

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
THURSDAY, March 3, 2011

Committee of the Whole met at City Hall on Thursday, March 3, 2011, at 4:45 p.m. in the First Floor Hearing Room - East.

Present: Mayor Justin M. Nickels, Alderpersons Jill Hennessey, Scott McMeans, James N. Brey, Jason Sladky, Nicholas P. Levendusky, Allan Schema, Matt Kadow and Dave Soeldner. Alderperson Alex J. Olson arrived at 4:50 p.m.

Absent: Alderperson Christopher Able.

Also present: Dir. of Public Works/City Engineer Valerie Mellon, Deputy City Clerk Deborah Neuser, Human Resources & Safety Coordinator Deb Geiger and news media.

Mayor Nickels called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Committee met to discuss creation of a negotiating committee to handle discussions with represented employee units. After a short discussion, it was moved by Alderperson Brey, seconded by Alderperson Sladky, and unanimously carried to create a special Ad Hoc Negotiating Team consisting of the Mayor and the six committee chairs (*McMeans, Levendusky, Brey, Hennessey, Soeldner and Able*). Ayes, 10. Nays, none.

Discussion followed relative to communication to employees regarding lay off notices. It was noted that 29 lay off notices went out and 25 or 26 other notices went to anyone who might get bumped. Alderperson McMeans would like to see a communication go out to all employees regarding a lay off taking place, that Employee Assistance is available, frequently asked Q & A. The Committee agreed the Mayor should send out a letter to employees with a list of frequently asked questions.

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Alderperson Dave Soeldner, Chairperson
Committee of the Whole

by: Deborah A. Neuser
Deputy City Clerk