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Tuesday, May 21, 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, Rex Rolwing, Kermit L. Staggers

Members Absent: Dean Karsky and Mike T. Huether

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

City Council Chair Michelle Erpenbach called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Staff Report

A. Lorie Hogstad, City Clerk

Hogstad gave a report pertaining to past referendum petitions that resulted in elections. She spoke about elections for: Proposing a Route for Highway 38; Serving of Food for On-Sale Liquor Dealers; Sewer Rental Fees; 911 Hospital Privileges; and the Washington Pavilion/Hotel & Convention Center.

3. Public Services Committee

A. Report on meeting held Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Councilor Kenny Anderson Jr. said they reviewed a draft of the Board of Health Ordinance Revisions by Jill Franken, Director of Health Department. The main discussion was the separating of the Board of Health and creating a Falls Community Health Governing Board. The committee voted to pass the item onto the City Council. Anderson said the second agenda item was Transit Fare Operations and Analysis. This pertained to Transit and Paratransit operations and the reduction of Paratransit hours. This item was forwarded to a future Council meeting. The May 15th, Sprinkler Task Force Meeting was discussed during Open Discussion. Erpenbach said the Paratransit item is on tonight's City Council Meeting agenda. Discussion followed.

4. City Council Open Discussion

Council Member Greg Jamison said with Item 28 on tonight's agenda, that they are selecting a new Chair and Vice Chair. He asked if this was Erpenbach's last time to Chair the Informational Meeting. She said yes. Jamison said they should acknowledge the extra work done by the outgoing Chair. Erpenbach commented on the work that is done by the Chair.

5. Presentations

A. April Monthly Financial Report by Tracy Turbak, Director of Finance

Erpenbach reminded the audience of today's School Board election.

Turbak provided an overview of finances for April and year-to-date. Councilor Rex Rolwing said the City's reserves look good and wondered if the City should use its own money instead of FEMA money for the tree clean up from the ice storm. Turbak said since the beginning of the ice storm the City has followed the federal process; tracked costs in compliance with what FEMA might require if it were (and it has been) declared a federal disaster. Turbak said steps were taken to minimize costs to the City and federal government. He added that foregoing millions of dollars in assistance would not, in his opinion, serve the financial best interest of the City. Turbak said he believes the federal assistance that Sioux Falls receives would have no bearing on the level of federal assistance for Oklahoma City. Discussion followed.

Councilor Dean Karsky arrived at this time.

B. Airport Runway Safety Improvements by Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Dan Letellier, Sioux Falls Regional Airport Authority Executive Director

Kearney said several weeks ago a letter was provided by Dan Letellier, Executive Director of the Airport Authority, to summarize the improvements to the runway safety area as well as the mitigation plan for Elmwood Golf Course. Today's presentation is a follow up to the letter and a chance for the Council to ask questions. Kearney introduced Letellier, Kevin Norby with Herfort Norby Golf Course Architects, and others that were present in the audience.

Letellier spoke about the FAA Mandate to ensure a 1,000-foot safety barrier at the end of each runway. He said the end of a runway, adjacent to the Elmwood Golf Course, is about 300-feet short of the requirement. Letellier said they have been working on this issue for several years. More than two years ago, there was an environmental assessment study done to find a solution to this problem. Letellier said four options were generated from the study. He discussed the option that was chosen, which will impact: three holes on the golf course, a fence and road. Letellier also discussed issues with tree growth at the airport and costs for renovating Elmwood Golf Course.

Norby, whose business is based in Chaska, MN., described the changes that would be made to Elmwood Golf Course.

Letellier explained the property exchange that will need to take place between the City and the Airport Authority for plan to work. Discussion followed.

C. Rural Metro Ambulance Rates by Tim Rave, Rural Metro Ambulance Operations Manager

Rave provided a brief explanation about the process to determine ambulance rate increases; and what the increase will be.

6. Adjournment

City Council Chair Michelle Erpenbach adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Denise D. Tucker, CMC

Assistant City Clerk