee, there were no objections to move forward with Legislation No. 02-23-(01) for passage at the evening's regular Council meeting.

02-23-(02): Repeal: City Ordinance Section 1347.24 “Political Signs”

Mr. Morley: The next item on the agenda is Legislation No. 02-23-(02) – a repeal of City Ordinance Section 1347.24 “Political Signs.”

Ms. Vaughn: The Ordinance Committee discussed this thoroughly and since the Building Department is in the process of revising the entire Sign Ordinance section of the Codified Ordinances it will appear there under “Temporary Signs” and for that reason we are asking to repeal City Ordinance Section 1347.24.

Mr. Morley: Are there any comments or questions?

There were no comments or questions.

Upon review by the Committee, there were no objections to move forward with Legislation No. 02-23-(02) for passage at the evening’s regular Council meeting.

02-23-(03): Bid Advertisement: JFK Senior Center Roof Repair Project:

Mr. Morley: The next item on the agenda is Legislation No. 02-23-903) – a bid advertisement for JFK Senior Center roof repair project.

Mr. Hoefle: The Recreation Committee meeting was held February 16, 2010. Mr. Doberduk, Senior Center Coordinator was absent and excused. This was moved forward. I will elaborate more on this at the Regular Council meeting.

Mr. Morley: Are there any comments or questions?

There were no comments or questions.

Upon review by the Committee, there were no objections to move forward with Legislation No. 02-23-(03) for passage at the evening’s regular Council meeting.

LEGISLATION PENDING:

There was nothing in Legislation Pending.

MISCELLANEOUS

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RENEWALS:

Discount Drug Mart, Inc., 34100 Vine Street, Eastlake:

ACME Federal Credit Union, 34799B Curtis Blvd., Eastlake:

Mr. Morley: The next items on the agenda are Conditional Use Permit Renewals for Discount Drug Mart, Inc., 34100 Vine Street, Eastlake and ACME Federal Credit Union, 34799B Curtis Blvd., Eastlake.

Mr. D'Ambrosio: The items were discussed in the Planning Committee meeting which was held on February 16, 2010. Both of the renewals were moved forward and I will be making a Motion during my report.

Mr. Morley: Mr. Knuchel were your questions answered that you sent over?

Mr. Knuchel: I had a question why ACME Federal Credit Union needed a Conditional Use Permit? Mr. Stigalt did get back to me regarding this question. He did research it and could not find an actual reason why as stated in a document. It has been in business since 1999.

Mr. Klammer: *(Mr. Klammer's comment was inaudible.)* I can look for more information in between meetings.

Mr. Knuchel: I know we were looking at it during the meeting and couldn't find anything and I had asked Mr. Stigalt to look into it further. So if you would like to do that in between meetings.

Mr. Klammer: I will look at it in Mr. Stigalt's office in between meetings.

Mr. Knuchel: Thank you.

Mr. Morley: Are there any comments or questions?

There no comments or questions.

Upon review by the Committee, there were no objections to move these items forward at the evening's regular Council meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sale of PAL Houses

Mr. Morley: I would like you to check into the PAL houses. Could you get with PAL and CBO Mr. Stigalt and possibly look at instead of us purchasing these homes we work with PAL and do lot splits. We wouldn't have to buy the houses but get in the end what you are looking for. That the lots would already be split and we would get that property.

Mayor Andrzejewski: So who would determine the price of the property?

Mr. Morley: I think that the City and PAL would have to work that out. I see what the prices are and from what I've heard they are not going to come down and change their pricing. If we are looking at buying these houses for a quarter of a million dollars compared to working with them to get the lot splits and get some of the property - I'm sure it is going to be a lot less. It is just something for you to look at - that's what's I'm asking you. I know it will go into the Finance Committee and we will discuss it there and I'm just trying to give you a little heads up if you can do some research. That's my opinion - I haven't talked to anyone on Council about it.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I sent over a memo to Mr. Leff. Mr. Leff is going to research it for us and find out what the original sale prices are and based on his opinion as a realtor how much the house prices have gone up or down and determine in his opinion what the fair price is for the City to pay. Then I was going to get back with Police Officer Little and give him our review what we would pay for the houses.

The second thing is the real estate fee. I just talked to Police Officer Little today and Mr. Leff suggested that we talk to the realtor and that sometimes the realtor, when they know there is a snag in the circumstances, might be able to waive the six month commitment because there is three months left to go on the contract. Specifically, I asked Police Officer Little to ask the realtor that since the City is buying it that we don't need a realtor. Police Officer Little can tell them that he has known that the City was interested before and we would not have engaged in a realtor. Let those two things pass and see what kind of price you come up with. I would think that we would be having a big discussion about this.

Mr. Morley: I know we are going to do that.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I would think that we would have a discussion on how much the land is worth.

Mr. Morley: I talked to Police Officer Little, also, and he was telling me that the real estate company is done in March and they are looking at re-renting them because right now they don't have the renters and they are paying out of their pockets for these mortgages.

Mayor Andrzejewski: We are talking about a week or so.

Mr. Knuchel: Mr. Morley, what I think you are trying to say is that you are trying to cut down the time we spend in Committee - streamline this as much as possible. If we are going to do this we don't want to have big, long discussions about the things that could and should be done - and that is why you are discussing this now.

Mr. Morley: Exactly.

Mr. Klammer: Where the potential lots split are?

Mr. Morley: Right – get with PAL and then look into what our potential costs would be. When looking at the budget that's a lot of money that we don't have. Then we are taking the risk that we will get these two houses then we can't sell them for a year or two.

Mr. Klammer: *(Mr. Klammer's comment was inaudible.)*

Mr. Morley: I'm just trying to do a little leg work before we get to the meeting. So when we get to the meeting - and I ask that question at that meeting - then we have issues again.

Ms. Vaughn: I sit on the PAL Board and I do know what the situation is. I just will let you all know that PAL cannot absorb the loss - they have to receive at least what the mortgage is – they don't want to make any money but they have put \$30,000 into the houses. They have to get what they owe on the houses plus the real estate commission and they can't go below that. That's why they are considering selling the houses.

Mr. Morley: Are there any further comments or questions?

Mr. Knuchel: Ms. Vaughn, since you are on the PAL Board, who is now on the PAL Board presently? Did you have a meeting to discuss what steps would be taken and did you vote on whether you wanted to proceed with this?

Ms. Vaughn: The meetings are the first Tuesday of every month so we have one coming up. Two members of the board did have a group discussion with the Mayor about several other issues and I think at that point and time it may have been raised but nothing was definitive and this was back several weeks ago. The board members are the Chief of Police, Lt. Garbo, Police Officer Little, Lt. Hurst, Mr. Skorich, Ms. Ross, Police Officer Clayton and myself.

Mr. Knuchel: I was just curious because if we are going to go through with this I just wanted to make sure that the PAL Board was together and had gone through their necessary processes.

Ms. Vaughn: They have not.

Mr. Morley: Are there any further comments or questions?

There were no further comments or questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:14 p.m.

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