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Monday, March 9, 2009

|Informational Meeting
|City Town Hall
|Sioux Falls City Council
|Meeting

4:00 p.m. at Carne
235 West 10th Str

Members Present: Vernon Brown, J. Pat Costello, Greg Jamison, De Knudson, Bob Litz, and Mayor Dave Munson.

Members Absent: Kenny Anderson Jr., Gerald Beninga, and Kermit Staggers.

Staff Present: Debra A. Owen, City Clerk, and Tamara Jorgensen, Assistant City Clerk.

1. Call To Order

Council Chair Litz called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. City Council Staff Report

A. Updates from Debra A. Owen, City Clerk

Owen updated the Council regarding the Inside Town Hall programming and expressed gratitude to Channel 16 for their outstanding job of working with this project.

Owen referenced a memorandum regarding budget information and updates.

We are continuing to monitor the legislative session activity and there may be updates given at the Breakfast Club Meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 7:30 a.m.

Council Members Beninga and Staggers arrived at this time.

3. Mayor Munson

No report.

4. Audit Committee

No report.

5. Fiscal Committee

No report.

6. Land Use Committee

No report.

7. Public Services Committee

There will be a meeting following the Informational Meeting. The topics are the Code of Ethics ordinance and code enforcement.

8. City Council Open Discussion

Costello opened the discussion on budget presentation schedules and invited input from members of the City Council (who are not on the Fiscal Committee) regarding their preference for the budget presentation timelines. The presentations relate to receiving both the CIP and the Operating budget presentations at the same time. The suggestion was made to receive the CIP and Operating presentations from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on the following Mondays: August 3, 10 and 17. An additional time could be scheduled for Wednesday, August 19th if additional time is needed. Gene Rowenhorst, Director of Finance, addressed the Council regarding the current timelines and the deadline date of October 31st for the adoption of the budget. Discussion was held regarding the inclusion of the certified property tax levy numbers which are received from the County the first week of October. At this time, the proposal was made to hold the appropriations ordinance for first reading on Monday, October 5th with the second reading (and amendments) held on either Tuesday, October 13th or Monday, October 19th. Additional research will be requested from the City Attorney's Office on whether or not the appropriations can be voted on in September (prior to receipt of the tax levy information). After the City Council receives the additional information, this discussion will be continued.

Staggers noted that there was a slight delay in the broadcast. The City Clerk's Office will check into the cause for the delay and advise Council.

Knudson discussed a telephone call she received from a citizen regarding the OTR Tire Store located at 1700 E. 34th St. N. The citizen thought the business was closing and was wondering what was going to happen to all the tires. Knudson passed this information on to Mike Cooper, Director of Planning and Building Services.

Jamison asked the Council to think of ideas on how to assist the local citizens with turning around the local economy. He suggested giving preference points to South Dakota citizens for bidding projects so that South Dakota employees could receive work in the city. He encouraged the Council to have a meeting and invite individuals (who could come and brainstorm ideas) in helping the economy. Brown suggested that time at a future Informational Meeting could be reserved for input and suggestions from the Directors and also use that time for citizen input.

Litz opened a discussion regarding adding costs to residential houses - the proposed mandate for residential housing sprinklers. Mike Cooper, Planning and Building Services Director, gave an update on the national conference regarding building homes with sprinklers and that the City of Sioux Falls was not going to pursue that mandate at this time.

Beninga recommended that the Council Members attend the Charter Revision Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. at the Carnegie Town Hall. Beninga has attended a previous meeting and recommended that the number of signatures required on petitions be changed from 200 to a lower number. He also stated that consideration should be given to staggering the terms of Council Members. He noted that the 2010 election could result in 5 members of the Council will be replaced; given the fact that it takes 1 to 2 years to understand the responsibilities on the Council - 5 members leaving in 1 year is too much. Owen reminded the members that there may be a conflict of schedules with the Board of Equalization Hearings but that there will be additional Charter Revision Commission meetings in the future.

Jamison stated that he would like to host a "Coffee With The Council" on Saturday, March 14, 2009, from 9:00 am to noon at the Carnegie Town Hall located at 235 West 10th Street. He is inviting anyone to attend that may have ideas or input on what we can do to stimulate the economy.

9. Presentations

A. Internal Audit Report on Disbursements by Rich Oksol, Lead Internal Auditor

Document: Disbursements Audit

B. Internal Audit Report on Donated Money by Rich Oksol, Lead Internal Auditor

Document: Donated Money Audit

C. 2010 Budget Calendar by Council Member Gerald Beninga

This information was reviewed and discussed in Open Discussion.

D. City Employee Pay Raises by Bill O'Toole, Director of Human Resources

Bill O Toole, Director of Human Resources, presented a Power Point presentation regarding personnel salaries and cost of living adjustments. Discussion followed.

10. Executive Session

The executive session was cancelled.

A. Personnel Matter

12. Adjournment

Council Chair Litz adjourned the meeting at 5:18 pm.

Tamara Jorgensen, CMC
Assistant City Clerk