

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2004

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM by Mayor Carpenter.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Lukacs.

PRESENT: Mayor Laura Carpenter, Councilmembers – Patricia Jacobson, Christine Lee, Gene Navock, JoAnn Potts, Julie Miller, Frank Lukacs; Deputy City Clerk David R. Van Cura, City Attorney Gerard Garno.

ABSENT: City Clerk Kelly Pavel, Interim City Manager Kenneth L. Brown.

GUEST: Angel Mullins from the Port Huron Times Herald.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. City Attorney Garno reported that the City Ordinance states the City Engineer is to evaluate sidewalk projects. There is an amendment to the Ordinance that allows the DPW Supervisor to do project evaluations do to engineering costs. Interim City Manager Brown recommends the DPW Supervisor evaluate the Schoen Project.

Motion by CM Miller, Second by CM Navock, to allow the Interim City Manager to make the decision to have the Schoen Project and the Walter Street Storm Drain Project be evaluated by the DPW Supervisor. Motion Carried.

City Attorney Garno reviewed with the Council a few guidelines to follow during the interview process.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. To Interview Finalists for the City Manager Position.

NOTE: Madelyn McCarthy withdrew her resume on Friday, September 17, 2004.

The Mayor and each Councilmember asked each finalist the same series of questions.

1:10 PM = Interview #1: Leonard Schneider

2:35 PM = Interview #2: Kenneth L. Brown

The Council took a 45-minute break.

4:00 PM = Interview #3: Cheryl Clark

5:00 PM = Interview #4: Clinton K. Homes (BY SPEAKER PHONE)

Discussion on each finalist.

Motion by CM Potts, Second by CM Jacobson, to make Clinton K. Holmes our first choice because he is the most qualified. ROLL CALL VOTE: Navock – yes, Potts – yes, Miller – yes, Lukacs – yes, Lee – yes, Jacobson – yes. 6 – YES, 0 – NO, 0 – ABSTAIN, 0 – ABSENT. Motion Carried.

Motion by CM Lukacs, to make Leonard Schneider our second choice.
NO SECOND TO THIS MOTION.

Motion by CM Miller, Second by CM Jacobson, to make Kenneth L. Brown our second choice because he is currently Interim City Manager which makes him knowledgeable and is the second most qualified. ROLL CALL VOTE: Navock – yes, Potts – yes, Miller – yes, Lukacs – no, Lee – yes, Jacobson – yes. 5 – YES, 1 – NO, 0 – ABSTAIN, - 0 – ABSENT. Motion Carried.

Motion by CM Potts, to make Cheryl Clark as our third choice.
NO SECOND TO THIS MOTION.

Motion by CM Lukacs, Second by CM Navock, to make Leonard Schneider as our third choice. ROLL CALL VOTE: Navock – yes, Potts – no, Miller – no, Lukacs – yes, Lee – no, Jacobson – yes. 3 – YES, 3 – NO, 0 – ABSTAIN, 0 – ABSENT. TIE VOTE. Mayor Carpenter voted no. MOTION DID NOT CARRY.

Discussion on salary and fringe benefits.

The following will be offered to Mr. Holmes:

1. salary of \$45,000.00.
2. seniority including sick/personal and vacation days.
3. moving expenses of \$500.00.
4. subject to all the normal requirements of passing a physical and a drug test.

Mayor Carpenter called Mr. Holmes with the offer. Mr. Holmes accepted.

City Attorney Garno will contact Mr. Holmes and work out the details of a contract. The Council will take action on the contract at the Council Meeting to be held on September 27, 2004.

Motion by CM Miller, Second by CM Potts, to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Van Cura
Deputy City Clerk