

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY January 6, 2009

Members of Community Development Committee present: Temporary Chairwoman Leslie Kelly, Donna Shirey, Fred Deskins, Jr.

Other members of Council present: Doug Joseph, Mel Clemens, Ron Stake, Council President William L. Hills.

Mrs. Kelly called the Community Development Committee meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Deskins moved to approve the agenda; Mrs. Shirey seconded. The agenda was approved without objection.

Mrs. Kelly: Is there a motion to elect a Chairman of the Community Development Committee?

Mr. Deskins: I'll make a motion that Leslie Kelly be our new Chairman of the Community Development Committee.

Mrs. Kelly: Seconded by Mrs. Shirey; thank you very much and I would like to appoint Fred Deskins as Vice Chairman of the Community Development Committee. Our last order of business is approval of the minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting held 11-17-08. Are there any changes that need to be made to the minutes? If not, I'd like to have a motion to approve the minutes. So moved by Mr. Deskins. Seconded by Mrs. Shirey. Minutes are approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Community Development Committee
- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
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SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY January 6, 2009

Members of Safety Committee present: Temporary Chairman Doug Joseph, Ron Stake, Fred Deskins, Jr.

Other members of Council present: Leslie Kelly, Mel Clemens, Donna Shirey, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Joseph: I'll call the Safety Committee meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. The second item on the agenda is the approval of the agenda. Are there any changes, additions or deletions to the Safety Committee agenda tonight? Seeing none, the agenda will stand approved.

Item 3 is the election of Chairman for tonight. Are there any motions for Chairman. Yes, Councilman Stake.

Mr. Stake: Yes, I make a motion that Fred Deskins be Chairman of the Safety Committee.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Is there a second. Seconded by Mr. Deskins. All those in favor say "Aye". (Mr. Deskins and Mr. Stake voted "Aye"). Opposed. (Mr. Joseph voted "Nay"). Mr. Deskins, you are now Chairman; I'll turn it over to you.

Mr. Deskins: The last thing on the agenda for this evening....

Mrs. Kelly: No, you have to appoint a Vice Chair.

Mr. Deskins: Oh, I'm sorry. I would like to appoint as Vice Chairman of the Safety Committee, Ron Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Fred, I'd be happy to. Thank you.

Mr. Deskins: Thank you very much Ron. The last thing on the agenda this evening is the approval of the minutes for December 1, 2008 Safety Committee Meeting. Are there any changes? If not, they'll stand approved as read.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Safety Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY January 6, 2009

Members of Service Committee present: Temporary Chairman Mel Clemens, Donna Shirey, Fred Deskins, Jr.

Other members of Council present: Leslie Kelly, Doug Joseph, Ron Stake, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Clemens: I'll call the Service Committee Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. I'd like to call a time out Bill, if I could, for five minutes.

Mr. Hills: Absolutely. We will recess for five minutes. (Committee recessed at 7:35 p.m.)

(Committee reconvened at 7:37 p.m.)

Mr. Clemens: I'll call the Service Committee Meeting back to order. The first item on the agenda is approval of agenda. Are there any additions or deletions to tonight's agenda? If not, it'll stand approved.

Item 3 is Election of Chairman. Do I have a nomination for election of the Chairman?

Mrs. Shirey: Thank you Mr. Clemens. I'd like to appoint you as Chairman.

Mr. Clemens: Seconded by Fred Deskins. Thank you both. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Thank you. Next is the appointment of Vice Chairman. I appoint Councilwoman Shirey as Vice Chairman.

Mrs. Shirey: Thank you, I accept.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you.

Item 4 is Approval of minutes of Service Committee Meeting held December 15, 2008. Are there any additions or deletions? If not, they'll stand approved. Thank you all for the new Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Service Committee

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY January 6, 2009

Members of Finance Committee present: Temporary Chairman Ron Stake, Mel Clemens, Fred Deskins, Leslie Kelly.

