



# CITY COUNCIL

## **Nominations & Appointments Committee**

**Monday, November 4, 2013  
Meeting Report**

**Attendance:** S. Marmarou, M. Goodman-Hinnershitz

**Others Attending:** S. Katzenmoyer

The meeting was called to order at 4:17 pm by Mr. Marmarou.

### **I. Interviews**

#### **Anthony Waldman (reappointment – Electrician’s Examining Board)**

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Mr. Waldman was interested in continuing to serve on this Board. Mr. Waldman stated that he has enjoyed serving the City in this capacity.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz questioned the types of people coming forward. Mr. Waldman stated that it is a great variety of people. He stated that there are many people working toward their licenses – both journeyman and master. He stated that he enjoys the review process.

Mr. Marmarou stated that it is important to have the young people tested who go through the vocational schools.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz questioned if there were any changes needed at this time. Mr. Waldman stated that he does not see the need for any changes at this time. He stated that all decisions are based on electrical regulations.

Mr. Marmarou questioned work done by unlicensed contractors. Mr. Waldman stated that the City electrical inspector is out on the streets and when these people are found, they are fined. He stated that the inspector is doing a very good job.

Mr. Marmarou stated that unlicensed electrical work can cause fires. Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz agreed and noted the recent fire on the boardwalk at Seaside Heights that was caused by electrical problems.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz questioned if Mr. Waldman had any questions for Council. Mr. Waldman stated that he did not.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz thanked Mr. Waldman for meeting with the Committee and for his service to the City.

**The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the reappointment of Anthony Waldman to the Electrician's Examining Board.**

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that she will have more questions for the next nominee as this is an important position in the CRIZ and CDC initiatives.

**Chris Heinly (appointment – Redevelopment Authority)**

Mr. Marmarou stated that this is a very important authority. He questioned how he learned about this vacancy. Mr. Heinly stated that he has professional contacts with Tod Auman. He stated that he chose to move his business into the City and that he grew up in and has a passion for the City. He stated that he has high hopes that the City can improve but that it needs an orchestrated effort to grow and develop. He stated that there are currently too many factions.

Mr. Heinly stated that when he was relocating his business, Mr. Mukerji was very helpful. He stated that businesses must return to the City and a better effort is needed to attract and retain them. He stated that Mr. Spencer visited his business and that this was encouraging.

Mr. Marmarou suggested hearing a presentation by leadership from a City who has been successful in development efforts. Mr. Heinly stated that Reading is beginning to lay the foundation but that it needs to continue and go further.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz questioned if Mr. Heinly was familiar with the CRIZ and CDC initiatives of the Mayor. Mr. Heinly stated that these programs were not available when he was relocating into the City. He encouraged the City to use a step taxing system for new businesses. He stated that the City must attract business to redistribute the tax load.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz suggested that Mr. Heinly speak with Mr. Auman about these programs.

Ms. Reed arrived at this time.

Mr. Marmarou questioned who Mr. Heinly contacted in the City during his relocation. Mr. Heinly stated that he initially dealt with Mr. Mukerji. He stated that he did not have a good experience at his One Stop Shop and that the corrections he needed to make were very costly. He stated that to his knowledge there is no effective plan for the City to bring in more businesses.

Mr. Marmarou noted the failed attempt to develop the riverfront. Ms. Reed stated that this was because of a bad plan and the misuse of funds among other problems.

Mr. Heinly stated that the City must have a person who businesses deal with. Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that this is a good point. She stated that the Redevelopment Authority will be making important decisions.

Mr. Heinly noted his need to learn about the CRIZ and CDC initiatives.

Ms. Reed noted the need to ensure that the City's professionals are being utilized and the need for better communication.

**The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the appointment of Chris Heinly to the Redevelopment Authority.**

## **II. Other Matters**

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that she will serve on this Committee until the Committees are reorganized in January. She stated that Mr. Sterner is interested in serving on this Committee.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee adjourned at 4:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
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Deputy City Clerk