

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MARCH 27, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Kelly
Ms. Riley
Mr. Spence
Mr. Thompson
Pres. Salvatore
Mayor Begley
Administrator Liston
Municipal Solicitors Baker/Haag

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Salvatore
INVOCATION: Mun. Clerk Richmond
TOPICS:

Ethics Report Forms – Pres. Salvatore asked when they were due and if it is done every year. Clerk responded yes they are done every year and are due now.

Block 189 Lot 9- A request for purchase was received by Clerk and she was informed by Pres. Salvatore that the person making the request already owns the land in question.

Items from Municipal Clerk – The Clerk presented various items which required direction from the Council and also items for the up coming Council Meeting of April 3.

Correspondence:

William Gauntt, Bridgeton Invitational Tournament, Inc. request for sponsorship, Council agreed along with Mayor the cost would be divided between the two

Carol Kirshenbaum requesting possibly lowering intact animal permits to \$50.
It was agreed that ordinance remain the same.

Mary Lodge, Southwest Council, requesting Ordinance for Beer Keg Registration, Solicitor stated he is still waiting for information from Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Council:

Councilwoman Riley questioned the article in the Press regarding the soccer fields. She was informed the fields are closed and a permit is required to use them.

Councilman Kelly commented on article in paper regarding Low Income Housing made by the Mayor and he (Mr. Kelly) not being familiar with the name Phoenix Area as being name for the Redevelopment area.

Mr. Kelly elaborated upon that low income housing is not bad and is needed and believed the Mayor did not mean that it was but could have been taken that way.

Solicitor explained that Phoenix Area has not been formally named for the redevelopment area.

Trash: Pres. Salvatore commented as stated the trash issue would be discussed this evening and called upon Council for comments:

Councilwoman Riley commented that one person should not be penalized for the action of another and that the tenant should be the one ticketed.

Councilman Kelly agreed with Councilwoman Riley but also that the tenants should be educated by their landlords of the circumstances.

Councilman Thompson commented that we need what will work to resolve the problem.

Councilman Spence had no comment

Pres. Salvatore commented he had called several other municipalities and they all sited the landlords for trash and he suggested that we continue to site landlords and if it does not work we will re-visit the matter.

Councilman Kelly suggested to site tenants and if not cleaned up in thirty then the landlords and also educate the renters maybe using the School Board.

Discussion concerning court appearances, Solicitor stated he would contact Court Judge to see if you are pleading guilty you can pay at the window with no court appearance.

At the conclusion it was agreed to revisit the matter in ninety days which would be July 1, 2007.

PUBLIC PORTION: Upon motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Kelly to open the work session to the public for anyone desiring to be heard which motion was carried.

Pres. Salvatore opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard.

The following commented in regards to the trash issue:

Mr. Rick Dawson
Mr. Robert Thompson
Mr. Vincent Palidino
Mr. Clair Miller
Mr. Wayne Stewart
Mr. Warren Nolan
Mr. George

Ms. Deb Lietzke
Mr. Robert Thompson

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Kelly and second by Ms. Riley to close the public portion of the Work Session which motion was carried.

Pres. Salvatore closed the public portion of the Work Session and thanked everyone for their comments.

Councilman Thompson commended Ms. Deb Lietzke on her comments and commented that all needs to be taken into consideration in finding a solution to the process, and asked to be excused as he has another engagement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon motion by Ms. Riley and second by Mr. Kelly RESOLUTION NO. 216-06, authorizing executive session to discuss contract, litigation, and personnel was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Reconvene Work Session: Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and second by Ms. Riley which motion was carried.

Pres. Salvatore called the work session to order.

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and second by Ms. Riley RESOLUTION NO. 217-06, authorizing employment agreement with Jeffrey C. Wentz, Police Chief, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Kelly RESOLUTION NO. 218-06, authorizing execution of separation agreement with Chief of Police Jeffrey C. Wentz, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

PUBLIC PORTION: Upon motion by Ms. Riley and second by Mr. Spence to open the Meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard which motion was carried.

Pres. Salvatore opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard.

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Ms. Riley and second by Mr. Spence to close the public portion of the meeting which motion was carried.

Pres. Salvatore closed the public portion of the meeting.

There being no further items of discussion to come before Council at this time, it was moved by Mr. Kelly and second by Ms. Riley to adjourn the meeting which motion was carried.

Pres. Salvatore adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

Council President Nicholas Salvatore
Date: _____