Other members of Council present: Donna Shirey, Doug Joseph, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Stake: I'll call to order the Finance Committee Meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Item #2 is approval of the agenda. Are there any changes to the agenda?

At this time I would like to add - President Hills, I believe he has something he wants to say.

Mr. Hills: I have a couple of things to announce. Number one, Letters of Interest on the At Large Council position will be accepted by the Clerk until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 9, 2009 and then they will be shut off. We will, Council has been receiving as they've come in a copy of all the Letters of Interest. They will be reviewing, in their packets, all that come in by the 9th. I would anticipate having an Executive Session the night of the 12th for some general discussion on the appointment of officials. That will be restricted to the Clerk of Council and Council members only.

Also I would note that, I think Mr. Stake is going to bring it up later, we did receive a couple of general interests on Boards and Commissions that were passed out tonight, and I think that makes a total of three, is all that I'm aware of at this time.

Also, the Council Clerk has, at the request of some of our Council people, we're going to be having a special Council meeting on January 17th, 2009, probably 9:00 a.m. or so in the morning and it's on a Saturday, to go over and answer some questions that they have from the Council perspective as far as procedural, where some questions have come up this year, just to have a general refresher of where we are, what we do. We won't make it mandatory or anything like that, but certainly everyone who has an interest between the general discussion of the budgetary issues and different things like that is probably going to be beneficial for everybody and that's the two I have. For some reason, I thought there may have been a third, but I'll check with the trusty Clerk. Ms. Frazier, did I have anything else I needed to announce. Clerk says no. I've got it all covered, Mr. Stake, thank you.

Mr. Stake: Thank you President Hills. The agenda will stand as submitted.

Item #3 is election of Chairman; appointment of Vice Chairman. Do I have a motion for Chairman of the Finance Committee? Councilman Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yes, I'd like to nominate Councilman Stake.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Clemens made a motion for Mr. Stake to be Chairman. Seconded by Mrs. Kelly. Any discussion. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries. Thank you. Mr. Clemens, if you would continue to serve as Vice Chairman, I'd appreciate it.

Mr. Clemens: Yes, I will.

Mr. Stake: Thank you.

Item 4 is approval of minutes of Finance Committee meeting held December 15, 2008. Are there any changes to those minutes? None being heard, they'll stand as submitted.

Item 5: Discussion: Amend Section 971.08 "Program and Facility Fees and Charges" of Chapter 971 Municipal Parks. This comes from the Parks and Recreation Director Jason Shamblin who recently informed me that he has relocated to the City of Reynoldsburg and we appreciate it. Thank you.

Mr. Shamblin: Certainly. Thank you. Thank you for your time this evening. I bring before you legislation to amend Section 971.08. We basically would like to add some programs. I included a memo and a spreadsheet of the classes currently. We are also taking some off that needed to be taken off. They haven't been offered in a while and then I think there were two increases, so, and that really is it. We're working with our Commission currently to create a policy that will address a systematic way of setting the fees. I've also had conversations with the Auditor regarding I guess a better connection between our fees and our revenue and how we address that and look at that, so if anybody has any questions?

Mr. Stake: I have a couple. I see about nine new programs being added, is that correct?

Mr. Shamblin: Yes.

Mr. Stake: Okay and I just saw a few changes, maybe two or three. So in our history it has been to charge for these programs and that kind of stuff. It's not like we're starting anything new, we're just offering new programs and charging the appropriate fees.

Mr. Shamblin: Yes.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Are there any other questions from members of the Finance Committee? Councilman Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yes, this is the Reynoldsburg Recreation Program?

Mr. Shamblin: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: I suppose there's a reason we have to have non-residential?

Mr. Shamblin: Well, I think they have always offered the availability to non-residents at a higher rate for some of the classes, but that could be one of the things that we look into.

Mr. Clemens: Well, you know, what I was looking at, I know our soccer programs and our T-ball and all that, are very crowded, you know? I just wondered why we put, you know, we put our, if there's a reason I don't know, there may be a reason.

