

CITY OF BAY CITY
CITY COMMISSION
FINANCE/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 17, 2017

The Finance/Policy Committee met at City Hall, 301 Washington Avenue, Commission Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Commission Vice President Brentt Brunner at 6:30 PM.

Present: Commissioners Lynn Stamiris, David Terrasi, Andrew Niedzinski, Brentt Brunner, Jim Irving, John Davidson, Kerice Basmadjian, 7.
Excused: Commissioner Irving moved to excuse Commissioners Ed Clements and Larry Elliott, 2. No objection.
Absent: None.
Others Present: City Manager Richard Finn, Deputy City Manager Dana Muscott, Finance Director George Martini, Public Works Director Bill Bohlen, Human Resource Director Mikki Manion, Building Code Enforcement Officer Sue Coggin, Mayor Kathleen Newsham and City Clerk Tema Lucero.

Executive Session

Commissioner Irving moved to go into Executive Session at 6:31 PM with City staff to discuss collective bargaining agreement extension with Utility Workers Union of America 482. There was no objection.

Motion approved by the following vote:

Yes, Commissioners Stamiris, Terrasi, Niedzinski, Brunner, Irving, Davidson, Basmadjian, 7.
No, None.

The City Commission came back into regular session at 6:43 PM.

Presentation on MI Warn - Utilities Helping Utilities, William Bohlen, DPW Director

Public Works Director Bill Bohlen introduced Tim Neumann, Executive Director of Michigan Rural Water Association. Mr. Neumann explained the MiWarn system is in place to assist in the event of an emergency and the primary goal is to get the water and wastewater systems back up and running in a timely manner. Participation in the program is voluntary, there is no obligation to respond to emergency requests and there is no cost to join. Discussion followed.

Update on Pending Change Orders - William Bohlen, DPW Director

Public Works Director Bill Bohlen explained the change order process and what events may lead to a change order. He utilized the recent Madison Avenue project to outline the process and why change orders are necessary. He also stated the Status & Information Update will be used to provide up to date information on projects in an effort to keep commission informed of progress and potential changes. City Manager Richard Finn added a procedure for change orders is being worked on and will be brought to commission for review. Discussion followed.

Discussion on number of pets allowed and barking dog complaints - Susan Coggin, Building Code Enforcement Officer

Building Code Enforcement Officer Sue Coggin explained the current ordinances regulating dogs in the city, and the proposed change that is on the agenda for first reading. Discussion followed.

Agenda Review

None.

Other Issues/Concerns/Announcements

Commissioner Niedzinski commented on the success of a property that the city sold to Bay Area Housing last year located on 11th Street. The house has been transformed, it looks great and is no longer an eyesore in the community.

Commissioner Brunner reminded everyone that Liberty Bridge will be closed tomorrow from 9:00AM to 2:00PM for repairs.

Public Input

Christopher Girard, 100 Braddock Street, stated he is concerned with the proposed dog ordinance due to the fact that unit size is not addressed. He requested that it be looked at for review and maybe consult the Humane Society and Landlord groups for input.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tema J. Lucero
City Clerk