

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

**NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Finance Committee Minutes**

Meeting Call to Order 6:30 PM

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Pro Tempore Mike Baker – Councilors: Bob Bianchi, Michael Hamilton and Craig Forster

Note: Councilor Charles Pace arrived about 6:46 P.M. and Mayor Stevens called ahead to advise he would be detained until after the Council meeting convened - arriving about 7:07 P.M.

Staff Present: Steve Hasson and Tom Jermann

Unfinished Business

Steve and Tom Jermann advised the finance committee that they had modified the conditional use permit section of City Code with input from City Attorney Ken Woodrich for purposes of clarifying when such a permit had applicability; a public hearing was scheduled this evening for public input.

Steve provided copies of the annual financial report that has been constructed for auditing purposes representing the time period 2013. This report was constructed on behalf of the City by Tony Nelson formerly with Vision.

Steve provided Council with a cost sheet reflecting revenues expended since January 2013 for Union negotiations.

He also provided them information about the City's finances - noting the City has received approximately 16 percent of it predicted annual total revenue to date and expended approximately 18.5 percent of its expected annual revenue.

New Business

Ken Woodrich has drafted an unauthorized and junk vehicle ordinance for the City's review. Several Councilors expressed concerns about the proposed ordinance with direction to focus on abandoned vehicles and submit it to the planning and zoning commission for their review.

Adjournment

The Committee adjourned about 7:00 P.M.



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Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 7:05 PM

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Don Stevens – Councilors: Charles Pace, Bob Bianchi, Craig Forster, Mike Baker and Michael Hamilton

Staff Present: Steve Hasson and Tom Jermann

Guests Present

Approximately 8 guests present

Agenda Changes and Additions

Councilor Pace requested Council adjourn to executive session at some point in the meeting and in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i)

Public Hearings

A public hearing was held for purposes of gaining input on the proposed amending of the conditional use section of City code Title 20 which deals with land use matters [Ordinance 1039]; no one commented on these changes and the hearing was closed.

Consent Agenda

The April 22 Council Minutes were presented for approval

Councilor Pace moved to approve the council minutes and seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi, Hamilton and Forster
No
Abstain
Passed 5-0-0

Guest Presentation

Gabe Spencer – Skamania County Assessor provided a presentation on the Metropolitan Park District Concept. County Commissioner Doug McKenzie assisted him in the presentation. The purpose for forming the park district would be to levy up to .75 cents per thousand property assessed valuation to reopen the Skamania County swimming pool that is in a mothball status because neither the County nor the school district could afford to maintain this operation. These gentlemen were seeking support from the City Council to place it on the November general election ballot. Specifically, they will need a resolution and an interlocal agreement from the City in the near future to proceed forth with this venture.

Public Comment

Tom Jermann – recommended that the promotion of a metropolitan park district, if needed, be pursued through public petition rather than passage of a resolution
Cheryl Jermann advised she was against the park district concept because it would increase taxes. She also sought a letter of support from the Council to promote and protect the Seal Lions through the Sea Sheppard's a group she is affiliated.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Hamilton commented on various provisions of Resolution 473 which addresses greenhouse gas emissions

Councilor Pace asked whether there were processional issues with substituting the board of appeals and adjustment with the planning commission in the proposed land use modification ordinance. He referenced Herbert's Stein's assessment of Adam Smith with respect towards his views on government and reflecting on an earlier Council conversation. He also expressed general support for rehabilitation of the swimming pool and particularly to assure that children have a local resource for swimming lessons.

Councilor Baker expressed concerns about the union contract negotiation costs and the return on investment from that effort.

Councilor Bianchi expressed concerns about the draft unauthorized vehicles and junk vehicle ordinance – asking what were we attempting to accomplish by its construction and believing this item should be before the planning commission for their review – summing it up saying this item needs considerable work.

Administrator's Report

Steve provided a quick overview of the annual financial report that has been constructed for auditing purposes representing the time period 2013. He also provided an update of efforts to construct a Community Development Block Grant [CDBG] and submit it to the Department of Commerce by June 19th and noting there were still questions about the City's ability to demonstrate grant eligibility.

Attorney's Report

Ken did not have a report but he spent considerable time during the course of the meeting addressing issues dealing with union negotiations and the proposed unauthorized vehicles and junk vehicle ordinance.

Executive Session

At this juncture the Council went into an executive session for approximately 10 minutes – during the course of that session no action was taken – after that time period the Council reconvened the meeting.

Unfinished Business

Solicitation City Engineer [staff is looking for a motion to bring back an agreement at the next council meeting to solicit Ron Bush for engineering services.

The Council determined to approve this action by way of consensus rather than through motion and vote.

New Business

Amending Land Use Code [Ordinance 1039]

The Council determined to continue this action until the next council meeting scheduled for May 27th

Resolution 473 adopting a Greenhouse Reduction Policy

Councilor Baker moved to approve and seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi, and Forster

No Councilor Hamilton

Abstain

Passed 4-1-0

This action was approved with some language changes

Closing Public Comments

Cheryl Jermann - spoke to promotion and protection of the sea lions

Robert Miller expressed caution about supporting the Metropolitan Park District concept because of its taxing authority and the items it may wish to support.

Tom Jermann commented on the need to promote the park district concept by petition

Closing Council Comments

Councilor Hamilton explained why he voted against the green gas emission resolution that is a necessary element of the CDBG grant process.

Adjournment

Councilor Baker moved to adjourn and seconded by Councilor Hamilton

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi, and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

Note: Councilor Forster left a few minutes early due to a pressing business matter

Adjourned approximately 9.00 PM

Mayor

City Clerk