

City of Reading Charter Board

March 17, 2015 – 7:00 pm

Council Chambers

Members Present: Susan Williams, James Fegley, Elizabeth Stanley, Tom Anewalt

Members Absent: None

Board Solicitor: Eric Smith, Esq

Members of the Public: Don Spatz, Reading Eagle

I. Administration

- The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fegley at 7:08 pm.
- The Board's meeting of March 3rd was cancelled due to inclement weather. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Penn Room.
- Meeting minutes for February 17, 2015 were submitted for review. A motion was made by Ms. Williams, 2nd by Ms. Stanley to accept the minutes as drafted, the motion passed by unanimous verbal vote.
- The chair announced there are no new Right to Know requests.
- A motion was made by Mr. Anewalt, 2nd by Ms. Williams to adopt and issue the 2014 Charter Board Annual Report as amended. The motion passed by unanimous verbal vote. The report will be forwarded for posting on the city web site.
- The Chair notes that there has been forward movement on the re-appointment of Ms. Stanley. Mayor Spencer has asked the Chair has asked to contact Frank Denbowski to facilitate the process for mayoral approval.
- Legal invoices for February were previously disseminated for review. A motion as made by Ms. Stanley, 2nd by Ms. Williams to approve the invoices for payment. The motion passed by unanimous verbal vote.
- The Chair noted that a DVD of the BCTV program which aired February 17, 2015 (featuring the Board) is available for \$25.00. A motion was made approving expense for the DVD by Ms. Stanley, 2nd by Ms. Williams, the motion passed by unanimous verbal vote.

II. Education

- The Board discussed scheduling a Charter Board educational session for Councilor Daubert and any other interested parties. A spring date prior to a scheduled Charter Board meeting is preferable. The Chair will discuss possible dates with the City Clerk.

III. Advisory

- No current requests.

IV. Solicitors Report

- The Chair announced an Executive Session to confer with counsel regarding the monthly Solicitors Report and to discuss with counsel a draft outline of the mediation proposal. The Board entered Executive Session 7:45 pm and exited Executive Session at 8:28 pm.
- Opportunity for public comment was provided prior to Executive Session, none was offered.
- After returning to open session, the chair noted that Complaint #46 was dismissed by the Investigative Officer on March 3, 2015. The complaint alleged violations of the Personnel Code and was dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

V. Closing

- A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Stanley, 2nd by Mr. Anewalt. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Williams, Vice Chair,

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