

MINUTES

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Informational Meeting 4:00 PM at Carnegie Town Hall

Sioux Falls City Council 235 West Tenth Street

Members Present: Sue Aguilar, James Entenman, Greg Jamison, Dean Karsky, Rex Roling, Kermit L. Staggers

Members Absent: Kenny Anderson Jr., Michelle Erpenbach 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 Jim Entenman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Public Services Committee

A. Report on meeting held Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Report was presented under City Council Open Discussion.

3. City Council Open Discussion

Councilor Rex Roling invited the public to stay for the Land Use Committee Meeting, immediately following the Informational Meeting. He said the committee would be discussing TIFs and deer feeding.

Council Vice Chair Dean Karsky reviewed the minutes of last week's Public Services Committee Meeting. He said they discussed the Sprinkler Task Force and taxi cabs.

4. Presentations

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

Turbak said they are at the midpoint of the City's fiscal year. The local economy and the City's finances continue to be strong. Unemployment rates dropped from 3.5% to 3.3%, from last month, in the MSA. Building permits continue to increase; from January to June almost \$350 million in construction permitted for the first half of the year. The Sales Tax growth rate has increased to 5.9%, over the past year. The Entertainment Tax growth rate is at 5.3%. General Fund Revenues is at \$65 million and Expenditures just over \$68 million, additional expenses have been incurred by Operation Timber Strike. Discussion followed.

B. City Council's Budget Update by David Bixler, Budget Analyst

Bixler reviewed the City Council's budget, which also encompassed the City Clerk's Office and Internal Auditor's Office.

C. Aquatic Facilities Update by Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation

Kearney presented the Aquatic Facilities Preliminary Design. He showed a

PowerPoint presentation, which reviewed: the Purpose of Project; Work to be Performed; Conceptual Designs; Outdoor Concept - Spellerberg Park; Indoor Concept - Spellerberg Park; Cost and Timeline for Completion; and Examples of Deliverables.

Part of the Purpose of Project is to provide the community with factual information regarding Spellerberg Pool, for the April 2014 Election. Kearney said there would be conceptual drawings for an indoor and outdoor facility options. Also, three dimension digital models would be provided for both options. He said the cost of the project is \$46,350.00 and should be completed in October 2013. Discussion followed.

Changes Impacting Local Housing and Service Providers by Stacey Tieszen, D. Coordinator for the Homeless Advisory Board; Shireen Ranschau, Executive Director of the Sioux Falls Housing & Redevelopment Commission

Tieszen said the Homeless Advisory Board recently met and discussed some things that were going on in the community, regarding affordable housing for those with incomes below 50% of the Area Median Income, the working poor and homeless.

Ranschau presented affordable housing statistics. She said fair market rent for a two bedroom unit is \$681.00; and a person would have make \$13.10 an hour at a full time job to afford it. In Sioux Falls, the average local wage for renters is \$10.80 per hour. This means they can afford rent of \$561.00. Ranschau said there are 3,555 households on a waiting list at Sioux Falls Housing for rental assistance. She said it is currently a four to five year wait.

Statistics for some local service providers in Sioux Falls, were also provided. The local service providers are: St. Francis House, Children's Inn, Union Gospel Mission, The Arena Motel, The Community Outreach, Good Shepherd Center; and the Banquet. Information was also released regarding the Salvation Army Warming Site.

## 5. Adjournment

Council Chair Jim Entenman adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Denise D. Tucker, CMC

Assistant City Clerk