



MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 23, 2012

7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bernick, DiPietro, Knight, Maloney, Raspanti, Smith, Sweeney

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Beil, Doczekalski, Hock, Kaminski, Maller, Nelson, Zingsheim, Zywanski

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Hill
Jay Judge (Judge, James and Kujawa)
Mike Nugent (Nugent Consulting)
Press
Citizens

I. ROLL CALL

Ald. DiPietro called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. On roll call vote the following Aldermen indicated their presence at the meeting: Bernick, DiPietro, Knight, Maloney, Raspanti, Smith and Sweeney.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Ald. Sweeney moved approval of the November 28, 2011 Committee of the Whole minutes. The motion was seconded. The motioned passed.

III. CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD ON A NON-AGENDA ITEM

IV. PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

A. Action Items

1. Public Hearing: Livery Application for Certificate of Operation – Think Pink, Inc, d.b.a. Pink Taxi

Patricia Carpenter of Think Pink Taxi Inc d/b/a Pink Taxi submitted an Application for Livery Certificate of Operation to operate in the City of Park Ridge. Public Notice of filing such application and designation January 23, 2012 for a public hearing was published on January 12, 2012 in *the Park Ridge Herald Advocate*.

Ald. DiPietro opened the public hearing and swore in all who wished to speak at the hearing on granting additional taxi licenses to Pink Taxi.

Joan Sandrick, 409 S. Clifton and Eileen Lang, 22 N. Seminary encouraged the council to approve this application. Steven Stavrides, 230 Wisner as a cancer survivor appreciates Pink Taxi's commitment to supporting a cure. James Bloomfield, 1824 S. Washington and Paul Sheehan, 315 Elmore feel that competition is healthy and will only make each of the businesses better. Mr. Sheehan also added how the owners of Pink Taxi have contributed to the community. As someone who doesn't drive and relies on taxis; Barbara Matlock, 731 Busse, uses Pink Taxi because she finds them more reliable and prefers them to Park Ridge Taxi. Mike Frances, 2207 Irwin is concerned that Pink Taxi is operating without the proper credentials.

Susan Burns, 1725 Good, sister of Patty Carpenter works for Park Ridge Taxi and if Pink Taxi comes into Park Ridge, it opens the door for more cab companies. Park Ridge taxi's are inspected and are clean and safe. Illiana Gonos, 9 S. Prospect owns a business in town and drives for Park Ridge Taxi. She commented that Pink Taxi is operating all over town without licenses and stealing calls. Thomas Meehan, 1429 Hoffman has work for Park Ridge Taxi for the last 4½ years. He believes that the City has not seen any population growth so there's no need for additional taxis.

Vicki Lobianco, former resident 922 Garden, works for Park Ridge Taxi and thinks competition is healthy. There's more than one woman's boutique in town, there's room for more than one Taxi Company. Helene Whiner, 325 Oak Creek Drive, Wheeling works for Pink Taxi and doesn't understand the problem with six additional taxis in town. Jorge Zavala, 1925 S. Courtland, strongly supports Pink Taxi. Let the customer's decide. Russell Deluca, 1629 Newton used Park Ridge Taxi many times, they were late at least three times over the summer and one driver had beer in the taxi.

Cathy Andriolo, 2993 Curtis, Des Plaines worked for Pink Taxi when they first started. She found them to be deceitful and untrustworthy, stealing her personal calls and snatching customers. Steve Wider, 8407 Carol, Niles is a Park Ridge Taxi driver and with the current economics doesn't see the need for additional taxis. Park Ridge Taxi has taken steps to improve their service. Lonnie Novak, 24 Main Street has been with Park Ridge Taxi for 30 years and has history with both owners. Pink Taxi has been operating illegally in town, don't reward this behavior. Dean Dinev, Oakbrook Terrace, IL owner of Park Ridge Taxi had a meeting with Patty Carpenter and told her he was going to fight for his company. The City needs to decide how many licenses are needed to serve the citizens and then decide who should receive them. Everyone knows Pink Taxi has been picking up illegally in Park Ridge.

Patty Carpenter, 635 Elmore & Mike Kowal, 2914 N. Dunton, Arlington Heights owners Pink Taxi we only have five cars, but with five cars they are already making Park Ridge Taxi a better company. They work with the Y-Me Foundation and give 15% of their profits to fighting breast cancer. All their drivers and cars are certified by Arlington Heights. According to the ordinance, we are allowed to pick up in Park Ridge. They are not the only other Taxi Company picking up in Park Ridge. Ald. DiPietro asked if there has been any talk with Lutheran General regarding a cabstand; Ms. Carpenter stated she would not approach them until her taxis are licensed in Park Ridge.

Ms. Dinev, 5441 N. East River Road; General manager of Park Ridge Taxi said despite what has been said tonight, Pink Taxi has advertised and show their taxis parked in front of Park Ridge City Hall on their Facebook page.

Ald. Sweeney moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:55 p.m. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Ald. Sweeney asked if there have been any specific violations against Park Ridge Taxi. Chief Kaminski stated that they have received complaints but because of the way the ordinance is written they weren't cited. Ald. Sweeney is in favor of issuing 5 licenses; competition is healthy. How do we determine the number of licenses to be issued? Historically it's up to the City Council how many licenses are issued and who receives them.

Ald. Sweeney moved to grant a minimum and maximum of 5 taxi licenses to Think Pink Inc. d/b/a Pink Taxi. The motion was seconded. Ald. Smith moved to amend the motion to a minimum of 5 and maximum of 10 licenses. The motion was seconded. The motion to amend passed 4-3. The amended motion allowing a minimum or 5 and maximum of 10 licenses passed unanimously.

2. Litigation Policy

The City Council requested that staff combine the proposed litigation policy with the existing litigation settlement authority policy and present it for review. The desire is to decrease the level of approval for any settlement over \$25,000 rather than the current \$50,000. Attorney Hill feels

these are reasonable changes. Ald. Knight asked if communities normally designate by official action which attorneys would represent the City? Attorney Hill said it varies by community.

Jay Judge from Judge, James and Kujawa addressed the Committee giving them background on his firm and the cases they handled last year for the City and other communities. He gave more detailed information on a couple of cases, talked about the awards their attorneys have won and he himself is considered a Super Lawyer in the area of Insurance for Government/Cities/Municipalities. For over thirty years he has written two legal columns; one in the "Chicago Daily Law Bulletin" and one in "Township Perspective" magazine.

Ald. Knight noted that the policy stated that they needed to select one or more law firms and he suggested that it should be noted how often this would be done. Also, he suggested a template to help the council track each case.

Ald. DiPietro moved the City Council replace Council Policy 43 with the new proposed Council Litigation Policy and be brought back to City Council on February 6, 2012 for approval. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

3. Duties and Responsibilities of Aldermanic Liaisons to Boards and Commissions

At the December 12, 2011 COW meeting the committee requested that language be provided to limit the voting rights of the liaisons to boards and commissions and to revise the 3P Manual to include guidelines for participation by liaisons during Board and Commission meetings.

Ald. Bernick asked where he should stand if he wanted to express his opinion at one of these meetings? Attorney Hill said if he was going to give his opinion, he should give it as a resident at the podium. Ald. Smith suggested communicating with the City Council and Mayor in a timely matter after these meetings are held by email.

Judy Barclay, 524 Courtland, commends the Council on these changes and asks that the Boards and Commissions be notified. She also doesn't feel the Aldermen should be communicating by email and that any communication should be done in an open meeting.

Ald. DiPietro moved to approve modifications to the 3P Manual and place on the February 6, 2012 City Council agenda for approval. The motion was seconded. The motion passed 6-1 with Ald. Smith voting against.

Ald. Bernick asked why item C under Powers and Duties was struck from the Code. It was done in error.

Ald. Bernick moved to add item C under Powers and Duties (section 4-16-3) back into the Municipal Code. The motion was seconded. This motion and second was withdrawn.

Ald. DiPietro moved to approve modifications to the Municipal Code regarding liaisons to Boards and Commissions and place on the February 6, 2012 City Council agenda for first reading. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

4. Contract Extension: Haag Press (1/1/12-4/30/12) for Printing of the Spokesman Publication

The City has a contract with Haag Press to print the Spokesman six times annually. The contract expired at the beginning of 2012. Staff is requesting to extend the contract through April 30, 2012. Haag Press will keep the same pricing.

Ald. DiPietro moved to extend the contract with Haag Press for printing services until April 30, 2012 for an amount of \$4,438 and place on the February 6, 2012 City Council agenda for approval. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

B. Discussion Items

C. Director's Report

V. FINANCE AND BUDGET

A. Action Items

1. Purchase Order Increase – Gillick/McLennan Property Management (Arcade Lease)

In 2010 the City entered into an agreement with Fred Gillick for use of the arcade area at 16-19 S. Prospect Avenue. The City Council approved a purchase order for payment in the amount of \$16,000. The City received an invoice for payment, which is actually \$16,224; therefore an increase to the purchase order of \$224 is necessary.

Ald. Knight moved approval of a purchase order increase for Gillick/McLennan Property Management in the amount of \$224. The motion was seconded. Ald. Raspanti, DiPietro, Sweeney and Knight voted for the motion. Ald. Maloney, Bernick and Smith were absent. The motion passed.

2. Payments to Community Groups – 2nd and 3rd Quarters

The 2011/12 Budget includes funding for Community Groups to be paid in quarterly installments. Ald. Sweeney asked that each group be a separate motion.

Ald. Knight moved to approve 2nd and 3rd quarterly payments totaling \$30,888 as follows, Home Delivered Meals - \$3,168, Maine Center for Mental Health - \$2,970 and Center of Concern - \$24,750. This motion was withdrawn and divided into three separate motions.

Ald. Knight moved to approve 2nd and 3rd quarterly payments in the amount of \$3,168 for Home Delivered Meals. The motion was seconded. Ald. Raspanti, Smith, DiPietro, Maloney and Bernick voted for the motion. Ald. Sweeney and Knight voted against. The motion passed.

Ald. Knight moved to approve 2nd and 3rd quarterly payments in the amount of \$2,970 for the Maine Center for Mental Health. The motion was seconded. Ald. Raspanti, Smith, DiPietro, Maloney and Bernick voted for the motion. Ald. Sweeney and Knight voted against. The motion passed.

Ald. Knight moved to approve 2nd and 3rd quarterly payments in the amount of \$24,750 for the Center of Concern. The motion was seconded. Ald. Raspanti, Smith, DiPietro, Maloney, Sweeney and Bernick voted for the motion. Ald. Knight voted against. The motion passed.

3. Approval for the City to enter into an agreement for software licensing

This is for authorization to enter into agreement with Microsoft for licensing of Microsoft software products. The City used Microsoft Office Suite for all of the network PCs. We desperately need to upgrade our Software. A Software assurance contract for software permits us to upgrade Microsoft Products for no additional cost at any time during the term of the contract. This is a three-year agreement, however we have the option to renew for an additional three years at a very favorable rate.

Ald. Knight moved to authorize payment in the amount of \$62,176.85 per year to CDW Government Inc, 775 Remittance Drive, Suite 1515, Chicago, Illinois 60675 for three years beginning February 2012. The motion was seconded. On roll call vote the motion passed.

4. Approval of payment to Sentinel Technologies, Inc.

We successfully completed a licensing evaluation project with Sentinel Technologies and need to move into the next phase of our virtualization implementation. We need to begin the setup of the virtualized desktop environment and purchase additional licensing.

Ald. Knight moved to authorized the payment in the amount of \$16,595 to Sentinel Technologies, Inc; 2550 Warrenville Road, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515 comprised of \$12,482 for the implementation project and \$4,113 for software licenses. The motion was seconded. On roll call vote the motion passed.

5. Vehicle Ticket Write Off Aging Report

Ms. Stutts explained that the recommendation to write off these tickets is due to the following reasons: 1. There is no contact name, address or license associated with the ticket. 2. The fine has been paid and the remaining balance is for late fees. 3. We have no contact name or address and the ticket was issued between 2002 and 2007. Ald. Sweeney asked if they would be writing off the remaining 1,113 outstanding tickets from 2008? Ms. Stutts said that they are working on those tickets and hopefully won't have to write them all off. The newer the ticket, the easier it will be to find the needed information.

Ald. Knight moved to approve the write off of 1,299 tickets totaling \$61,654.60. The motion was seconded. On roll call vote the motion passed.

6. Approval for the City to enter into a contract with RMA (Resource Management Associates) for Fire Lt. and B/C promotional testing - \$12,534.00

The Illinois Fire Department Promotions Act stipulates that Fire Departments have current eligibility lists for the tested ranks with in the department. Our eligibility lists for Battalion Chief and Fire Lieutenant expire in April and May 2012 respectively. The Fire Department solicited quotes from four different vendors in the Chicago area. The lowest quote was from Resources Management Associates.

Ald. Knight moved to approve the low price quote for promotions testing from Resources Management Associates (RMA) in the amount of \$12,534.000. The motion was seconded. On roll call vote the motion passed.

B. Discussion Items

1. City Attorney Expenditures

The City did a survey on City Attorney Expenditures and five communities responded. The results of this survey were given to the Committee. Mr. Hock suggested when looking at the results to take out litigation, because litigation can change drastically from year to year. Mr. Hock has also explained the staff policy for use of the City Attorney. Ald. Knight asked for regular reports so they can see if the new policy is helping or hurting the process.

2. December Actual – January through April Forecast

Ms. Stutts gave a brief overview of the actual results through December 2011 as well as the forecast through the end of the fiscal year. As of the end of December, the general fund is showing a small surplus of \$26,781.

3. Nugent Consulting and Third Party Administrator (TPA) RFP

Mike Nugent is the City's Consultant for the City's general liability, property and workers compensation insurance. He's also proposing to do a third party RFP this year. Ald. Raspanti requested Mr. Nugent attend a Committee meeting and be prepared to answer his submitted questions.

The scope of his services is to provide a renewal plan in January, oversee collection of renewal data, secure coverage and service proposals and report these results to the City. He attends Council and Committee meetings as needed, collects renewal documents, reviews policies, answers coverage and risk management questions as they arise, issues and evaluates RFP TPA and prepares a summary report and recommendation.

Mr. Nugent is the HELP program manager, managing the day-to-day operations for the HELP pool. Park Ridge was a founding member of HELP in 1987, which was founded because municipalities in the 1980's were unable to purchase excess liability coverage. There are twelve other communities in HELP, all of them founding members of the pool. IRMA and HELP are completely different. IRMA handles claims from start from finish with a premium. HELP covers the City's high-risk liability after the City other insurance pay. Our current contract with HELP ends in 2018. Communities must sign up for ten years according to the bylaws.

C. Director's Report

VI. PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Discussion Items

1. Presentation – Cost Effective Strategies to Address Risk Factors at the Police Facility

Ald. Raspanti thanked all the Task Force members for all the work they put into this proposal. Frank Gruba-McCallister, Chair of the Chief's Advisory Task Force addressed the Committee on the work of the Task Force. In the course of their meetings they looked into the current state of the Police facilities and tonight they are making their recommendation to the Council.

Chief Kaminski gave a risk assessment of the facility. The current inadequacies include: lack of separate and secure arrival and processing of prisoners, problems with property/evidence storage, poor ventilation in property room, inadequate space for male and female locker rooms, recurring mold problems, inefficient work space especially for witness/victim areas, non ADA compliance and not compliant with sprinkler building codes.

