

**City of Reading**  
**City Council**  
**Committee of the Whole in Place of the Work Session**  
**Monday, September 19, 2011**

**Councilors Attending:** V. Spencer, M. Goodman-Hinnershitz, S. Marmarou, D. Reed, D. Sterner, J. Waltman

**Others Attending:** L. Kelleher, C. Geffken, C. Zale

Vaughn D. Spencer, President of Council, stated that a Committee of the Whole will be held in place of the Work Session. He called the meeting to order at approximately 6:55 pm.

**Managing Director & Council Staff Report**

Mr. Geffken stated that he has already updated Council during the Public Safety Meeting.

Ms. Kelleher stated that the Redistricting Committee and Citizens Advisory Board now have enough members appointed to constitute a quorum. She stated that the Legislative Aide Committee (CAB) will be convened by the Legislative Aide Committee and the Mayor's Office will convene the CAB.

**Repeat Findings**

Ms. Kelleher distributed copies of the updated Repeat Findings spreadsheet. She stated that this spreadsheet is updated annually after the completion of the external audit. The Finance Committee then works with the Administration and Auditor on a plan to address the findings.

Mr. Waltman noted that two (2) of the repeat findings in place since 2006 are Pension Reporting and Compliance. He reminded everyone about the City's miscalculation of the number of active employees now requires the City to make an MMO overpayment to the State.

Mr. Zale explained that municipalities are required to file an AG-385 form with the State Auditor General by March 31<sup>st</sup> annually. The certified information on form AG-385, along with data supplied by the Public Employee Retirement Commission, is used to compute the municipality's allocation of state aid for pension plans (MMO). As the information on the form was inaccurate the state overpaid the MMO which creates the need for the City to reimburse the State after the error was identified during

the Auditor General's recent audit of the 2007 report filed.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz inquired about the Internal Elected Auditor's role in reviewing the annual AG-385

Mr. Geffken stated that some of these repeat findings were corrected in the first half of 2011. He reminded the group that the audit reflects issues from 2010, not 2011.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz suggested building an action plan around the repeat findings that can be regularly updated as progress occurs. She expressed concern that some repeat findings have existed since 2003.

Mr. Spencer requested an update on the issues that were corrected in 2011. Mr. Geffken promised to provide the update at the September 28<sup>th</sup> Finance Meeting.

**Other**

The group discussed the Orangestone zoning enforcement issue with the Managing Director.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz announced that the Pagoda recently appeared on the America's Got Talent television program.

As no other issues were brought forward the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk*