



CITY COUNCIL

Administrative Oversight and Land Use Committee

Monday, October 19, 2009
Meeting Report

Attendance: S. Marmarou, V. Spencer

Others Attending: S. Katzenmoyer

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by S. Marmarou.

Robert Swope (appointment – Board of Ethics)

Mr. Marmarou questioned how Mr. Swope learned of this opening. Mr. Swope noted that he had been approached by Doris Leisawitz, a former member of the Board.

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Mr. Swope was interested in becoming a member of this Board. Mr. Swope stated that he is now retired and was interested in giving back to the community. He stated that he reviewed information given to him by Ms. Leisawitz so he had a general idea of the Board's duties.

Mr. Marmarou questioned if he had served on any other City boards, authorities, or commissions. Mr. Swope noted that he had not.

Mr. Marmarou questioned if this would fill the Board. Ms. Katzenmoyer noted that there would be one additional position to fill should Mr. Swope be appointed.

The Administrative Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of Mr. Swope to the Board of Ethics.

Ms. Baez arrived at this time.

Mark Feeney (reappointment – HVAC Board)

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Mr. Feeney was interested in continuing to serve on this Board. Mr. Feeney noted that he has been a member for many years. He noted that he took a brief hiatus but is now back in the area and would like to continue serving.

Ms. Baez questioned if Mr. Feeney served on any other boards. Mr. Feeney noted that he was a member of the HVAC apprenticeship program at Berks Vo-Tech.

The Administrative Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Feeney to the HVAC Board.

Mr. Spencer left the meeting at this time.

Bernardo Carbajal (appointment – Minority Business Procurement Board)

Mr. Marmarou questioned how Mr. Carbajal learned of this position. Mr. Carbajal noted that he was working with Janice Paulino and she recommended that he apply. He described his experience with discrimination and his hope to help others. He stated his interested in serving the minority community.

Mr. Marmarou noted that he is an ideal candidate for this Board.

Ms. Baez questioned how many years Mr. Carbajal has been in the area. Mr. Carbajal noted that he has been a Reading resident for one year.

The Administrative Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of Mr. Carbajal to the Minority Business Procurement Board.

Mr. Waltman arrived at the meeting at this time.

Greg Geiger (reappointment – Stadium Commission)

Mr. Marmarou questioned if there were any changes that Council needed to know regarding the Stadium Commission. Mr. Geiger noted the communication problems between the Phillies and the Commission. He stated that he enjoys being at the ballpark and volunteering in this capacity.

Mr. Marmarou stated his belief that the Commission should be more active. He suggested that new ideas be communicated to the Phillies.

Mr. Waltman questioned if the Commission facilitated getting youth to games. Mr. Geiger stated that they do. He also noted that the Commission will be buying bats for the RHS baseball team as the School Board did not approve funding for this item. He stated that proceeds from an autographed jersey raffle will be used to purchase the bats.

Mr. Waltman suggested that former Reading Phillies who are now Philadelphia Phillies be approached to come back to Reading for assemblies at Reading schools. Mr. Geiger voiced his support of this idea and stated that he would take it to the Commissioners.

The Administrative Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Geiger to the Stadium Commission.

The Administrative Oversight Committee adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Shelly Katzenmoyer,
Deputy City Clerk