

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

APRIL 2, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, April 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on March 29, 2012, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Bob Roberts, Daniel Hepner, Richard Dornisch, Nedward Jacob, Gary Anderson, and Manager David Greene. Gregory Gebauer and Solicitor Thomas Wagner were excused.

VISITORS

Visitors included: Todd Caltagarone, Tina Gradizzi, Richard Sadley, John Dippold, Steve Bagley, Bill Bauer, Warren Stewart, Steve Michuck, Yvonne Michuck, Ray Miller and Lou Radkowski.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
March 19, 2012

Daniel Hepner made a motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2012, seconded by Richard Dornisch and all were in favor, except Bob Roberts who abstained.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Geyer stated an Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting regarding personnel matters. No decisions were made.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Consider for publication: Ordinance No. 273, re: Amending and restating Part 7 of Chapter 15 regulating parking in unmetered parking lots

An Ordinance was presented for consideration to publish amending and restating Part 7 of Chapter 15 of the St. Marys City Code, regulating parking in unmetered parking lots.

Manager Greene stated the Solicitor had added language to include enforcement of the Parking Garage which had been overlooked in previous revisions.

Motion Passed

Bob Roberts made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 273, seconded by Gary Anderson, and all were in favor.

Consider for adoption: Resolution No. 12-2, re: Community Development Block Grant Application

Resolution No. 12-2 was presented authorizing the filing of the Community Development Block Grant application to DCED for 2012.

Motion Passed

Nedward Jacob made a motion to approve Resolution 12-2, seconded by Daniel Hepner, and all were in favor.

Consider for adoption: Resolution No. 12-3, re: Establishing the procedure and promotions within the St. Marys Police Department and repealing Resolutions 95-61 and 04-13 pertaining to this subject.

Resolution No. 12-3, was presented establishing the procedure and promotions within the St. Marys Police Department and repealing Resolutions 95-61 and 04-13 pertaining to this subject.

Chief Caltagarone explained the revisions were a collaborative effort by the Collective Bargaining Unit, Solicitor and Civil Service Commission.

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- Motion Passed Council had a brief discussion regarding the revisions.
- Richard Dornisch made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 12-3, seconded by Bob Roberts and all were in favor.
- Human Resource Group Agreement Item Tabled Daniel Hepner made a motion to table the Human Resource Agreement, seconded by Sally Geyer, and all were in favor.
- Request from Benzinger Township Golf Course Authority Herb Straub, Chairman of the Benzinger Township Golf Course Authority gave a brief financial history of the Authority, membership totals and the number of employees for the Golf Course. He also explained the details on a Term Sheet that was prepared for the Authority to provide a Rate Modification for their existing term loan. It also would provide funds for the payoff of two existing lines of credit and improvements to heating and cooling systems. The Authority was requesting the City remain as the Guarantor on the refinanced loan.
- Councilman Hepner commented he had attended prior Authority meetings and was satisfied with the information they were providing.
- Motion Passed Daniel Hepner made a motion to approve the loan guarantee by the City for the Golf Authority, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.
- Establish an Administrative Affairs Committee to meet with Zito Media Manager Greene stated he was asking Council if they would want to establish an Administrative Affairs Committee to meet with Zito Media.
- Council had a lengthy discussion regarding who would be on the Committee, the City's rights regarding the Franchise Agreement with Zito Media, the City's role in the matter, and the schedule of improvements Zito Media had planned.
- Motion Passed Nedward Jacob made a motion to request a representative of Zito Media attend a Council meeting, seconded by Sally Geyer, and all were in favor.
- Appointment of voting delegate and alternate delegate for the 2012 PLCM Annual Convention Bob Roberts made a motion to appoint Manager David Greene as the City's voting delegate and Councilman Daniel Hepner as the alternate voting delegate, for the 2012 PLCM Annual Convention, seconded by Nedward Jacob.
- Motion Passed After clarification, Bob Roberts amended his motion to appoint Councilman Hepner as the delegate and Manager Greene as the alternate delegate, Nedward Jacob amended his second and all were in favor.
- Request from the Redevelopment Authority (added to the agenda) Manager Greene stated at Council's March 5th, 2012 meeting no action was taken on a request from the Redevelopment Authority and the Solicitor was asked to review the matter. The Solicitor has since responded in writing on the use of fire loss escrow funds from the Dimitri (Mullaney) building. The Redevelopment Authority was requesting Council again consider the request to turn over the fire loss escrow funds to the RDA to assist them in the elimination of slum and blighted areas.

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Motion

Nedward Jacob made a motion to transfer the fire loss escrow funds for the Dimitri (Mullaney) building to the Redevelopment Authority, seconded by Daniel Hepner.

Discussion

Gary Anderson questioned if he read the response from the Solicitor correctly that it was a proper use of the money and Manager Greene responded correct.

Manager Greene wanted to clarify with Warren Stewart, Chairman of the RDA, that the funds would be used to assist Elk County Real Estate with the side of their building which is now exposed due to the demolition of the Dimitri (Mullaney) building.

Councilman Dornisch responded he believed that was understood.

Mayor Geyer asked Mr. Stewart if the RDA had requests for projects and he responded yes they did, but they have not received one from Elk County Real Estate yet.

Nedward Jacob asked Mr. Stewart what were some of the projects the RDA was currently working on and Mr. Stewart responded Goetz's Flower Shop for new windows. He couldn't elaborate on future projects until they were approved by the Board. He listed some of the prior projects the RDA had completed. He stated approximately ten thousand dollars was spent by the Authority which generated fifty to sixty thousand in total downtown renovations.

Daniel Hepner stated due to the involvement of CDBG funds the standards for projects and the paperwork had gotten significantly more complicated.

Manager Greene questioned if the RDA needed Council to approve further funds to be available and Mr. Stewart responded not at this time.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve the transfer of fire loss escrow funds to the RDA.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no Topics for Discussion.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

Lou Radkowski

Lou Radkowski from Center Street commented he had a growing family that was frequently going to Memorial Park and it was very dirty and no trash cans were near the Playland area.

Manager Greene responded the Recreation Board would be meeting on Wednesday and would be hiring someone to clean up the park.

Councilman Dornisch commented the summer workers might be able to help with the clean up.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

"Jake Brake Signs"

Councilman Roberts commented he had a downtown merchant request that the City revisit the "Jake Brake" situation. He requested the matter be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Councilman Jacob agreed and suggested signage be placed at certain points within the City.

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Councilman Dornisch commented the City used to have signage regarding "Jake Brakes" but it was unenforceable.

Councilman Jacob commented Brockway has had success with signage.

Councilman Dornisch restated it would be unenforceable.

Mayor Geyer agreed with Councilman Dornisch.

Chief Caltagarone commented he was not sure how effective signage would be. He believed the problem could be minimized but not eliminated.

Councilman Hepner agreed that signs should be installed.

Councilman Anderson commented if the City was going to install signage then an Ordinance should be in place in order to enforce it and requested the Solicitor prepare a draft.

Income Surveys

Councilman Jacob requested the residents of St. Marys fill out the Income survey forms in order for the City to qualify for CDBG funding.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- The next Council meeting will be Monday, April 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Dornisch made a motion to adjourn the meeting.



Recording Secretary



Mayor