

The Council of the City of Waukegan met in regular session on Monday, December 6, 2010 at 7:00P.M. In the City Council Chambers, City Hall 100 North Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue. Mayor Sabonjian, City Clerk, Wayne Motley, and Corporation Counsel, Newton Finn were present.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Aldermen TenPas, Larsen, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisiso, Figueroa, and Newsome

Absent: Alderman Needham and Treasurer John Schwab

INVOCATION:

Moment of silence.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

1. SEE ATTACHED

2. He voiced his concern regarding the city raising property taxes. He indicated that he has observed city employees driving city vehicles around the city on weekends. It is his opinion that city employees should not be permitted to drive city vehicles on weekends. He feels that taxes are way too high. He also indicated that the big shots in the school district are making too much money. He thinks that the \$500.00 seizure fines are outrageous. It is his position that the city is stealing money from the people with the seizure fees.

3. It is her opinion that changes to the towing ordinance are necessary. She asked why the money collected from the vehicle seizures are listed on a separate line item in the city budget. She asked the Aldermen to keep non profit groups looking for business opportunities out of Waukegan. She advised the Aldermen to utilize Waukegan residents and business for projects of this nature instead. She stated that she is opposed to a property tax increase.

4. Discussed the \$500.00 Seizure Ordinance, He wants it to be scrapped. Suggested a new one be created. He suggested that they do away with current towing ordinance. He asked why the only time the aldermen discuss the towing ordinance is during the Aldermanic Elections. He asked the city to stop paying for the legal defense of the former Mayor and Police Chief.

MINUTES:

5. Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman Larsen to approve Minutes of November 15, 2010 Regular Meeting, Executive Session Minutes and Special Minutes Meeting of November 18, 2010 and Executive Session Minutes.

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:

6. Motion by Alderman Larsen, seconded by Alderman Moisio to approve to have Inland Detroit Diesel/Allison complete emergency repairs to Engine #3 total costs for the rebuild, removal, reinstallation and special synthetic transmission fluid will be between \$10,500.00 and \$11,000.00.

ROLL CALL: AYES: TenPas, Larsen, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Figueroa and Newsome

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alderman Needham

MOTION PASSED

7. Motion by Alderman Larsen, seconded by Alderman Moisio that Corporation Counsel draft an ordinance to reflect restricting parking to no parking between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days, except by resident permit on the west side of Victor Street, between Washington St. and Clayton St., west side of Philippa Ave. between Washington Street and Clayton Street and the east and west side of Chapel Street between Washington Street and Clayton Street.

MOTION PASSED

8. Motion by Alderman Larsen, seconded by Alderman Moisio that Corporation Counsel draft an ordinance to reflect the placement of a 1-way yield sign for westbound Eastwood Road at Charleston Road.

MOTION PASSED

9. Motion by Alderman Larsen, seconded by Alderman Moisio to award a contract to RRP, INC., 1725 North Lewis Avenue, Waukegan, IL. For professional services to draft specifications and conduct the competitive bidding process for the roof repairs at the Waukegan Police Department, in an amount not to exceed \$ 25,000.000, to be funded from the Capital Improvement Bond Funds (General Obligation, Series C).

ROLL CALL: AYES: TenPas, Larsen, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Figueroa and Newsome

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alderman Needham

MOTION PASSED

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORT CHAIRMAN ALDERMAN:

10. Motion by Alderman Figueroa, seconded by Alderman Cunningham that Corporation Counsel draft an ordinance to approve the Preliminary Plat of the McGaw Road Commercial Subdivision Zoning Calendar #2306 located at Waukegan Road, between Lakehurst and McGaw Road.

MOTION PASSED

11. Motion by Alderman Figueroa, seconded by Alderman Cunningham that Corporation Counsel draft an ordinance to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Composting Facility Zoning Calendar #2307A at West Terminus of Apple Avenue, west of Green Bay Road.

MOTION PASSED

12. Motion by Alderman Figueroa, seconded by Alderman Cunningham that Corporation Counsel draft an ordinance to approve the Map Amendment from B3 General Commercial to I-2 General Industrial Zoning Calendar #2307B at west Terminus of Apple Avenue, west of Green Bay Road.

MOTION PASSED

13. Motion by Alderman Figueroa, seconded by Alderman Cunningham to approve an Ordinance amending the Waukegan Code of Ordinances Chapter 11, regarding vehicle repairs to limit the hours of operation from 8:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. the following morning.

ROLL CALL: AYES: TenPas, Larsen, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisiso, Figueroa and Newsome

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alderman Needham

MOTION PASSED

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

14. Motion by Mayor Sabonjian, seconded by Alderman Rivera to approve amendment to agreement between the City of Waukegan and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local #473 for purpose of adding the rank of Captains.

HELD OVER BY ALDERMAN CUNNINGHAM

NEW BUSINESS:

15. Motion by Alderman TenPas, second Alderman Moisio to approve the Payroll dated November 17, 2010 in the amount of \$1,335,578.51 and December 1, 2010 in the amount of \$1,422,325.88.

