

MINUTES	Tuesday, September 17, 2013	
Informational Meeting	4:00 PM at Carnegie Town Hall	
Sioux Falls City Council	235 West Tenth Street	

Members Present: Sue Aguilar, Kenny Anderson Jr., James Entenman, Michelle Erpenbach, Greg Jamison, Dean Karsky, Rex Rolwing, Kermit L. Staggers, Mike T. Huether

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Denise D. Tucker, CMC, Assistant City Clerk; Lorie Hogstad, CMC, City Clerk; David Bixler, Budget Analyst; and Jim David, Legislative/Operations Manager

1. Call To Order

Council Chair Jim Entenman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He said the Staff Report by Lorie Hogstad, City Clerk, would be given during the Presentation portion of the meeting. Entenman said Presentation C was going to be moved up and presented after the committee reports.

2. Staff Report

A. Lorie Hogstad, City Clerk
See item 6A for report.

3. Fiscal Committee

A. Report on the meeting held on Tuesday, September 3, 2013.

Council Member Sue Aguilar said the Fiscal Committee met on Tuesday, September 3, 2013. She said Brent O'Neil, Economic Development Manager, gave a report and provided background information on TIF 17. Aguilar said after O'Neil's presentation the committee had open discussion and discussed FEMA funds.

4. Public Services Committee

A. Report on the meeting held Tuesday, September 10, 2013

Council Member Kenny Anderson Jr. said the committee met on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, and the main item on the agenda was the Taxi Cab Ordinance review. He said there was some testimony given by cab owners.

Item 6 C was heard at this time.

Item 6 A was heard at this time.

Item 6 B was heard at this time.

5. City Council Open Discussion

Council Member Kermit Staggers discussed several amendments that he was going to be presenting at tonight's City Council Meeting. He said there were probably some amendments that weren't very clear so he provided additional informational regarding them. Discussion followed.

6. Presentations

A. Election Agreement Update with the Sioux Falls School District by Lorie Hogstad, City Clerk

Hogstad said the first item she was going to discuss was the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) review of the Vote Centers, which she was initially going to provide under Staff Reports. She said last Wednesday, September 11th; she toured the Vote Centers with Dr. Peter Blanck and Jim Felakas, both from New York City, and Bob Litz, the Minnehaha County Auditor. Hogstad said the things they looked for, which were outlined in the Department of Justice ADA Guidelines for Polling Places, included: physical accessibility of the Vote Center, parking lots, walkways, corridors, etc. They were able to complete the review that day. She said 12 of the 13 locations were in compliance. Hogstad provided a brief review of each location. The wheelchair cut out at Embrace Church was too steep, so it will no longer be used. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church will be the replacement location. She said this was exciting because now there will be a standardized list of Vote Centers for each election.

She provided an update on petitions for the Rezoning Referendum, for the proposed Wal-Mart store. Hogstad said some progress is being made, but she had to take a break for the ADA tour. She will resume working on the petitions tomorrow.

Hogstad discussed the pending Election agreement between the City of Sioux Falls and the Sioux Falls School District. Discussion followed.

B. August Monthly Financial Report by Tracy Turbak, Director of Finance

Huber said this report would provide a backdrop for tonight's budget hearing. He said the City is doing well financially. Huber reviewed the Sioux Falls MSA Unemployment figures, Building Permit valuations, Sales Tax collections, Entertainment Tax collections, Budget Revenue, and Budget Expenses. Discussion followed.

C. Levee Systems Project Improvements Update by Mark Cotter, Director of Public Works; Tom Berkland, Principal Engineer; and Ted Streckfuss, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Omaha District, Deputy District Engineer, and Chief of Programs and Project Management Division

Cotter introduced several people who have been involved in the project. He presented a PowerPoint presentation and discussed: the Levee System improvements; FEMA map updates and funding challenges; and project construction history. Cotter said the project is now substantially complete. He provided a review of the project costs and cost shares. Cotter said the next step is for a Levee System evaluation, which the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently working on. The evaluation is expected to be completed by the summer of 2014.

He also reviewed a map of the current floodplain and changes to the Flood Insurance Rate Map.

Streckfuss said within the December timeframe they will be able to provide a check to the City of Sioux Falls in the \$5 million to \$8 million range. This is a reimbursement of the funds the City advanced the federal government for the project. He said once everything is done, they will have reimbursed the City close to \$10 million. Streckfuss said this is not something he traditionally sees and thought it was good news. Discussion followed.

Mayor Mike Huether recognized the federal government for following through and paying the City back. He also was appreciative of the federal, state and local governments for their roles in this project.

7. Executive Session

A. Personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1)

A motion made by Dean Karsky and seconded by Rex Rolfing to enter Executive Session at 4:55 p.m., to discuss Personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1).

Council Chair Jim Entenman called for a voice vote on that motion and all members voted yes.
Motion Passed.

A motion made by Council Member Michelle Erpenbach and seconded by Council Member Sue Aguilar to exit Executive Session at 5:24 p.m.

Council Chair Jim Entenman called for a voice vote on that motion and all members voted yes.
Motion Passed.

8. Adjournment

Council Chair Jim Entenman adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

Denise D. Tucker, CMC
Assistant City Clerk