COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2010

Members of Community Development Committee present: Temporary Chairperson Leslie Kelly, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Nathan Burd.

Other members of Council present: Fred Deskins, Jr., Doug Joseph, Mel Clemens, Council President William L. Hills.

Mrs. Kelly: I'll call the Community Development Committee meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. Item No. 2 on the agenda is approval of agenda. Are there any changes or deletions? Hearing none, it will stand as written.

Election of Chairman; appointment of Vice Chairman- - -Mrs. Kelly asked for a nomination for Chair of the Community Development Committee. Mr. Long moved that Mrs. Kelly be the Chair; Mr. Burd seconded. All voted "Aye". Mrs. Kelly asked Mr. Cotner if he would serve as Vice Chairman of the Community Development Committee. Mr. Cotner said he would do so.

The minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held December 21, 2009 were approved without objection.

Mrs. Kelly: Item No. 5 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH TRURO TOWNSHIP FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A COMMUNITY GARDEN AT 6305 EAST LIVINGSTON AVENUE- - -first reading December 28, 2009. Are there any questions? Seeing none, I would like to move to send this to Council for its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Long. All in favor, vote "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). With that, I will adjourn the Community Development Committee at 8:09 p.m.

Community Development Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

January 4, 2010

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2010

Members of Safety Committee present: Temporary Chairman Mel Clemens, Chris Long, Fred Deskins, Jr., Nathan Burd.

Other members of Council present: Leslie Kelly, Doug Joseph, Barth R. Cotner, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Clemens: I'll call the Safety Committee Meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. First item on the agenda is the approval of agenda. Are there any additions or deletions to the agenda? If not, it'll stand approved.

Election of Chairman; appointment of Vice Chairman- - -Mr. Clemens asked for a nomination for Chair of the Safety Committee. Mr. Long moved that Mr. Clemens be the Chair; Mr. Deskins seconded. All voted "Aye". Mr. Clemens asked Mr. Long if he would serve as Vice Chairman of the Safety Committee. Mr. Long said he would do so.

The minutes of the Safety Committee meeting held December 21, 2009 were approved without objection.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Safety Committee
- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
January 4, 2010

SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2010

Members of Service Committee present: Temporary Chairman Doug Joseph, Nathan Burd, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long.
Other members of Council present: Fred Deskins, Jr., Leslie Kelly, Mel Clemens, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Joseph: I'll call the Service Committee Meeting to order at 8:11 p.m. The first item on the agenda is approval of agenda. Are there any additions, deletions or changes tonight? Seeing none, the agenda will stand as approved.

Election of Chairman; appointment of Vice Chairman- - -Mr. Joseph asked for a nomination for Chair of the Service Committee. Mr. Burd moved that Mr. Joseph be the Chair; Mr. Long seconded. All voted "Aye". Mr. Joseph asked Mr. Burd if he would serve as Vice Chairman of the Service Committee. Mr. Burd said he would do so.

The minutes of the Service Committee meeting held December 21, 2009 were approved without objection.

Mr. Joseph: Item No. 5 - Discussion: Proposed annexation of 0.442+/- acres in Truro Township; (John Wall and Elizabeth Hanna); Franklin County Commissioners approved on 10-27-09; received by Clerk of Council on 11-4-09; can go to committee to begin acceptance process on January 4, 2010. Do we have anything on that tonight from anyone, the Administration, any comments on that tonight? Okay. Any comments or questions by members of Committee, Council? Okay. I'll make a motion that we send this on to Council for first reading. Seconded by Mr. Long. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion carries. Thank you.

Item No. 6 - Discussion: Code Compliance- - -on 7-6-09 item held; on 7-20-09 item discussed and held; on 9-8-09 item discussed and held- - -9-21-09 - *to be kept on agenda so committee can follow up and see results.* I don't have anything on this tonight Councilman Clemens. Did you have anything on this tonight?