ROLL CALL: AYES: TenPas, Larsen, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Figueroa and Newsome

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alderman Needham

MOTION PASSED

16. Motion by Alderman TenPas, seconded by Alderman Newsome to approve Bills dated December 6, 2010 in the amount of \$1,085,311.34.

ROLL CALL: AYES: TenPas, Larsen, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Figueroa and Newsome

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alderman Needham

MOTION PASSED

17. Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman Larsen to approve Raffle Sale for the Waukegan High School Athletic Booster Club for the months of December 2010, January,

February, March and April 2011.

MOTION PASSED

18. Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman Rivera to approve of Intergovernmental Purchase and sale Agreement between the City of Waukegan and the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 532, involving the former News Sun site, NW corner of Sheridan Road and Madison Street.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Larsen, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Figueroa and Newsome

NAYS: Alderman TenPas

ABSENT: Alderman Needham

MOTION PASSED

NEW BUSINESS cont.:

19. Motion by Alderman Cunningham, seconded by Alderman Moisio to authorize to sell \$1.00 properties to a local not-for-profit housing groups at cost.

HELD OVER BY ALDERMAN TENPAS

20. Motion by Alderman Cunningham, seconded by Alderman Moisio to authorize to allow rehabilitated \$ 1.00 properties to be sold to households at 80% of a median family income, at 80% of the post rehabilitation appraisal price.

HELD OVER BY ALDERMAN TENPAS

21. Motion by Alderman Rivera, seconded by Alderman Moisio to approve temporary use of the city lot at the SW corner of Sheridan Road and Belvidere Street for a Green Town Waukegan community garden, to be known as "Lakeview Gardens"

MOTION PASSED

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

22. Motion by Alderman Larsen, seconded by Alderman Koncan to adopt as presented an Ordinance approving the Final Plat of Martin Subdivision at 36175 and 36230 N. Frolic Avenue Zoning Calendar #2277.

HELD OVER ALDERMAN TENPAS

ALDERMEN'S TIME:

23. He indicated that he held over the Martin Subdivision Plat because they did not have sidewalks and curbs. He agreed that the Budget and proposed tax increases concern residents. He indicated that the City of Waukegan has held a very level tax base for many years while CLC, the School District & Park District have increased their taxes. He asked the resident to go back and look at their prior taxes to confirm this. He said that we have to find ways to make the city work with less money. "Do more for yourself".

24. He advised the residents that several taxing districts have published their tax levy, all in the double digits. Waukegan's portion of taxes has been steady for several years. He indicated that the city does not set the tax rate for other taxing bodies. He advised that the largest portion of your tax bill is something the city cannot control. He said that in his opinion the Holiday Fest was a success!

25. He indicated that he has received a lot of call regarding a possible tax increase. The city has debt it is his opinion that our portions of the tax levy low. Now we are faced with closing the gap all at once. He asked the public to attend the Tax discussions on December 14th at 6:30 at city hall in order to get an education on what is really going on. He advised that the Truth in Taxation Hearing will be held at city hall on December 20 at 6:00 p.m. Prior to the City Council Meeting he asked residents to come and voice their concerns.

ALDERMEN'S TIME cont.:

26. He asked that Aldermen of the ward be made aware of projects in their ward. He was surprised to see item G on the agenda. He indicated that a Water Line service flyer going out to residents he said that it looks like they are targeting senior citizens. This flyer for water line insurance is not being sent by the City of Waukegan, this is a scam we must make our citizens aware of this. Praised Tom Hagerty for a good job on snow removal. He advised that several vehicles were not removed during the snow fall on posted snow routes. It is his opinion that these vehicles should be ticketed.

27. He advised that he is aware that the proposed tax increase is not popular with Waukegan residents. He asked the residents to look at their tax bill and see where their money is going. He thanked Public Works for doing a good job with snow removal on the 1st snow fall of the year. He advised the residents to be safe and drive careful.

28. He indicated that taxes are a subject all over the country. He said that if the city does not increase the taxes that they will be unable to provide necessary services. He said that part of our problem is the cost of our police and fire pensions. The pension system (Police & Fire) is flawed it needs to be fixed and that Springfield has to be the one to fix it.. They make the rules that we have to play by. The city cannot continue to pick up the states short falls. He advised that many people in Waukegan do not understand their tax bills. We need real change in Springfield and in Washington D.C. as well, the pensions are going to bankrupt us.

29. He advised that a Special Judiciary Meeting will be held on December 20th at 5:30 p.m. He said that he has seen so many jobs shipped overseas. A lot of jobs cannot be filled because we do not have the skilled people to fill them, they are high tech jobs. We must encourage our youth to get the proper education to get these jobs.

30. No comment.

31. Motion by Alderman Figueroa, seconded by Alderman TenPas to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of Litigation and Settlement of Claims. TIME: 9:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: AYES: TenPas, Larsen, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moio, Figueroa and Newsome

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alderman Needham

MOTION PASSED

32. The City Council Reconvened. TIME: 10:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL: AYES: TenPas, Larsen, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moio, Figueroa and Newsome

ABSENT: Alderman Needham

33. Motion by Alderman Moasio, seconded by Alderman Larsen to adjourn. TIME: 10:05 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE