

CITY OF BAYPORT
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MAY 28, 2003
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, Mayor Rick Schneider called the Special City Council meeting of May 28, 2003, to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor Rick Schneider, Councilmembers Jon Nowaczek, Sharon Ridgway, Bob Kamps and Dan Johnson.

Members absent: None.

Others present: Acting Administrator Wendi Lindquist, Police Chief John Gannaway

BUSINESS

Lake Street Project. Greg Stonehouse presented some information to the Council and explained the costs of the project.

Greg Stonehouse explained that the assessment hearing will be next week at the City Council meeting. The people who want to appeal will be required to give the City notification in writing the night of the meeting and then have 30-day window to appeal. Greg Stonehouse recommends waiting the 30 days and if there are no appeals, then award the contract because the City has a relative amount of certainty that at least that portion of the project will be paid for through the assessments.

Greg Stonehouse stated he intends to set up the pre-construction meeting the day after the Council meeting if the project is awarded because the time to build is late summer because the river will be low and August and September is part of the dry season.

Greg Stonehouse further recommends awarding at a minimum the base bid – beach house and Lakeside Drive. Lakeside Drive is one of those things that just depends on whether the City thinks its important to pave that road. A big part of the project is the lift station and utilities portion of the project – without the beach house in there, 4 of the 11 units to be assessed for the utilities would go away which would push the other 7 assessments to people on Lake Street so high that they don't think they would be defensible in terms of the benefit relative to what the assessments would be. The decision was made when Ken Hartung was the administrator that the beach house would be included.

Greg Stonehouse explained the portions of assessments to each party to the project.

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Bob Kamps inquired about the Girl Scout Building. Greg Stonehouse stated that the property is owned by the City and the agreement says the assessments will be paid by the Girl Scouts. Further discussion regarding Girl Scout building.

Sharon Ridgway asked what Alternate 1 was. Greg Stonehouse stated that Alternate 1 was the utilities to the beach house; showed the piece of property on a map. Alternate 2 is the construction of Lakeside Drive.

Greg Stonehouse stated he wanted to get this information to the Council early so they could look at it before the meeting so he could answer any questions.

Background Investigation on Candidate B. Police Chief John Gannaway stated he spoke to Investigator Mel Lindberg who stated he would not have a final report done until May 29th.

Dan Johnson stated he spoke with the city attorney from the town Candidate B last worked for and asked him about some concerns that Sharon Ridgway brought up in the last meeting about some issues and the attorney clarified them to Dan's satisfaction and gave nothing but the highest endorsement to Candidate B.

Bob Kamps stated his only concern was that this process was being done legally.

Sharon Ridgway stated that she had talked with Dan Johnson and he explained everything that she had concerns about and it sounded logical and was happy that the issues could be explained.

Jon Nowaczek stated he had no concerns at this time.

Rick Schneider stated he spoke to the City Administrator in a city where Candidate B served as an interim administrator – they were very pleased with Candidate B's performance, had offered the person the job, but they declined for fiscal reasons. Rick Schneider stated he had talked to other people regarding Candidate B and received excellent recommendations – has no concerns with the candidate's background.

Dan Johnson addressed Bob Kamps' concerns about legality.

Dan Johnson moved to make a contract offer to Candidate B as the new city administrator and adjourn to a closed session to consider the terms of that contract. Jon Nowaczek seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Conceal & Carry Law and 2 a.m. bar closing. Police Chief John Gannaway stated that these are two things that could have impact on the City and whether the City would want to take some type of action to prohibit or ban firearms on City property.

Rick Schneider stated the City has to prohibit firearms in City Hall. Jon Nowaczek stated that there is a glitch in the current law in that signs need to be posted but people also verbally warn people. Chief Gannaway stated that is supposed to be changed. Chief Gannaway stated that firearms should be prohibited in parks also.

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Rick Schneider asked for Chief Gannaway's recommendation. Chief Gannaway recommended not allowing firearms in City Hall unless it's a licensed peace officer or someone that can legally carry a firearm in the course of their duties.

Further discussion regarding the conceal & carry law.

Discussion regarding the 2 a.m. bar closing.

ADJOURN

Bob Kamps moved to adjourn the meeting to a closed session to discuss the contract for the city administrator position. Jon Nowaczek seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed session of the meeting.

Jon Nowaczek moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob Kamps seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi Lindquist
Acting Administrator