



# ***COMMITTEE of the WHOLE***

## ***CITY COUNCIL***

**MINUTES**  
**February 8, 2016**  
**5:00 P.M.**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

S. Marmarou, M. Goodman-Hinnershitz, C Daubert, B. Twyman, D. Reed, J. Slifko, J. Waltman

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

L. Kelleher, S. Katzenmoyer, C. Younger, W. Scott, A. Dominguez

The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Mr. Waltman.

### **I. Executive Session**

Mr. Waltman announced the need for an executive session relating to personnel matters. Council entered executive session at 5:03 pm and exited at 6:43 pm.

Mr. Dominguez and Mr. Scott left the meeting at this time.

### **II. Agenda Review**

Mr. Cituk and Mr. Murray joined the meeting at this time.

Council reviewed this evening's agenda including:

- Resolution ratifying the AFSCME 3799 contract with first level supervisors

Mr. Waltman stated that the Administration has requested that this resolution be withdrawn from this evening's agenda. Council agreed to withdraw the resolution.

### **III. Other Matters**

- Managing Director

Mr. Waltman distributed a draft memo for Council review. He suggested that the memo be reviewed by the Solicitor before public comment is made.

- Council BAC assignments

Mr. Waltman distributed copies of the resolution making the Council BAC assignments. He stated that he will be unable to serve on BCAP and requested that a senior member of Council staff attend in his place. He recommended Ms. Katzenmoyer and stated that the next meeting will be held tomorrow at noon. Mr. Twyman agreed to attend as well but stated that he does not want to overburden his schedule at this time.

Mr. Daubert stated that Mr. Twyman should be added as an alternate to the Recreation Commission. Mr. Twyman stated that they struggle to meet quorum on a regular basis. Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that the Rec Commission's solicitor has opined that only two Councilors can vote on any given topic.

#### **IV. Access to Records**

Mr. Waltman suggested that Council staff compose a memo regarding work flow issues from the loss of access to property maintenance records.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz suggested that access not be completely eliminated but that there needs to be policy about how to use the information. Mr. Daubert agreed and stated that he supports the need for a paper trail.

Ms. Kelleher stated that she did follow the designated process with the request by sending it through the Citizen Service Center (CSC). Mr. Waltman suggested that the situation be documented and discussed at an upcoming meeting.

Ms. Reed stated that many times constituents make requests of Councilors and Council staff. Mr. Younger suggested that it may be an issue of access to the system rather than to the information itself.

Ms. Reed stated that if access is not reinstated that there needs to be an appropriate response time. Mr. Younger suggested that the Administration may respond only if there is an issue. Council did not agree with this approach.

Mr. Waltman stated that further discussion is needed. He stated that Council led the way to correct the data in the database.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz reminded all that the system of requesting information did not work well in the past and that's when access was granted. (*Note: access to the database has always been read only.*)

Ms. Reed expressed the belief that controlling access to information is always problematic.

Mr. Waltman noted the need to find middle ground. He stated that healthy relationships function well and that data access is needed.

Mr. Daubert questioned if the system can log usage. Mr. Waltman stated that it cannot log usage. He stated that the read only access has been removed and all requests for property information must go through the CSC.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz suggested that the property data be made public. Mr. Slifko agreed and stated that this is a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) issue and that it should be available.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that many questions need to be answered.

Ms. Kelleher explained that this process is also used for backgrounds on applicants to BACs. She stated that the information obtained is not even disclosed to Councilors and is held confidentially by Council staff. She stated that staff works with individuals to resolve issues.

Mr. Twyman noted his concern with this issue and the need for further discussions.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

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