

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
Monday, August 5, 2013  
(open/closed/open)

Committee of the Whole met at City Hall on Monday, August 5, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room – West.

Present: Mayor Justin M. Nickels, Alderpersons Dave Soeldner, Jim Brey, Mike Howe, Christopher Able, Jason Sladky, Scott McMeans, Eric Sitkiewitz, Tyler Martell and Jill Hennessey.

Absent: Alderperson Allan Schema.

Also present: Finance Director/Treasurer Steve Corbeille, City Attorney Straun Boston, Director of Public Infrastructure Dan Koski, City Planner David Less, Associate Planner Michelle Yanda, Deputy Fire Chief Todd Blaser, Deputy Clerk Deborah Neuser and news media.

Andy Onesti, MPU Power Supply Manager and Plan Manager/IT gave presentation on IT Master Plan developed by Heartland Business Systems. Peter Horvath of Heartland was present to answer questions.

Andy Onesti stated the purpose of the plan was to provide representation of existing IT infrastructure; address deficiencies, future initiatives and adequacy of resources; evaluate system improvements; develop technology roadmap to meet requirements for next 3-5 years and recommend improvements with cost estimates.

The current network infrastructure consists of 4 core switches interconnecting 13 city facilities and 4 MPU facilities and does not support key features critical in supporting key technologies. Mr. Onesti went over City initiatives and operational challenges, service delivery options, internal/hybrid cloud and future organizational chart.

Recommendation is to upgrade existing network foundation at an estimated cost of \$300K MPU and \$300k City. Recommendation for server infrastructure upgrade is estimated at \$100k MPU and \$100k City. And, recommendation for application

enhancements is estimated at \$200k MPU and \$300k City.

The benefits of the plan were presented. The estimated cost of the plan is \$1.2 to \$1.5 million. Next steps are to develop a Service Agreement with the City, upgrade internet connection speeds to leverage external cloud services, implement Infrastructure and Data Center upgrade and implement network optimization.

Next, City Attorney Straun Boston, presented possible implementation of consent agenda format for Common Council meetings, explained to the members how the consent agenda would work and provided samples in Alfresco. Council members would have an opportunity to remove items from the consent agenda. It is rare for an item to be pulled off the agenda. Those items remaining on the consent agenda would be voted on as a group at the beginning of the Council meeting and there would be no discussion. It was also noted that an Alder could not abstain from voting on a single item. Attorney Boston stated these items are typically run of the mill items and resolutions and ordinances would not be on the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda would be approved by the Committee Chairs and would also be approved by the Mayor . The Alders are open to trying the consent agenda and Attorney Boston suggested to adopt a resolution to implement the use of a consent agenda and start with only a few items.

A short discussion followed regarding a consent agenda for each committee. However, per Attorney Boston this would lead to six or seven motions instead of one.

Moved by McMeans, second by Sitkiewitz, and carried by acclamation to instruct the City Attorney to draft a resolution for the consent agenda. Ayes, 9. Nays, 1.

The next item on the agenda was Department Head mid-year reviews.

Council President Hennessey then announced that notice is hereby given that the above governmental body will adjourn to a closed session during the meeting as authorized by Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which authorizes the

governmental body to convene in closed session for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

The specific subject matter which will be considered in the closed session is the following: Review of Department Head Mid-Year Reviews.

It was moved by Alderperson Brey, seconded by Alderperson Sitkiewitz, and carried on roll call to convene in closed session. Ayes, 9. Nays, 1.

**CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION**

***(Redacted - - Closed Session)***

Moved by Alderperson Sladky, seconded by Alderperson Able and unanimously carried on roll call to reconvene in open session. Ayes, 10. Nays, None.

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Alderperson Jill Hennessey, Chairperson  
Committee of the Whole

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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