

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, July 5, 2011

Committee of the Whole met at City Hall on Tuesday, July 5, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the First Floor Hearing Room - East.

Present: Mayor Justin M. Nickels, Alderpersons Jason Sladky, Allan Schema, Lee Thennes, Jill Hennessey, Matt Kadow, James N. Brey, Scott McMeans, Alex J. Olson and Christopher Able.

Absent: Alderperson David Soeldner.

Also present: Human Resources & Safety Coordinator Deb Geiger, City Assessor Sarah Hoppe, Dir. of Public Works/City Eng'r/Parks & Rec. Dir. Valerie Mellon, Business Manager Mike Huck, City Clerk Jennifer Hudon, Dir. of Building Inspection Jim Muenzenmeyer, Deputy Fire Chief Gregg Kadow, Deputy City Clerk Deborah Neuser, Union representatives and news media.

Council President Christopher Able called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Committee discussed various personnel matters related to Department of Public Works Employees, Teamsters Local 662 layoffs and changes in State law. Tomorrow (July 7th) is the break even date with layoffs. Dir. of Public Works/City Engineer Valerie Mellon and Business Manager Michael Huck informed the committee of the impact of the layoffs and would like to return a lift station person and four employees to form a concrete crew as soon as possible. Alderperson Brey mentioned that beginning December 31st, we will be able to intermingle departments because the AFSCME contract will expire. Committee also briefly discussed the seniority issue.

Moved by Alderperson Kadow, seconded by Alderperson Brey to require Department of Public Works Teamsters Local No. 662 employees to contribute 5.8% to their retirement and 12.5% to their health insurance effective with the next pay period beginning July 17th.

Discussion followed.

Alderperson Brey called the question.

Upon a vote: Ayes, 10. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Discussion took place relative to the possible call back of some of the laid off workers. Dir. of Public Works/City Eng'r/Parks & Recreation Valerie Mellon is to make a recommendation to the Personnel Committee on Monday, July 11th. The matter would then be referred to Streets and Sanitation Committee and ultimately to Council for their action.

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Aldersperson Christopher Able, Chairperson
Committee of the Whole

by: Deborah A. Neuser
Deputy City Clerk

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