Mr. Clemens: No, and I would think if we don't receive much more, then it can be removed, possibly at the next meeting.

Mr. Joseph: Okay, anyone else on Council, anything on this (inaudible)? Yes, Councilman Long.

Mr. Long: I have a quick question. If we were to move this to Other Legislation due to it being the winter time and lack of active Code Compliance issues, is it something that can be reactivated in the Spring when that comes back up?

Mr. Joseph: Yes, as long as something's in Other Legislation, it can be brought back at any time, but we'll hold this for two more weeks and if there's nothing at that time, we will do that, we will move it to Other Legislation. So I'll make a motion we hold this two more weeks. Seconded by Mr. Cotner. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion carries, thank you and that's the last item on the Service Committee, so I will close at 8:13 p.m.

Service Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

January 4, 2010

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2010

Members of Finance Committee present: Temporary Chairman Fred Deskins, Jr., Doug Joseph, Mel Clemens, Leslie Kelly.

Other members of Council present: Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Nathan Burd, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Deskins: I'll call to order the Finance Committee Meeting at 8:14 p.m. Next item on the agenda is the approval of the agenda. Are there any changes or deletions or anything to the agenda? If not, it will stand as written.

Election of Chairman; appointment of Vice Chairman- - -Mr. Deskins asked for a nomination for Chair of the Finance Committee. Mrs. Kelly moved that Mr. Deskins be the Chair; Mr. Joseph seconded. All voted "Aye". Mr. Deskins asked Mr. Joseph if he would serve as Vice Chairman of the Service Committee. Mr. Joseph said he would do so.

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held December 21, 2009 were approved without objection.

Mr. Deskins: Item No. 5 - Discussion: Amending Investment Policy City of Reynoldsburg. I think the Auditor is going to tell us that.

City Auditor Harris: Thank you, Chairman Deskins, members of Council. Back on September 27th after some lengthy discussions and meetings with a number of different investment advisors with the City, the Treasury Investment Board voted to ask Council to change the Investment Policy somewhat. It was never put on the agenda until now for the former Chairman's inability to want to do so.

What we were trying to do with this is, our current policy limits the city to investments of no more than two years, which in some situations can be good, and some situations can be bad. We follow investment, the interest rates up when the Federal Reserve raises interest rates, we follow them up, when the Federal Reserve starts to dropping interest rates, we follow them down, because we don't have anything that goes out beyond when those slack periods would be. We are, therefore, looking at asking, we would ask Council to raise the time limit that we can do that from two years currently, to the following things on page three of four on this - a minimum of 50% of the investments will mature in two years or less. Up to 25% of the investments can mature between two and three years. Up to 25% of the investments can mature between three and five years. And the reason we're doing that at this point, we would not want to put anything out to five years at this point.

What we were trying to do with this, when interest rates go back up, which they historically, always will do, we would then....when they get out to a, back up to 5% - 5-1/2% which is where they were in '06, we would at that point in time, start putting things into five years. That way, when interest rates start to fall, we have some kind of guaranteed protection instead of being, we could be at 5% right now, interest rates at STAR OHIO are at .12 which, unfortunately, the investment on the city's portfolio is now become either the third or fourth largest thing that we put into the General Fund, behind the Income Tax, the money we get from the local Government Funds, and sometimes the State Taxes, but that's the fourth largest one. Back in 2006, it was over $1,000,000; it's now down to around $450,000. So obviously, we're talking about some real money here.

The difference right now, on the three year, between what I can get on the two year and three year, is about 100 basis points, which is 1%. It also will allow us to buy, which we occasionally do, bonds and what they call step bonds. A step bond would be something that starts at a lower coupon rate, over time it builds up. By doing those things, we could probably add another $100,000 next year to the city's portfolio from the investments, and we think by doing this, we can increase in bad times between a $150,000 and $200,000 what we bring in, and $200,000 as we just went through the budget times, would have been very helpful. So therefore, we are asking Council to consider that.

