

Meeting Minutes  
Finance & Personnel Committee  
Wednesday – March 2, 2011 4:30 p.m. Council Chambers

Members present: Romberg, Morack, O'Connell, and Barrington. Tate excused.

Also present: Mayor Henke, Radke, Jeff Schlueter, Paul Hanlon, Steinhorst, Besaw, Bodoh, Mike Surprise, Art Malouf, Sandy Beyer.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Romberg. Motion made by O'Connell and seconded by Barrington to adopt the agenda. Carried 4-0.
2. Building Inspector Hanlon requested that a demolition order be prepared for 322 Avon Street. The residence has been vacant for some time, was inhabitable and the owner moved out of state. Estimated costs to the City if the property were razed would be between \$6,500 and \$8,500, depending on the removal of asbestos. The Committee requested that he get a number of quotes from local businesses for the demolition. The Committee then gave approval for Building Inspector Hanlon to move forward with the raze/repair order.
3. Appeal for denied Class "B" Beer license application to Michael Surprise for Pantry Café. The denial from Chief Schlueter was based strictly on the NLPD Bartender's License Approval Guidelines. The Committee and Mr. Surprise talked about his offenses and base on that discussion the Committee choose to grant the appeal as presented. Motion made by O'Connell and seconded by Morack to recommend to Council approval of the license. Carried 4-0.
4. Consider Board of Public Works recommendation to promote Jeff Bodoh to Director of Public Works. O'Connell/Morack made a motion to recommend to Council approval of the promotion. Carried 4-0.
5. Treasurer Radke went over the 10-year Health Insurance costs for the City. The City has made a conscience effort to address the rising cost of health insurance. Total health care costs in dollars for 2010 are close to 2004 and as a percentage of the operational budget, are at the 2002 level.
6. Treasurer Radke talked about the August 20, 2010 storm costs. She put together a cost by department and submitted it to the insurance company. Any funds received back from the insurance company will be deposited into the general fund. The costs were not as substantial as one would have anticipated driving through the City on that day.

7. Treasurer Radke prepared the costs of unfunded sick leave – compensated absences. It was approved at the February Finance meeting to assign fund balance for retirements to help alleviate some of the fluctuation in department budgeting from year to year. At this time, the amount seems to be adequate, but will be revisited each year during the year-end budget process

8. Budget reports were discussed.

9. Administrators Report was reviewed.

10. There being no further business Morack/O'Connell to adjourn. Committee adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Judy M. Radke, Treasurer  
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