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Tuesday, October 14, 2008

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

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

Members Present: Kenny Anderson Jr., Gerald Beninga, J. Pat Costello, Greg Jamison, De Knudson, and Bob Litz.

Members Absent: Vernon Brown, and Kermit Staggers.

Staff Present: Debra A. Owen, City Clerk, and Jamie L. Palmer, Assistant City Clerk.

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Litz at 4:00 p.m.

2. City Council Staff Report

A. Updates from Debra A. Owen, City Clerk

Owen gave a brief overview of the agenda changes for the City Council meeting this evening. A Breakfast Club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 7:30 in Leonardo's Cafe. She requested 2 volunteers for Inside Town Hall taping on October 17, 2008.

Owen gave a brief overview for City Council Agenda Item 7, which is a 1st Reading for an Ordinance that will revise the boundaries for a voting precincts.

Owen gave a brief overview of the proposed changes to the Campaign Finance Ordinance that will be Item 6 on tonight's agenda.

Owen shared that three City Projects recently received awards at the 2008 Engineering Excellence event.

Council Members Brown and Staggers arrived at 4:03 p.m.

Costello asked for clarification on the Campaign Report filing dates for the 2010 Election. Discussion followed.

Beninga asked how voters will be notified of any changes recommended by the Redistricting Commission. Discussion followed.

Knudson stated that she would like to see the City get on the same election cycle as the state and she plans to come before the Redistricting Commission with that suggestion.

Brown stated that he encouraged the City, County, and School District to standardize polling places and said the issue was raised at a Breakfast Club meeting.

Costello requested a comparison of voter turnout for City Xouncil/School Board, City Council/Mayoral elections versus a Presidential election. Knudson stated that she didn't have the exact figures but the last Mayoral election percentage was around 37% and the last City Council election was approximately 19%. Discussion followed.

Knudson stated she would be curious to find out how many communities are aligned with the SD elections.

### 3. Mayor Munson

No report.

### 4. Audit Committee

Costello reported that the next meeting will be held on Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room.

### 5. Fiscal Committee

No report.

### 6. Land Use Committee

Jamison reported that they are working on scheduling a meeting.

### 7. Public Services Committee

Anderson reported that there will be a meeting held immediately following this Informational meeting.

## 8. City Council Open Discussion

Knudson stated that she and Mr. Staggers met with some County Commissioners, Bill Hoskins, and Dianne Metli for continued discussions regarding a collection storage and archival facility. She reminded everyone that the Cruisin Cuisine Exhibit open house will be held on Thursday, October 16th from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Siouxland Heritage Museum. She shared information regarding the Native American Day Program held at the Belbas Theatre. She commented on various exhibits she found interesting at the Washington Pavilion. Staggers, Jamison and Knudson attended the unveiling of the new recycling project called Recycle Bank. If businesses want information on becoming a rewards partner, she encouraged them to call Novak Sanitary Services.

Costello spoke regarding an email received about items that were assigned to committees at the last Informational Meeting. Land Use will address the Recycling/garbage issue and the railroad overpass issue. Security will be assigned to the Public Services Committee. Coffee for the Council was also discussed and Jamison said that it will be discussed at a later date. Anderson requested a larger picture of redevelopment area and Staggers requested information regarding the cost of tearing down houses in that redevelopment area. Discussion followed.

Litz stated that there is a planned bus trip tour of the events center in Fargo tomorrow morning. Costello stated that he will be driving separately and will also be visiting the facility in Grand Forks.

Knudson clarified that the League of Women s Voter forum for the Legislative Candidates will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Lincoln High School.

Brown spoke regarding the South Dakota Municipal League in Pierre last week. He shared that there was a lot of great presentations and good information. The meetings will be held in Watertown next year. Discussion followed.

Costello spoke regarding an upcoming ordinance that will allow wine sales for retailers on Sunday. He stated that he was contacted today regarding expanding that ordinance to full liquor sales on Sunday. These are City restrictions not State restrictions. City Attorney Amundson was asked to gather facts regarding the history of alcohol sales. Discussion followed.

## 9. Staff Report

There was none.

## 10. Executive Session

There was none.

11. Adjournment

Council Chair Litz adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Jamie L Palmer, CMC  
Assistant City Clerk