Ralph Cincinelli, member of the Task Force and architect, took a look at all the deficiencies identified by the committee and along with them drew up a three-year plan to address the problems. Year one: move evidence/property storage out of the building. The proposal is to tear down the existing building next to City Hall and rebuild a one-story structure with an additional parking lot; this building will also hold bike storage and lost animals. The cost will be \$325,000-400,000 with approximately \$70,000 offset from the Parking Fund and a \$40,000 grant that is available immediately for brick and mortar. This will lower the City's cost to approximately \$215,000-290,000. Year two: build a sally port for transferring criminals, address handicap access to the building and upgrade both locker rooms. This will cost between \$325,000-400,000. Year three: finish all final interior work at a cost of \$450,000-500,000.

This plan is the result of three years worth of work on the part of the Police and Task Force. They feel this plan addresses most of the issues with the Police Station without the expense of building a new Police Station.

Ald. Raspanti urged the Committee to fund this project. Ald. DiPietro feels this should be part of the current budget process. Ms. Stutts stated that although they will be discussing capital projects as part of the budget process, this item is not in the 2012/13 proposed budget. Capital improvements will be discussed at the February 22, 2012 budget workshop.

VII. OTHER CITY BUSINESS

A. Action Items

1. Taste RFP

The Request for Proposal for the Taste of Park Ridge event was published on December 8, 2011; three proposals were submitted by the deadline. A staff committee reviewed the proposals and recommended Taste of Park Ridge, Inc.

Mel Thillens, 901 Prairie is representing the Taste of Park Ridge Committee and said he would be available for questions if needed. Ald. Bernick asked if they kept the market open on Sunday what the projected increase would be? Mr. Thillens stated that they had no plans to open on

Sunday but hoped to stay open an hour longer on Saturday. Ald. Maloney was concerned about wording in the agreement that if the event was cancelled because of weather we might be held responsible. The City Attorney will take a second look at the agreement and adjust as needed. Ald. Smith feels if we cancel the event we should be responsible for the costs. Ald. Maloney reminded the Council that they wanted the event run with no risk to the City.

The original goal of the Taste of Park Ridge was to help support the businesses in town. By voting against this proposal Ald. Bernick stated they are voting against the business community. Ald. Maloney has an issue with the trademark of the event's name and would like to see it called something else from here on.

Ald. Knight moved to throw out both proposals and start over. The motion was seconded. Ald. Knight and Raspanti voted for the motion. Ald. Bernick, Sweeney, Smith, DiPietro and Maloney voted against. The motion failed.

Ald. DiPietro moved to authorize staff to prepare an agreement with the Taste of Park Ridge, Inc. in conformance with the City of Park Ridge Taste Event RFP and put on the February 6, 2012 City Council agenda as an action item. The motion was seconded. Ald. Smith, Sweeney, Bernick and DiPietro vote for the motion. Ald. Raspanti, Knight and Maloney voted against. The motion passed.

2. Adjourn to Closed Session to review and approve Closed Session minutes of November 14, 2011 and December 5, 2011, pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 c 21

Ald. DiPietro moved to adjourn to Closed Session to review and approve Closed Session minutes of November 14, 2011 and December 5, 2011, pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 c 21. The motion was seconded. This motion was withdrawn.

Because the Committee didn't receive the minutes in question to review, this item will be put on the February 6, 2012 City Council agenda.

3. Adjourn to Closed Session to discuss litigation (Workman's Compensation Claim Settlement), pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 c 11

Ald. DiPietro moved to adjourn to Closed Session to discuss litigation (Workman's Compensation Claim Settlement), pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 c 11. The motion was seconded. Ald. Bernick, Smith, DiPietro, Raspanti and Maloney voted for the motion. Ald. Sweeney and Knight voted against. The motion passed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Smith stated that there is a problem with scheduling relating to P & Z and the Appearance Commission. Mr. Hock said this would be addressed by staff.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 11:15 p.m.