The other thing is, about most of the, almost all the investments that we have, we always look at liquidity as one of the things that we are concerned about. We always have large payments due in May and December for payment on the city's debt. We keep that money in STAR OHIO so that we have it liquid and that's why we have things two years or less. We would, we do what we call a laddered approach which means we try to have something come due every quarter in case something unexpected comes up that we could get a hold of that cash pretty quickly. We also have the ability under this to any investments we have in the way of bonds or other things we could liquidate through sale or cashing in CDs at banks and some of those kinds of things. We may have to pay a penalty for the early withdrawal, but we can get our hands on the money. So we are concerned both with the liquidity factor, and earning increased revenue and we think that we can do that with this and there's a couple of other small things and changes in here.

One of them being on the diversification. The 35%, we're going to do that because we'll be probably using less investment people than we do right now. We will go with those ones that consistently produce higher yields and the STAR OHIO, occasionally, we might have to go over that 40% because we keep not only the short term day-to-day funds in there, that's where all our Income Tax money goes in to be distributed, but also if we get bond proceeds for a large project like we had for Main Street, those bond proceeds could be $4M - $5M - $6M, which we have to put in there for short-term because we have to pay it out over a short period of time, relatively short period of time. So therefore, we would have to keep that money liquid and that would take us above the 40% so we've kind of changed that from 'shall' to 'will' which gives us a little bit of wiggle room on that, but other than that, the major one we're looking at in this is the changing of the period of time. The Ohio Revised Code allows us to go out to five years on everything. We're not asking for that much latitude. We're just looking to be able to take 25% to three years and 25% to five years. So, if you want to have some discussion on that, if there's any questions, I'll certainly be glad to answer them for you.

Mr. Deskins: Thank you very much Auditor Harris. I related earlier to you, I can relate to that. We, I'm responsible for the Lodge's money and we got locked in three years ago at 5 ½% and right now it's at 1 ½% and that is a good flexibility to have where you can stick out there and.... Are there any questions for the Auditor from the Committee, any from the Council? President Hills.

Mr. Hills: Dick, a couple things, to be sure everybody understands. The Treasury Investment Board consists of whom?

Mr. Harris: It is myself, the Mayor who is the presiding officer over it, and also the City Attorney. We ......

Mr. Hills: Basically, the three full time elected officials.

Mr. Harris: That's correct. We meet every month, the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Mr. Hills: And the amount, the percentage of the dollars is not a large percentage you're talking about taking, you're not saying ' we're going to take 50% of the dollars we can invest and put them over in these accounts'. Is that correct?

Mr. Harris: That's correct. The most we could have, would be 25% of the whole portfolio could be out to three years and 25% could be five years. Fifty percent, a minimum of 50% has to stay....

Mr. Hills: And this is the percentage that experts came in and testified or talked with the Treasury Investment Board and said this is the best structure you can have to protect yourselves in an up and down market.

Mr. Harris: That's correct and we heard from four different people from large investment houses and what's interesting is, the City Attorney pointed out, they make more commissions, if we do this every two years because they get commission on when they sell us something. So when they're in there telling you, don't pay me a commission because you make more money, it's probably something that has a little of bite to it.

Mr. Hills: Thank you, Chairman Deskins.

Mr. Deskins: Is there any other questions for the Auditor? Thank you Dick, I'll make a motion that we send this to Council for its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Clemens. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Thank you very much. Thanks Dick.

Mr. Harris: Thank you.

Mr. Deskins: Item No. 6 - Discussion: Purchase of computer equipment for Auditor, Human Resources, and Water Departments. Dick, you have the floor again.