Mr. Harris: Mr. Clemens, what has always been done is the more you use programs like Little League baseball, and Soccer, and those have always been offered to the residents first and then if there's anything, if there's any spots left open, then non-residents can participate at a higher rate so they have tried to in the past and I don't know what the reason was, this is just the way it's been run

since, since I've been in the Auditor's Office. They do offer these programs to residents first and non-residents can't sign up until after they've had several weeks for the residents to sign up and then if there's anything left over, the non-residents can then put in for it. A lot of times, they end up on waiting lists and if somebody quits, they get on or something but, they've had those non-resident fees for that and that's kind of the way it's been run.

Mr. Clemens: Is that on all programs that we have?

Mr. Harris: At least the ones that are very, very popular, where, like I say, soccer, and baseball and the ones that are used a lot, they've done it that way. The rest of the programs, which are not used, generally carry a higher price tag because they pay a much higher percent and kind of have those opened up to first come, first served. I mean, some of these, there's five or six kids at a time taking a place, so they're not shutting residents out but they have, they always try to make sure that residents get a chance to get into these programs.

Mr. Clemens: I mean, is that a policy, do we actually do that? That's what I'm interested in.

Mr. Harris: Yes. Yeh. The book, when it comes out, there is an early sign up period that residents-only can sign up for.

Mr. Shamblin: Yes, there's a two-week window that we open it up to residents-only for all of our youth sports.

Mr. Clemens: All right. I'll think about it and look at it.

Mr. Stake: I, you know I may be able to add a little common sense to this. There may be, you know, if you have so many residents who sign up, but you still have open spots, you don't have residents, you're still paying those fees to whoever's doing it, and whatever facility you're using if you're paying a fee for that, so I can see filling additional spots by non-residents, but I don't think non-residents take a priority, do they Jason?

Mr. Shamblin: No.

Mr. Stake: Okay.

Mr. Clemens: I mean, I can see it in some of the programs where we have somebody come in and do it. I understand that, but I was looking at our, our Little League Programs and things like that, because I know how full they get and I just didn't, I didn't know how you operated that so...

Mr. Shamblin: Well, I don't think there's been in the past, a spot where we've turned people away, an overwhelming spot where we've...

Mr. Clemens: In other words, I don't want any residents turned away and have any non-residents in the program.

Mr. Shamblin: Right, right.

Mr. Clemens: Know what I mean?

Mr. Shamblin: Yes, Sir.

Mr. Stake: Okay, Councilwoman Kelly.

Mrs. Kelly: I would just like to say that I'm very excited that we are adding some of these new classes. My children, one of the reasons I moved to Reynoldsburg besides the schools was the tremendous Parks and Recreation Program that we have. So I'm very excited that we are adding these new classes and more opportunities for kids to get out there, and families, so I commend you for making the effort to go out and find these things. I think that this is an absolutely great, great, great addition to the Program that's already there.

Mr. Shamblin: Thank you.

Mrs. Kelly: You're welcome.

Mr. Stake: Are there any other questions from members of Council? Three readings for this?

Mr. Shamblin: Yes.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Then I'll make a motion that we send this item on for it's First Reading. Seconded by Mrs. Kelly. Any further discussion. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries. Thank you.

Item 6: Discussion: Letters of Interest for upcoming board/commission vacancies- - on 12-1-08 request for Letters of Interest was made. *Held until 1-6-09*. I do know that we have a letter from Mr. Brusk who currently serves on the BZA and then we have two other Letters of Interest, general interest in serving on Boards and Commissions. The problem that I see is that if we don't make a decision tonight and send it on to Council, we'll have a vacancy on BZA and sometimes if people don't show up, that's a hardship on the people who are there because they can't have a quorum to be able to do business. So I guess my recommendation is that we reappoint Mr. Brusk; I'll make that motion. Seconded by Mrs. Kelly. Any further discussion. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries. Thank you.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Finance Committee

---Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council January 6, 2009

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