



City of Flint, Michigan
Meeting Minutes 2
GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE

Third Floor, City Hall,
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Jacqueline Poplar, Chairperson, Ward 2
Sandra Hill, Vice Chairperson, Ward 4

Delrico J. Loyd, Ward 1 Kerry Nelson, Ward 3
Carolyn A. Sims, Ward 5 Sheldon Neeley, Ward 6
Jim Ananich, Ward 7 Ehren Gonzales, Ward 8
Scott Kincaid, Ward 9

Inez M. Brown, City Clerk

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

5:00 PM

Committee Room

ROLL CALL

LICENSES

There were no licenses before the City Council.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions before the City Council.

APPOINTMENTS

090192 Appointment/Director of Communications/Robert Campbell

Resolution approving the appointment of Robert Campbell (875 Millerway Drive, Fenton MI 48430) as Director of Communications, who will oversee the communication efforts of the City of Flint on a part-time basis for the term of the Acting Mayor at a salary of Forty Dollars (\$40.00) per hour at a maximum of thirty (30) hours per week, as recommended by Acting Mayor, Michael K. Brown.

This item was dropped by the City Council. Duplicate resolution. See Resolution 090152 which was presented to City Council for approval during the Special City Council Meeting held on 2/18/09.

Discussed

DROPPED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Councilman Ananich made a motion to postpone all Discussion Items for two (2) weeks.

080428 Tree Removal/1318 Cronk Avenue

Referral by Councilperson Ananich to PARKS & RECREATION/MAYOR/ADM.

He asks that the Forestry Division check a tree on the City property at this address for possible removal. Please provide a written response of actions taken and when.

POSTPONED

080473 Kearsley Park/Standing Water/Erosion

Referral by Councilperson Ananich to PARKS & RECREATION/MAYOR/ ADM. He asks that Administration address the following concerns within Kearsley Park: (1) along the northwest side of the park, in a parking lot near the playground, there is an accumulation of standing water - which becomes a haven for mosquitos every summer; and (2) on the same side, the erosion along the hill is so bad that it is now encroaching the area residents' properties. Please provide a written response to all Councilpersons detailing plans for fixing these problems within the park.

POSTPONED

080761 Re-Appointments/Flint Park Lake Citizens District Council

Memorandum from Councilwoman Jackie Poplar (Ward 2) sent to Donald J. Williamson, Mayor, regarding the lack of response to several referrals made by the City Council regarding the re-appointment of members to the Flint Park Lake Citizens District Council. To date, no responses have been received.

Councilman Ananich, supported by Councilman Kincaid, made the motion to drop this item on behalf of Councilwoman Poplar.

DROPPED

081344 Mayor's Veto/Appointment/Flint Planning Commission/Patrick Ryals

Referral by Councilwoman Poplar to MAYOR/ADM. She pointed out Resolution 081323 - Appointment of Patrick Ryals to the Planning Commission, which was adopted by the Flint City Council on September 22, 2008, was presented for Council approval due to bad information provided to the City Council. She, therefore, asks the MAYOR/ADM to recommend an appointment to this Commission representing the 2nd Ward, for City Council approval.

Councilwoman Poplar asked for this referral to be re-sent to the Acting Mayor recommending the appointment of Mr. Patrick Ryals to the Flint Planning Commission.

Discussed

Referred for Response to the MAYOR/ADM

POSTPONED

090090 Golf Courses/Season Passes/Policies & Procedures

Referral by Councilman Neeley to PARKS & REC/MAYOR/ADM. He requests the Parks & Recreation Department provide all members of the City Council

and the City Council Office with responses, in writing, to the following: (1) Constituents are having difficulties purchasing their season passes for 2009. Why? (2) Constituent are having trouble finding the appropriate personnel in order to purchase a season pass for the Golf Season 2009. Who should they be directed to contact? (3) Please forward a copy of the procedures and policies outlining how one goes about purchasing a Season Pass. Request this information be provided as soon as possible.

Councilman Neeley made the motion to drop this item from the agenda, noting the Golf Courses are for sale.

Discussed

DROPPED

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

City Council Appointments & Removals/Boards/Commissions/CDC

Councilwoman Carolyn Sims addressed the issue of City Council appointments and removals from boards, commissions, etc., referring to the removal of Lynne Waybright from the Board of Review and the appointment of Mrs. Birdie V. Brooks replacing Mrs. Waybright.

090198 Smitty's Towing/Termination of Emergency Purchase

Referral by Councilman Neeley to MAYOR/ADM/PURCHASING. He asks the administration to review the emergency purchase order issued to Smitty's Towing in the amount of \$84,095.00. This emergency purchase was done in violation of the ordinance addressing emergency purchases, therefore: (1) Can the City of Flint legally terminate the contract with Smitty's Towing and send out RFPs (Request for Proposals) for this work?

Councilman Neeley addressed the issue of an Emergency Purchase dated for Smitty's Towing in the amount of . He asks the administration to review this emergency purchase and violation of the ordinance regarding emergency purchases. See Official Communication 090064 dated January 8, 2009, in the amount of \$84,095.00. He would like to know if the City is obligated to honor this emergency purchase for towing services for the City of Flint or can this service be re-submitted requesting bids to perform this service.

Councilman Kincaid asks the Purchasing Department and Acting Mayor to terminate this contract and solicit bids to perform these services.

Mr. Duane Miller, Governmental Affairs, stated the administration and Mr. Derrick Jones are looking at that to see if the contract can be terminated with Smitty's Towing. Councilman Neeley pointed out the emergency purchase was done illegally under the past administration.

Discussed

Referred for Response to the MAYOR/ADM

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE to the FINANCE COMMITTEE

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, this meeting of the Governmental Operations Committee adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Sheila Jennings-Haynes
Administrative Secretary to City Council*