Mr. Harris: Thank you, Mr. Deskins. Back in early December, Council was given a packet from me on the, our necessity for purchasing new accounting software; and let me just give you a little background on that before we get into the actual product. In, we have been using a system from Creative Microsystems, Inc since 1982. It's a DOS system that last was updated sometime in the mid-90s. It is still a DOS-based system. We were told on December 31st, 2007 that in three years, they would no longer be supporting that system. Starting early in 2008 after we got the year ended, and of course, word filtered up through that to the outside as well, we started getting emails and calls and solicitations from a number of different companies that provide accounting software for governmental agencies. We, I sat down with Mr. Kipp and talked about some preliminary things that we would have to have in that particular, whatever system. Mr. Kipp and the Water and the Utilities and my system have to be fully integrated. Anything that comes in with any money, I have to account for, so our systems have to be integrated. They have to talk to each other so that all these transactions flow by computer into our financials rather than us having to hunt manually which would be very cumbersome. So we decided early on that whatever we both mutually decided on we were going to get. We were not each going to do our own thing because it was just not really a good idea for us to take on, the whole idea of this was to make less work not more work, so we sat down and put some ideas together with the help of Janet Switalski who is his lead person and my lead person, Joni Crawford, and looked at some of the things we wanted us to do and some of the things we came up with was, the total integration with utilities, easy to use, I wanted to have to write less checks, both payroll and payables checks because check fraud is somewhere between a $9 Billion and $12 Billion a year fraud all over the country. So we send out a number of large checks for water bills to the City of Columbus and other people so having the security of being able to do this electronic funds transfer we thought was important; integration with a Windows system so that we can get things out of Excel. I need to get the checks so I can keep track of when they're cashed through an Excel spreadsheet. Internet access to water bills, Mark wanted to be able to have people get online, into the city's website, have a link over to where they could see what there water bill was going to be and that's important because as water rates have gone up over the last ten years, collection issues have gone up exponentially in that period of time. In the past two years, we have had two apartment complexes who have declared bankruptcy who have owed the city a great deal of money. We also have problems with the number of rental homes and other things in the area where people are not paying water bills, leaving owners stuck with some rather large water bills and trash bills. So Mark is looking at some point in time in the near future of having to go to monthly water bills. It's not something they really want to do, but they have to do. The necessity for this is how you go from collecting 4,000 a month in processing to go to 12,000 a month without breaking the bank, adding payroll. So one of the things we looked at with this was the ability to take internet payments to allow, we can't even, if you have service through your bank where you do bill pay online, we can't take those, we don't have a way to take those, we don't have a way to use credit cards over the internet. So we were looking for more ways for him to be able to collect this rather than do it. The other thing is, with the system we have now, they have to manually go in when they get those numbers and somebody has to sit there and data entry all that stuff in. So to go from 4,000 to 12,000 would cause him to add an additional number of people in that which would increase the cost of the collections. We currently really don't have anything for the HR Department to do things like EEOC reports or track FLMA and many of the things that they need to do, that has to be done manually, if you're getting anything, going to start doing things manually, that takes a lot more time to do it. So we want to be able to do that and have report features that, as things change we can go in and pull information to create reports both the reports you're used to seeing from us and any new ones that would become necessary. We need systems that allow for less keying of data. One of my chief ones is, we put in 150 time sheets every two weeks, somebody in the department does it. They send it down to us. We have to key in those. Why don't we do it once and have it be done. Electronic purchase orders, we would like to be able to do a lot of that kind of stuff instead of having all the paper purchase orders we, which we have. Those forms are very expensive to have printed. To be able to do these electronically and save a few trees and a lot of time, to have some kind of budget module, the current budget sheets you get are done by me on an Excel spreadsheet. It takes me