

No report.

5. Fiscal Committee

No report.

6. Land Use Committee

No report.

7. Public Services Committee

There will be a Public Services Committee Meeting on Monday, March 9, 2009, immediately following the Informational Meeting.

8. City Council Open Discussion

On Wednesday, February 25, 2009, Litz met with Ms. Lisa Bobbie Schreiber Hughes, the U.S. Ambassador to Suriname and Mr. Ivan Fernald, the Suriname Minister of Defense. South Dakota has adopted the country of Suriname (pronounced Sir -a-nom) as its host nation. Litz joined other city officials in a tour granted to the Suriname representatives.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed facility upgrades at McKennan Park. Citizen input was received at this time. Mr. Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation, addressed the citizen concerns.

Brown opened a discussion on pay raises for city employees. He invited Bill O Toole, Director of Human Resources to attend the next Informational Meeting on Monday, March 9, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. to give additional information on this topic.

Costello referenced a citizen letter regarding Public Works. Mayor Munson will forward the letter to Mark Cotter, Director of Public Works for his review and handling.

9. Presentations

- A. 2009 Sculpture Walk Program Presentation by Jim Clark, Director Sculpture Walk; and Russ Sorenson, Urban Planner

Clark gave an update on the 2009 Sculpture Walk Program and shared the statistical information regarding current and past sculpture programs. A power point presentation was shared with the City Council regarding the 2009 Program which included financial information.

B. Audit Reports: Budget Adjustments/Transfers of Appropriations and Surplus Auction by Rich Oksol, Lead Internal Auditor

Oksol provided copies to the Council regarding the budget information. He reviewed the objectives of the audit, the transfer of appropriations, and the audit findings. An update on surplus auction information was presented to the City Council including an update on online auction responses.

Budget adjustments and transfers of appropriations 08-08

Surplus Property Auction 08-12

C. 2010 Budget Calendar by Eugene Rowenhorst, Director of Finance

Beninga gave an update on a rough draft for a timeline for the budget presentations, process, etc. The timelines for the CIP and Operational budgets may need to be adjusted for future presentations. Discussion followed. Beninga asked the Council to review the information and return it within the next seven days so the Finance Committee can move forward with making the requested revisions.

Rowenhorst gave an update on the sales tax numbers.

10. Executive Session

A. Personnel matter

The Executive Session was postponed to Monday, March 16, 2009.

11. Adjournment

Council Chair Litz adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Tamara Jorgensen, CMC
Assistant City Clerk