

FINANCE/PUBLIC SAFETY/PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016
6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A Finance/Public Safety/Public Utilities Committee of the Whole Meeting was held on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6:04 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 204 Pulaski Road, Calumet City, Illinois, with the Honorable Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6 ALDERMEN: Schneider, Wosczynski, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos
ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: None

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Horvath, Police Chief Fletcher.

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order.

Accept call

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to accept the call as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#1: Security Procedures

Security Procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threaten, or a reasonably potential danger of the public or public property.

Executive Session

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to enter into Executive Session to discuss security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threaten, or a reasonably potential danger of the public or public property.

MOTION CARRIED

(The City Council met in Executive Session from 6:05 p.m. to 6:36 p.m.)

Return - regular order of business

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to return to the regular order of business.

MOTION CARRIED

#2: 2016 Summer Youth Program

2016 Summer Youth Employment Program.

There was discussion regarding 2016 Summer Youth Employment Program.

Approve summer youth program

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to recommend to move forward with the 2016 Summer Youth Employment Program. (6 per ward and 60 for entire program)

MOTION CARRIED

#3: Early Retirement Incentive

Early Retirement Incentive (referred to Finance Committee)

There was a lengthy discussion regarding Early Retirement Incentive and the cost savings of taking senior employees and not senior employees.

The city has to pass a resolution if they want to open an ERI.

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, not to move forward with the ERI.

MOTION CARRIED

There was a discussion regarding the Early Retirement Incentive and requesting a list of employees that would be eligible.

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush stated that the information was forwarded to everyone in a spreadsheet by Personnel Director Vallis at the time.

The annual savings to the city if replacing senior employees with non-senior employees would be \$226,942.75.

IMRF will not give the city a number until they know how many employees will participate.

Withdraw motion/not to moving forward ERI

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to withdraw motion to move forward with the ERI.

MOTION CARRIED

Early Retirement Incentive

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to direct the City Treasurer to prepare the numbers for possibly opening an ERI and what the cost would be to the city to IMRF.

MOTION CARRIED

Early Retirement Incentive

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to direct the Finance Director to prepare a summary of what the last ERI of what was supposed to be the savings and was an actual savings after whoever took it after we paid it off. (Both reports from City Treasurer & Finance Director submitted back to committee)

MOTION CARRIED

#4: Vacant properties

Vacant properties; referred to another meeting. Inspectional Services is working on a presentation for the council.

#5: Hiring (2) police officers

Letter from Assistant Chief DiFiori requesting approval to direct the Police & Fire Commission to hire two police officers due to resignations. (Guerrero and Panczuk) (referred to Public Safety Committee 3/31/16)

There was discussion regarding hiring police officers due to resignation of Guerrero and Panczuk.

Recommend hiring (2) police officers

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, recommended directing the Police & Fire Commission to hire (2) police officers from the current police testing eligibility list.

MOTION CARRIED

#6: Lateral transfers in police department

Lateral transfers in the police department.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding lateral transfers in the police department.

Police Chief develop lateral transfer list

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, recommended to direct the police chief to start developing a lateral transfer list.

MOTION CARRIED

Attorney review with police union lateral transfers

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, recommended to direct the City Attorney to review with the police union that when lateral transfers are done in the future and the amount of lateral transfers will be determined during the next appropriation ordinance.

MOTION CARRIED

#7: Yates Avenue retention

Yates Avenue retention pond repairs; application for EPA loan. (referred to Public Utilities Committee)

At the mayor's direction the City Engineer submitted on March 23, 2016 a pre-application for a loan; it was due by March 30, 2016 for the Waste Water Loan Project.

It is the City Engineer's recommendation to obtain the loan to address repairs at the Yates Avenue retention pond.

Recommend City Engineer to secure full loan

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to recommend and to direct Robinson Engineering to secure a full loan application not to exceed \$19,000.00; payable from the water fund #03036-52359 (Maintenance Retention Ponds Yates)

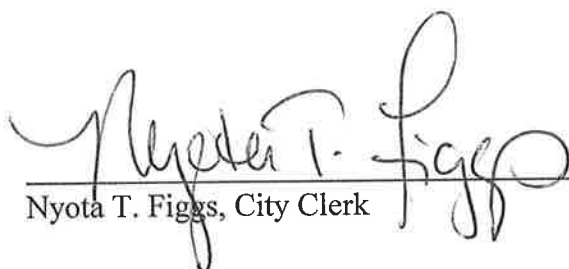
MOTION CARRIED

There was discussion regarding Yates Avenue Retention Pond and application for EPA loan.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:30 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Munda and seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos.

MOTION CARRIED



Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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