about two weeks to get that thing ready and you know, as I get older, my eyes go bad, it's going to be a little tougher for me to do it. Plus, like my department today will spend today and tomorrow putting all those numbers into the system rather than having something that would do it automatically so there's like two people that spend two days doing key punch stuff. Ongoing support problems which we've had with our current vendor need to be taken care of. We also looked at the long-term viability and technology system and the ability to do disaster recovery. One of the things the State requires in our annual audit, is that if something, the worst possible things happen and a plane runs into this building and we lose everything that's here, how do we proceed from there, but this with the product that's over the Internet, we can just get online, we keep, we actually keep backup disks, some at the bank, some here that we would be able to get back on and start, business would go on. So this is the kind of things we looked at. We talked initially to about twenty different vendors. We actually got to the point where we were down to the best ten, and then we started making some hard decisions of who we wanted to look at. We actually talked to a total of five different vendors and if you look at the sheet I sent out in this little software recommendation section right here, we got down to, it'll go through the evaluation process that we used. We did reference check, we narrowed the field down to three vendors. At that point in time we had those three vendors come in and do a pre...... an all day presentation both my staff, the water staff, the HR Department and they got a chance to use the system that shows it what they could do. They got the whole spiel on it. After that, we talked to people who had used these systems, talked to people who had them for a period of time, actually went out to see some of them. We had people come back because we had specific issues. Each one of these vendors came back at least one more time, some more than that. The fact that the people from New World, which you got in your packet, a business analysis, they came and spent a whole day going through our departments and looked at the processing they do and came up with some interesting things that you can see on there and we decided to go with them because, first of all, they are a true Internet based Windows system. The other two were what was known as a gooey interface which is basically they take the DOS system you currently have and they put an overlay over it to make it look like a Windows system. You can point and click rather than get in the menus. That was really the major difference. They did not really have the ability to process the way Mark needs to process in order not to have to add people on there. He's going to need a system where he, if you look at the bills you get currently, from the vendor in Newark that he has do those, they're all bar coded. This, he can get a scanner and start running those things through and they can be scanned rather than having somebody key punch in them. So, they can also, the SSI and the CMI we looked at, you had to pay between $35,000 and $50,000 extra to be able to do some E-payments. This we can all different kind of E-payments plus in the future, we will even be able to connect to the Parks and Recreation Department so that people can sign up for Parks and Rec programs online. We're going to make it more convenient for people not having to come in and handle all these cash transactions when people come in. So those are what we looked at, you look through the evaluation process and the conclusion was because, if we go with the SSI or the CMI, not only would we have, not have the capabilities, but these two products are more than ten years old and I know CMI since we've made the decision, has already come out with a Windows based system which means in order to get on that, we would have to not do one conversion, we would have to do two and the cost of converting those things is very expensive, you can see from this. This is about $175,000 to do the conversion. It will take us between six and eight months to actually get to the point where we're ready to turn this thing on. They'll have people come down here to spend a lot of time with us. They will do training. They'll actually do all the downloading of the software and make sure we get things to where they work like they should. So, I'll let you look through that, I'll go through any questions you have now. I'm not asking this be passed next week but if you can look at it and send it forward, formulate some questions, if you want to call me. If you want to wait 'til Committee two weeks from now, we'll certainly try to answer any questions you have as to why we're doing what we're doing but certainly, the main reasons are the ability to go into the future to have a product that will last ten years, we won't have to do a second conversion on, the ability for people to access more information, to take payments on line, to process things quicker. Those are the things that drove us to this particular product rather than upgrading what we have.

