

COMMON COUNCIL

Work Session
October 12, 2004

Mayor Robert presided at a work session of the Common Council held at 7 PM on October 12, 2004, at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Robert Raphael
Ald. A. Anthony Abraham
Ald. James Cushman
Ald. Suzanne Williams
Ald. Joseph Maiurano
Ald. Joseph Biviano

Also:

Clerk / Director of Finance William Roberts
Fire Chief John Tighe
Human Resources Director Deborah DeForest
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson
Deputy Clerk Donna Philippone

Absent:

Ald. Jeffrey Thornton

Open Forum

Ed Morano, 21 Miller Street, said he is an alternate on the Planning Commission and reported the Commission has been looking at the Comprehensive Plan. He feels the City needs to set some goals and the Planning Commission be more proactive. Mr. Morano also said the Council needs to be strong and make the tough decisions that need to be made based on merit and not on emotion. He added that the Council has a Plan and encouraged them to use it. Mayor Raphael noted that Shelter Planning is looking at the Comprehensive Plan and will be making some recommendations relative to goals. Mr. Morano talked about codes for multifamily homes and noted that the Zoning Ordinance needs updating. Ald. Biviano suggested the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals look into updating the Zoning Ordinance. Ald. Cushman said the Public Safety Committee was given the task to look into multi family residences and a program is being planned for the Committee's November 18 meeting.

Development of Agenda for October 19, 2004

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Approval of minutes of the special meeting of August 24, 2004, the work session of September 14, 2004 and the regular meeting of September 21, 2004
- 5) Open Forum
- 6) Bids
- 7) Correspondence
 - ◆ Request to hold annual Homecoming Parade on October 8, 2004 at 6 PM
 - ◆ Request to hold a 5K for United Way Walk/Run Event on October 9, 2004 at 10 AM
 - ◆ Notification of Liquor License Renewal for Nina's at 32 South Broad Street
- 8) Department, Board and Commission Reports
 - ◆ Fire Department/Codes monthly report for July and August, 2004
 - ◆ Historian monthly report for August, 2004
 - ◆ Police Department monthly report for September, 2004
 - ◆ Records Management monthly report for August, 2004
 - ◆ Youth Bureau monthly report for September, 2004
 - ◆ Civil Service Commission minutes of June 17, 2004
 - ◆ Planning Commission minutes of September 20, 2004
- 9) Ward and Committee Reports
 - ◆ Finance Committee meeting of October 6, 2004
 - ◆ Personnel Committee meeting of September 7, 2004
 - ◆ Public Safety Committee meeting of September 16, 2004
 - ◆ Public Works Committee meeting of September 23, 2004
- 10) Old Business
- 11) New Business
 - Appointments
 - Award of Bids
 - Motions
 - ◆ Approve SPCA contract with no changes from previous year
 - ◆ Receive proposed zoning ordinance amendment and set a public hearing
 - Resolutions
 - ◆ Res – Amend V&T Ordinance Relative to Four Way Stops
 - ◆ Res – Auth Transfer for Emergency Preparedness Equipment
 - ◆ Res – Auth Transfer for Infiltration and Inflow Study
 - ◆ Res – Auth Transfer for Engineer Building Roof Replacement
 - ◆ Res – Rescind Resolutions Relative to Police Department Transfers
 - ◆ Res – Appointment of DPW MEO I Positions
- 13) Payment of Bills
- 14) Executive Session – Possible Purchase of Property

15) Adjournment
Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Ald. Biviano reported the Finance Committee reviewed items on the agenda for the regular meeting. He reported that the Council would discuss the initial draft of the 2005 tentative budget at a special budget work session on Wednesday evening, October 13 at 7 PM in the Council chambers.

Personnel Committee – Ald. Maiurano reported that the Personnel Committee held interviews with labor attorneys and discussed the MEO I and Water System Operator positions.

Public Safety Committee – Ald. Cushman reported that the Committee reviewed: the proposed SPCA contract and recommended the clause regarding cats be removed; changes due to the pending Sheriff's Department relocation and possible software upgrades that may be needed. Ald. Cushman said the Committee also held a lengthy discussion with Captain Christophersen regarding the repair of fire equipment and vehicles.

Public Works Committee – Ald. Abraham reported: the Public Works Committee inspected the Fire Station and found there were no problems; the Route 12 Paving Project will start on April 5; it has been recommended that salt not be used for the first year on the downtown sidewalks.

Executive Session – Ald. Biviano moved to go into executive session at 7:35 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular corporation and individual relative to labor negotiations. Seconded by Ald. Abraham and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. Williams moved to go out of executive session at 8:30 PM. Seconded by Ald. Maiurano and duly adopted, ayes all.

Adjournment – Ald. Biviano moved to adjourn at 8:32 PM. Seconded by Ald. Cushman and duly adopted, ayes all.