

MINUTES
GENERAL COUNSEL COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING OF September 24, 2014

Present: Councilwoman and Chairwoman Mary Bartolotta, Councilman Daley, Councilman Chisem, Councilman Giuliano, and Councilwoman Kleckowski. Staff: Director Morey and Assistant General Counsel Christopher Smedick. Members of the Public Present: Christine Bourne, Ann Gregg and Sean Beals.

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Comments:

No one from the public spoke.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Giuliano made a MOTION to move to approve the Minutes from the special meeting of July 15, 2014. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Daley. The Motion was approved unanimously.

New Business:

1. Vetting for the Director of Recreation and Community Services:

Mayor Drew introduced his recommended candidate for this position, Christy (Christiane) Kovel, stating that she brings vast experience working on senior issues which will be an asset as we come on-line with the new senior center and she will have the best interest of the community. Ms. Kovel gave a briefing on her background being a resident of this City and described her work with the Alzheimer's Associations and serves on the Commission on Aging. A question and answer period ensued discussing various items such as Ms. Kovel's approach for broader recreational services, her budgeting experience, grant writings experience and ideas for leveraging true community services. Councilman Giuliano asked Director Morey about the qualifications of the candidate comparing it to the written job descriptions.

A motion was made by Councilman Daley to move forward to the Common Council for its approval. Councilman Chisem seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 3 Ayes (Daley, Bartolotta and Chisem), 2 Nay votes (Giuliano and Kleckowski).

2. Ordinance: General Code Contract – Codification Costs.

There was a brief discussion as commissioners were expecting to see revisions to sections 74-30 and 74-31 concerning residency requirements. Councilwoman Bartolotta requested that this item be placed on next month's agenda with the request to keep in the historical language.

Discussion concerning the proposed ordinance changes ensued. After discussions, Councilman Daley moved the motions to approve and move forward to the Council with the

provision that was discussed. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Ordinance: Bidding threshold – Purchasing Ordinance 78-8

Assistant General Counsel Smedick discussed the proposed changes. Councilman Daley made the motion to approve with the amended language. The motion was seconded by Councilman Giuliano. Second discussion ensued with Councilman Giuliano who moved the motion to further amend the resolution. This was seconded by Councilwoman Kleckowski and passed by unanimous vote.

Other:

1. **Vacancy Report:** - Report dated September 24, 2014 was reviewed. No action required.
2. **Legal Bills:** A discussion was held without any copies of said bills included. The commissioners requested that in the future, copies of any bills set on the agenda to be included for their review.

Old Business:

Director Morey gave a brief update on the status of the Segal Waters Compensation Study. No action required.

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Giuliano. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.