Mr. Deskins: Thank you Dick. What's the cost of this system?

Mr. Harris: The cost of the system's around, including the hardware, around $470,000.

Mr. Deskins: And what's the maintenance cost per year?

Mr. Harris: It's about the same as what we're paying now for with CMI, between $30,000 and $40,000 a year. Now we will have to get a new server. The server we have, we were going to have to replace anyway. It's been around since 2002. It does not use the language this needs. It's an old Unix Server. We are going to keep that server as long as we can and maintain the old system as long as we can for historical purposes but we were going to have to buy a new server with this anyway. Now I know that the Administration is looking at doing the same thing in the Clerk of Courts office. We are going to, Mike and I have already talked. When he gets ready, we're going to tag on to with what we need to it so that we can use that money that's in the Court fund and 58% of this is going to be charged to the General Fund, 42% of it goes to the utilities.

Mrs. Kelly: I have a question.

Mr. Deskins: Thank you very much Dick. Is there any questions from the Committee?

Mrs. Kelly: You said the server, I just want to clarify for myself, the server cost will not be charged to the General Fund. It's going to come out of Court?

Mr. Harris: The server, the Court is going to buy the server for what they need. We, our cost on the server's I think, around $4,000 to $5,000 for the extra space and capacity that we need to put our system on. So we're just paying the difference.

Mrs. Kelly: So, the total cost for this whole thing will be about $475,000.

Mr. Harris: Around $470,000 is I think what we've got figured.

Mrs. Kelly: With the server cost in there. Okay.

Mr. Deskins: Is there any other questions, Committee. Councilman Long.

Mr. Long: Your old system was introduced just about the time I started in the computer industry, so.

Mr. Harris: You're that old, huh.

Mr. Long: Yeah, and I've been through a couple very major upgrades and conversions from different systems. In looking at the write-up on the system, I noticed that it is Sequel based which is a proprietary DBA language.

Mr. Harris: Uh-hum.

Mr. Long: Does our IT gentleman, individual, have the qualifications as a Database Administrator utilizing Sequel?

Mr. Harris: To my knowledge, he does not, but the support we get on this and the support we've always used has not been internal, it's been external.

Mr. Long: Okay.

Mr. Harris: That's what we pay our fee to them every year to do is for upgrades to the system which with CMI, we haven't gotten any for eight or nine years, and for support, if there's an issue comes up where something's not working right, we call them and they take care of it.

Mr. Long: Okay, that's as far as the software. Typically, there is a back-end maintenance issue that is taken care of by an individual on staff. That's what I'm asking as to whether or not......

Mr. Harris: You mean a hardware issue?

Mr. Long: Hardware and software, Sir.

Mr. Harris: The hardware will have a, we've always had and I'm sure we'll continue to have through the IT Department, there is a warranty or a contract on the hardware itself as a secondary ....

Mr. Long: Okay.

Mr. Harris: ...backup.
Mr. Deskins: And this is a ten year contract I think you.........

Mr. Harris: They, yeah, we, they have in writing put, with me this will, they're not looking, they are currently not doing any research to change this. Now what they do is, you will every year, get upgrades to the system. That's part of your maintenance contract but they're not looking at any kind of data base change or anything in language or anything like that to change the system.

Mr. Deskins: Let me ask our attorney, do you have any problems, Jed, with the language or contract or anything, ten year contract with this? You want to comment on it?

Mr. Harris: There's no, it's not ten years on the contract. We don't have a ten year contract with them. We have a contract just to....

Mr. Deskins: (inaudible).

Mr. Harris: ...every year when we pay our maintenance agreement but they say, they have put it in writing that this will last ten years.

Mr. Hood: That's a more accurate statement. This contract doesn't bind the city for a ten year term. What it does is, it's assured the city that the software will be maintained and also upgraded for a period of ten years without having to do one of these major conversions that the Auditor's trying to undertake now. As far as the contract itself, I have approved the form of the contract. This is the second version of the contract. They're identical but for the price that has changed a bit since the first time it was presented to City Council. The only thing I added or asked to be added was a Fiscal Officer Certificate certifying that the funds would be available before we enter the contract.

Mr. Deskins: Councilman Kelly.

Mrs. Kelly: Right now, if the server were to crash, who would fix it?

Mr. Harris: I don't know who the maintenance agreement was with. We did have to have a power supply put on it two or three months ago and there's a local company that we call and.....

Mrs. Kelly: So if tomorrow it crashed, you would call whatever local company, they would come out here and fix that?

Mr. Harris: There's a maintenance agreement on the hardware itself, and has been and will continue to be.

Mrs. Kelly: Right. I guess what I'm getting to is that there is a quick enough turn around that if it were to crash or a computer were to break down or the hard drive were to break and they would need somebody to come in and fix it, that there's a quick enough turn around.

