

Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

- PRESENT:** His Honor Mayor Scott Raes, *Chair*
Alderman Quentin Rodriguez (*Ward 1*)
Alderman David Parker, Jr. (*Ward 2*)
Alderman Mike Wendt, (*Ward 3*)
Alderman John Zelnio (*Ward 4*)
Alderman Lori Turner (*Ward 5*)
Alderman Kevin Schoonmaker (*Ward 6*)
Alderman Sean Liddell (*Ward 7*)
Alderman Stephanie Acri (*At-Large*)
- STAFF:** Lew Steinbrecher, City Administrator
Kathy Carr, Finance Director
Maureen Riggs, City Attorney
Tracy Koranda, City Clerk
Alison Fleming, Human Resources Manager
Bryon Lear, Library Coordinator
Kim Hankins, Public Safety Director
Scott Hinton, City Engineer
Jeff Anderson, City Planner
Mike Waldron, Public Works Director
Nate Scott, IT Manager
Jerry Patrick, Police Captain
Trevor Fisk, Police Captain
Todd Allen, Battalion Chief
Jeff Snyder, Battalion Chief
Doug House, Municipal Services General Manager
Rodd Schick, Parks Operations Manager
Greg Swanson, Utilities General Manager
Keith Verbeke, Finance Manager
JD Schulte, Fleet Services Manager
Lisa Powell-Williams Library Adult/Young Adult Services Coordinator
Kelly Giovanine, Library Marketing Development Coordinator
Lori Wilson, Parks Recreation Programmer II
Steve Regenwether, Fire Engineer/IAFF President
Chris Mathias, Property Management Coordinator
Annaka Whiting, Grant Compliance Manager
Arnie McCollum, Laborer/AFSCME President
- OTHERS:** Deb Raes, Resident
Mel Piff, Resident

Sandy O'Neill, Resident
Marilyn O'Hara, Resident
Joe Taylor, Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau
Don Welvaert, Park Board Member
Roger Clawson, Park Board Member
John Knaack, Park Board Member
Gary Koeller, Library Board Member
JoAnn Waldron, Library Board Member
Dawn Neuses, Reporter, *The Dispatch*
Jenna Morton, WQAD Reporter
Jacob Nice, WQAD Photographer

Mayor Raes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Work Session Agenda Items

Mayor Raes reminded those in attendance that the meeting is a work session and that comments would not be heard by the public until the time designated for the public to address the Council at end of the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Lew Steinbrecher, City Administrator, made an introductory statement.

Kathleen Carr, Finance Director, gave an overview of the attached presentation.

Alderman Acri, seconded by Alderman Parker, made a motion to review the budget document fund by fund. Motion carried with Alderman Turner voting nay.

Budget Items

Lew Steinbrecher, City Administrator, lead the Council through the Green Bar Budget fund by fund. The following items were requested but not voted upon.

"Hit" List	Cost	"Wish" List	Cost
Remove Marina Dredging	\$190,000	Decrease Property Tax Levy	\$190,000
Reduce QCCVB Contribution	\$ 28,135	Decrease Property Tax Levy	\$ 28,135
		Fire Chief	\$249,000
Consolidate Tourism Fund Park Contracts into 1 line	\$0		

Mayor Raes thanked everyone for the questions and answers regarding the budget and indicated that this session will be recessed until next week, October 13, 2015.

Joe Taylor, Executive Director, Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau, stated that a 16% contribution from the City of Moline actually yields higher than a four to one return on the investment. In addition to hotel/motel taxes, visitors pay sales tax, prepared food and liquor tax, motor fuel tax and an entertainment tax at the iWireless Center so there are additional revenue benefits to the contributions of the QCCVB. A \$28,000 reduction in the City's budget would create a higher cut to the QCCVB because there are often grants associated with matching funds. Mr. Taylor expressed grave concern regarding the Missouri Valley Women's Basketball Tournament coming in March of 2016 and the lack of total commitment from the City of Moline associated with a possible reduction of contributions. The contributions made to the QCCVB flow back through directly to the City of Moline through fees paid for tournaments. The QCCVB rents 2000 square feet of space in downtown Moline and has 11 employees and continues to watch budget numbers regularly. Mr. Taylor encouraged Council to keep the contribution as budgeted and expressed appreciation for support.

Don Welvaert, Park Board President, expressed support of the QCCVB and appreciation to the Council for the support given to the Park Board and encouraged them to pass the budget as presented.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tracy A. Koranda".

Tracy A. Koranda
City Clerk