

Finance & Legal Committee
Building, Planning & Zoning Committee
Civic Center & Promotion Committee
Police and Fire Committee
Public Works Committee
December 22, 2009

Present: Parisien, Kourajian, Schulz, Nygaard, Dalsted, Schwartzkopf, Suko, Wollan and Fuchs.
Absent: Liechty.

Schulz moved to recommend the City Council approve the request from JSDC for funding from Economic Development Funds to provide \$9,600 to continue its internship program, with the City Share to be \$7,680 and paid from the City Sales Tax Fund. Seconded by Parisien. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Parisien moved to recommend the City Council re-affirm the Resolution concerning the PACE interest buy down for Dean Hafner/Allen Enterprises LLC, and to clarify that the City Council's resolution, dated September 8, 2009, did not require any additional documentation. Seconded by Schulz. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Nygaard moved to recommend the City Council authorize filling the position of Utility Operations Director based on the job description approved May 2007. Seconded by Kourajian. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Parisien moved to recommend the City Council amend the City Administrator job description to read "Supervision Received: Works under the administrative direction of the City Council with wide latitude for the application of independent professional judgment. The position is accountable to the City Council and they evaluate performance". Seconded by Schulz. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Nygaard moved to recommend the City Council not endorse the proposal received from Dale Marks, Stutsman County Commissioner, relative to a proposed 1% County Sales Tax, with ½ of the proceeds to be used for county roads and ½ of the proceeds dedicated to city infrastructure improvements. Seconded by Parisien. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Parisien moved to recommend the City Council approve the request from Ducks Unlimited, Inc., for a gaming site authorization on January 16, 2010, at Shady's (Conference Rooms 1-3). Seconded by Kourajian. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Nina Schneider, Director of the Buffalo City Tourism Foundation, appeared before the committee to request authorization for the tourism committee to conduct a World's Largest Buffalo naming contest.

Kourajian moved to recommend the City Council authorize Buffalo City Tourism Foundation to conduct a World's Largest Buffalo naming contest. Seconded by Schulz. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Parisien moved to recommend the City Council allow the City Engineer to enter into an agreement with South Central Regional Council for up to 50 hours @ \$70.00 per hour for services related to pursuing alternative sources of funding for non-FEMA eligible projects in the City of Jamestown. Seconded by Kourajian. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Schulz moved to table to the January Public Works Committee the request from Renaissance Recycling, LLC, for an additional \$30,000 in city assistance in order to gather additional information from the owner as to the future plans for recycling in the city. Seconded by Parisien. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Nygaard moved to un-table the request from Renaissance Recycling, LLC, for an additional \$30,000 in city assistance as the owner, Ralph Friebel, had arrived at the committee meeting. Seconded by Kourajian. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Ralph Friebel answered questions from the committee members and indicated that he planned to continue with the recycling efforts and the additional funds requested would be used to hire an additional employee for the business with the intent of growing the business.

Kourajian moved to recommend the City Council provide an additional \$15,000 in subsidy, for six months, to Renaissance Recycling, LLC. Seconded by Schulz. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Schulz moved to recommend the City Council approve the Stutsman County - City of Jamestown Agreement on joint maintenance of shared streets and sharing of equipment. Seconded by Parisien. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Parisien moved to recommend the City Council authorize proceeding with a city wide storm sewer study as per Interstate Engineering's proposal. Seconded by Schulz. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

The City Engineer provided information to the committee members relative to NIMS training for elected officials. He encouraged the members to consider completing the 700 and 100 level courses as those are the ones that the Department of Homeland Security is recommending all elected officials acquire and they are available on the internet.

Nygaard moved to table discussion of 17th St SW Federal Aid Project scheduled for 2013 as requested by Mayor Liechty until the January committee meeting in order that the Mayor could be present. Seconded by Schulz. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Randy Pope, from Interstate Engineering, Inc., provided information to the committee relative to the bid opening earlier in the day relative to Phase II – Water Systems Improvements, Water Treatment Plant Improvements, DWSRF Project No. 4700409-03. He informed the committee that the bids came in nearly \$1,000,000 over estimate. The three main areas that were higher than expected were the site work, building construction and new piping and valves to be installed. Interstate Engineering, Inc., and City staff will review the bids, funding and revenues needed and provide information and a recommendation at the January 4, 2010, City Council meeting.

Jeff Fuchs
City Administrator