Mr. Harris: The last time they fixed it, that's the first breakdown we've ever had on that particular server and it was fixed the same day.

Mrs. Kelly: Okay.

Mr. Deskins: Is there any other questions for the Auditor? Bill, I'm sorry.

Mr. Hills: Dick, a couple of things and I don't know if you've mentioned in your presentation but this current system is being operated by other cities within the State of Ohio, right?

Mr. Harris: That is correct.

Mr. Hills: Secondarily, in a, the Chairman sort of got into that. Have you talked with the City Attorney? Is the City Attorney comfortable in waiving competitive bidding because of the type and number of people we walked through and went through, is that correct?

Mr. Hood: If a two-thirds majority of City Council agrees, I believe this is right for a Waiver of Competitive Bidding.

Mr. Hills: If two-thirds of City Council, okay but, you all, from both of your review on this, you've gone through enough people to know that this is the system to get what we need to serve our needs, this is the system we need to go with. Is that correct?

Mr. Harris: That's my particular opinion. I'll let the City Attorney speak for himself.

Mr. Hills: You don't think Jed, you don't disagree with that do you?

Mr. Hood: Absolutely not, don't disagree.

Mr. Hills: Because one of the big things on this system is the ability to automate things and one of the key things, we have some people within this city that are sort of like mellowed out on computers, they aren't the best things, but I think they're comfortable with the learning ability off this system, is that correct?

Mr. Harris: The ladies in the Water Department who have used the other system for probably most of the time we had it, this was the only one they were excited about getting because they saw a lot of opportunities to save themselves a lot of work with it. It's tough sitting there keypunching numbers in all day. It's ugly.

Mrs. Kelly: I would just like to add as a parent of two children, I would love to be able to sign them up to the Parks and Recs programs online.

Mr. Harris: We would love to be able to have you do it.

Mrs. Kelly: Love to be able to do that.

Mr. Harris: That is unfortunately, one of the last things we'll get to because that will take some, somebody to come in and write some language to pull things but we do have the ability to do it.

Mrs. Kelly: But it will be great when it happens.

Mr. Harris: But we will, the other way we won't have any way to do it.

Mr. Deskins: Is there any other questions? If not, I'll make a motion that we refer this to Council for its first read. Seconded by Mrs. Kelly. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Thank you.

Item No. 7 - Discussion: Approval of bond ordinance for purpose of purchasing computer equipment referred to in Item 6.

Mr. Harris: Since we're going to buy it, I guess they really expect us to pay for it.

Mr. Deskins: Yeah.

Mr. Harris: We had originally hoped to do this with a lease agreement but after discussions with our friend, Squire Franzmann and looking at the cost involved with putting legislation together for lease agreements and the fact that we could actually get the same rate with a bond as we could a lease and go out to the same number of years, we're going to ask to do this as a bond rather than a lease agreement, 58% of the, will go to the General Debt Retirement, 42% to the Enterprise Funds and not to exceed $475,000.

Mr. Deskins: Any questions for the Auditor? Help me out Nancy. Is there a, am I supposed to put this language together or did you get it the way he said he wanted to purchase it .....

Mrs. Frazier: Mr. Franzmann has created the ordinance, which came with the Legislative Request, so that's all taken care of.

Mr. Deskins: Okay, if there's no other questions, I will make a motion that we refer this to Council for its first read. Seconded by Mr. Clemens. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Thank you.

Mr. Harris: Thank you.

Mr. Deskins: Item No. 8 - ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE REIMBURSEMENT BY WATER AND SEWER FUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 22-04- - -first reading December 28, 2009. Are there any questions or comments from anyone? If not, I'll refer to Council for its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Joseph. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Thank you very much.

Mr. Harris: Thank you.

Mr. Deskins: If there's nothing else to come before the Finance Committee, I'll close at 8:45 p.m.

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- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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