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BOARD OF FINANCE MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Weinberger, City Council President Shannon, Councilors Decelles, Paul, and Bushor.

ALSO PRESENT: Interim CAO Sisson; ACAO Schrader; Mari Steinbach, Jen Francis, Parks and Recreation.

1. Agenda

Councilors Paul and Decelles made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Forum Protocol

Mayor Weinberger stated there was a suggestion from a member of the public about how public forum is run. Currently, the policy allows members of the public to speak only on items on the agenda. The Secretary of State's Office has suggested a broader policy, and the City Attorney says it is up to the Board to decide.

Councilor Paul stated the reason that policy came about was because of time constraints. The previous Mayor felt that only allowing comment on agenda items would fit better with time constraints, and people could speak to any item at the City Council meeting that followed. She stated she would like to allow people to speak to any item.

City Council President Shannon stated the statute says public forum has to allow people to speak to agenda items. Mayor Weinberger stated the Attorney's Office has allowed the Board to decide. The Secretary of State's Office suggests it should be a broader policy. The Mayor stated no one has made any public comments since he has been mayor, and that opening it up would not likely cause issues with time constraints. If it were to become a problem, it can be reassessed.

Councilor Bushor stated this is a committee of the Council. Like other committees, its function is narrow in scope. She made a motion to allow anyone to speak to any issue that is relevant to the Board of Finance. It would not make sense to have them speak on other issues that do not relate to the Board of Finance.

Councilor Decelles stated he agrees with all of the points that have been raised. It is difficult because these meetings run right up until the beginning of the City Council meeting. Some people cannot attend both meetings. Limiting time for off topic subjects may be appropriate. If there are problems with time, it can be discussed later.

Interim CAO Sisson stated part of the concern was timing. Public Forum comes first and then there are no opportunities to ask questions while agenda items are being discussed. Mayor Weinberger stated the concern was that they were asked to comment only on agenda items. Councilor Decelles stated the same argument could be made about Council meetings. If public forum were moved to the end, they would have lost their chance to speak before items were voted on. City Council President Shannon stated it is the public's right to be heard, but they have the opportunity to speak to any item at City Council. In subcommittees, it should be limited to what is being discussed by that board. The timing is difficult, because it cannot happen after the board has voted, but there are issues with holding the Public Forum at the beginning. Just because there have not been many speakers does not mean there couldn't be in the future.

Councilor Paul stated there have been Board of Finance meetings with a full room. Councilors Paul and Bushor made a motion to allow members of the public to speak on any issue pertaining to the Board of Finance.

Councilor Decelles stated he likes that idea, but perhaps it should be broadened to say City Council business. This would allow people to speak if they cannot attend the City Council meeting.

Councilor Bushor stated the Board of Finance is not a substitute for the full Council and she will not support broadening this.

Councilors Decelles and Paul made a motion to amend the motion to include all items that would be discussed at a Council meeting. The motion passed by a vote of 3-2.

The motion passed by a vote of 4-1 with Councilor Bushor voting against.

3. Public Forum

n/a

4. Approval of the Board of Finance Minutes

Interim CAO Sisson stated the April 16 minutes were previously distributed and had no changes. The April 30 minutes were previously distributed and had one change.

a. April 16, 2012

Councilors Decelles and Bushor made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Bushor requested that a portion of the minutes be re-worded to be clearer.

b. April 30, 2012

Councilors Bushor and Decelles made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

c. May 3, 2012

Councilor Decelles and City Council President Shannon made a motion to approve the minutes.

Councilor Bushor requested a clarification to the minutes.

Councilor Paul stated that the minutes are to reflect what was said, but they are not a place to talk about what went on during campaigns. There are other opportunities to do that. Mayor Weinberger inquired if there is more detail in the minutes than necessary. Councilor Paul stated it is not a place to talk about what they accomplished compared with their campaign.

City Council President Shannon stated if something was said during the meeting, it is appropriate to have it in the minutes. It is difficult to find a balance of the right amount of detail in the minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

d. May 7, 2012

Councilor Decelles and City Council President Shannon made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Request for Amendment to Avitron Lease – Airport

Councilor Bushor stated the Airport built the structure and Avitron leases it. This is boilerplate language for the next three years for the lease and ground rental fee. The draft resolution states this was approved at an April 30 Board of Finance meeting, where in fact the resolution should be dated May 21, 2012.

Councilor Bushor and Decelles made a motion to approve the lease provided the date of Board of Finance approval be corrected in the resolution.

Councilor Paul stated it increases the space they are occupying and increases revenue to the Airport.

Councilor Decelles stated he appreciates that sponsorship now reads “pending approval of the Board of Finance.”

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Waterfront Skatepark Update – Parks

Mari Steinbach, Parks and Recreation, stated this will reallocate \$7,500 of the \$150,000 allocated to the skate park towards short term repairs so it may be reopened this summer. It had unanimous support by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Councilors Bushor and City Council President Shannon made a motion to approve the allocation.

Councilor Decelles inquired when they had decided to use \$7,500, because in previous discussions they had been told it would cost an astronomical amount to repair the skate park. Ms. Steinbach stated the large scale full skate park improvement is estimated to cost \$700,000. The \$7,500 came from an assessment on only the short term repairs. There had been no intention of

completing the short term repairs, because the park was slated to be closed. Because of delays with Waterfront North, it has been determined that it will be better to make these short term repairs now and to allow the park to stay open. There are requirements in the grants to keep the park open during construction. Councilor Decelles stated that people will use the park anyways, so this will help it be safer.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Finance meeting was adjourned at 5:31pm.