

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, February 1, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Greenhoe, Brown, Letarte and Harri. None were absent.

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Bill LeFevere, City Superintendent Scott Poyer, WWTP Director Todd Nichols, Treasurer Robert Damon, Police Chief Paul Malewski, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Building Inspector Jon Hill, Assessor Mike Baker, Deputy Carla Mazur and Librarian Sandra Porter.

Purpose of the meeting was a worksession. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

Public Comments:

Donald Grimes, 1305 West Street appeared before Council regarding the Friends of the Island Account.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

DDA:

NRHP Nomination: The DDA is making arrangements to complete this project at a later date. Red Ribbon Hall: The DDA is the owner of this property and discussions are ongoing as to the plans for the building.

LDFA:

South Industrial Park Infrastructure: Construction of the sewer line is complete with the roadway work in progress. The City is finding a new location for the conservation easement per direction from the LDFA, with the anticipated completion of this project for mid 2010.

Infrastructure Projects:

MDOT 50/99 Project: The project is done for the season and will resume in April of 2010, with the anticipated completion date in October. State Street Project: The MDOT approvals for this project are now underway with further engineering work being completed with Council approval as more monies become available as anticipated in January.

Grants:

MSHDA/CDBG: Second round of funding is under way and all funds have been obligated.

Construction is ongoing and the City is beginning to plan for a third round of grant funding at the next opportunity.

Electrical Department:

Power Supply Committee: The prices have been obtained and Council has set the strike price. Winter Shut Off Rules: The MMEA has developed a set of rules which is now being implemented. Energy Optimization: The Plan has been completed and the project is on-going. Renewable Portfolio: The Plan has been approved and implemented. Landfill Gas Project: MPPA project is on-going with anticipating to incorporate this renewable component into our RPS Plan design.

Miscellaneous Projects:

City Hall Pocket Park: Funding is tied to the DDA/MDOT Streetscaping Project and construction is planned for the Summer of 2010. Joint Marketing Project: Project is on-going with coordinated efforts from the Schools, Chamber, LDFA and Hospital.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Brenda Seelman, from Layton and Richardson, P.C., reviewed the Audit Report for year ending June 30, 2009, and answered questions of Council. Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Seelman for the review.

City Treasurer Damon reviewed with Council the Second Quarter Budget adjustments, and answered questions of Council.

City Manager LeFevere presented the Proposed 2010 - 2011 Budget Schedule to Council.

Building Inspector Hill distributed updated Rental Property Inspection Guidelines.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council information on the City Managers Position.

City Superintendent Poyer reviewed with Council the 2010 Annual Well and Pump Servicing and Testing Quote for Pump #3. This item will appear on the February 8th Agenda.

City Manager LeFevere reviewed the bid parameters for the sale of the Michigan Street Property with Council.

Councilman Greenhoe asked about the purchase of new cell phones.

Other Business:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Mayor Platte moved Council go into Closed Session to Discuss Strategy and Negotiations Regarding Collective Bargaining; seconded by Councilwoman Brown. Council went into Closed Session at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Letarte. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 8:04 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Carla Mazur, Deputy Clerk