

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

March 3, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Deputy Mayor Dennis Nero on Monday, March 3, 2008 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 February 28, 2008, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Deputy Mayor Dennis Nero, Thomas Farley, Steven Skok, Richard Dornisch, Richard Gabler, Jr., Sean Gabler, and City Manager David Greene

Absent: Mayor Sally Geyer (excused)

VISITORS

Visitors included: Warren Stewart and Daniel Hepner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
February 18, 2008

Sean Gabler made a motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 2008, seconded by Steve Skok, and all were in favor, except Richard Dornisch who abstained.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
AGENDA TOPICS**
Daniel Hepner,
Chairman, RDA

Daniel Hepner, Chairman of the Redevelopment Authority, stated the Authority will be submitting a DCED "Single Application for Assistance" through Rep. Surra in the amount of \$10,000. to help with some downtown buildings which are in need of TLC. Mr. Hepner asked for Council's approval to proceed and for a letter of support.

Manager Greene stated the Authority should review their application to see if it includes a draft Ordinance for Council's approval.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION
Award of Bid
Jackson Road Bridge

Manager Greene stated the following bid was received for the Jackson Road Bridge. The bid was opened during a public meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall:

Interlocking Deck Systems.....\$65,559.60
Pittsburgh, PA

The Manager noted the bid is for materials only such as; structural steel, decking, hardware, rebar, and miscellaneous items. The City will be providing the labor. Stone, cement, and guide-rails will also have to be purchased. The goal is to keep the cost under \$100,000.

Steven Skok made a motion to accept the bid from Interlocking Deck Systems, Pgh., in the amount of \$65,559.60, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

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Consider for Adoption
 Resolution No. 08-6
 Saint Marys Parking
 Garage Fund

Resolution No. 08-6 was presented authorizing the appropriate officers of the City to establish accounts with Northwest Savings Bank to be identified as the "Saint Marys Parking Garage Fund".

Richard Dornisch made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-6, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor.

LERTA Requests

Manager Greene stated the following three LERTA Applications were received:

- Advanced Recycling Equipment, Inc., 850 Washington Street for an addition to an existing structure
- Contact Technologies, Inc., 229 West Creek Road for a building addition.
- Joelcole Development Corporation, property located at 180 Environmental Drive, for new construction of an office & warehouse bldg.

The Manager noted that if construction has already begun the LERTA application cannot be approved.

After a discussion, Steven Skok made a motion to table the LERTA Applications for Advanced Recycling and Joelcole Development Corp, at this time, until the legalities of the situation can be looked into. The motion was seconded by Richard Gabler.

Richard Dornisch felt the City should be obligated to let applicants know about the LERTA program.

Sean Gabler noted that the reason we stopped was because we did not know if the other governing bodies were going to continue to participate. Up until that doubtful time period, Mr. Gabler questioned the Manager if the City included a LERTA Application with their permit. The Manager stated an application was included.

The Manager noted he didn't process LERTA Applications because he thought all three governing bodies had to agree but apparently at the recent meeting held with the school and the county, it was felt the City could continue even if the School Board did not participate.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to table the LERTA Applications for Advanced Recycling and Joelcole. An opinion will be requested from Solicitor Jacob.

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Crystal Fire Department's
Long Range Plan

Richard Gabler made a motion to approve the LERTA Application for Contact Technologies, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

Steven Skok made a motion to approve and accept the Crystal Fire Department's Long Range Plan for 2008, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION
Elk Creek Park
Master Plan

Deputy Mayor Nero stated the Elk Creek Park Master Plan has been placed on the agenda for citizen input.

Manager Greene stated the plan will be presented to the Recreation Board for their review. After their review, the plan will come back to Council for a vote as to whether this is the plan the City will submit for funding.

Deputy Mayor Nero questioned the name of the park. Manager Greene stated a plan needs to be decided on how to select a new name.

Richard Dornisch opposed conducting public meetings during working hours of most people. This item will be discussed later under Council comments.

Recycling Task Force

Steven Skok explained in 2004, the City created the Recycling Task Force Committee. Shortly thereafter, the City received a letter from DEP outlining issues concerning the City's Recycling Program and to what needs to be done to come in compliance with Act 101. He noted all the City's goals have been met by the Recycling Task Force Committee.

Steven Skok made a motion that the current committee be relieved of their commitment as of today. The motion was seconded by Thomas Farley.

Deputy Mayor Nero stated Robert Bauer and Manager Greene should send letters to the members of the Recycling Task Force Committee.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to disband the Recycling Task Force Committee.

Steven Skok made a motion to form a smaller Recycling Advisory Committee of four individuals appointed by the Deputy Mayor to meet periodically to monitor and address any issues that come from DEP or anything that has to do with recycling.
(Note: this motion was not seconded)

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Deputy Mayor assigned Steven Skok, Richard Gabler, Bob Bauer, and Tina Gradizzi as members of the committee. He stated a member of the public will also be on the committee. He asked the Manager to place an ad in the press to see if anyone is interested in serving on the committee.

Daniel Hepner,
RDA

Daniel Hepner stated there was no resolution included in their grant application for Council's approval.

Thomas Farley felt the RDA could apply for the application on their own.

Steven Skok suggested checking with Tina Gradizzi to see if this application interferes with any of hers.

Support Letter

Thomas Farley made a motion to provide a support letter to the RDA in regards to their grant application. The motion was seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Richard Dornisch expressed his opposition regarding the 10:00 a.m. meeting held this morning.

Manager Greene explained that there were two meetings scheduled today one in the morning at 10:00 a.m. for people who work the second or third shift and one at 7:00 p.m. for the convenience of the residents. Both meetings were on the same subject and both were advertised in the Daily Press.

The Manager noted that one gentlemen did attend the 10:00 a.m. meeting. He questioned the walking distance from the Senior Center to the proposed park, will the walks be cleared during the winter months, and suggested that the statue not be an elk.

Deputy Mayor Nero stated he is still waiting for answers regarding North St. Marys Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Mayor Nero made the following announcements:

- Next Council meeting will be held on March 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- Construction should start next week on the Canadensis Building. All permit parking will be behind the Career Link Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Sean Gabler made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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Deputy Mayor

Shirley Dicklas
Recording Secretary