

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Rapid City, South Dakota
July 26, 2004

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Rapid City was held at the City/School Administration Center in Rapid City, South Dakota on Monday, July 26, 2004 at 7:00 P.M.

The following members were present: Mayor Jim Shaw and the following Alderpersons: Malcom Chapman, Tom Murphy, Jean French, Ron Kroeger, Jeff Partridge, Karen Gunderson-Olson, Tom Johnson and Bill Waugh. The following Alderpersons arrived during the course of the meeting Sam Kooiker; and the following were absent: Ray Hadley.

Staff members present included City Finance Officer Jim Preston, City Attorney Jason Green; Growth Management Director Elkins, and Administrative Assistant Jackie Gerry.

Mayor Shaw opened the meeting explaining the 2012 Committee Application Process was to determine how appointments will be made to the Municipal Infrastructure, Civic Improvements and Economic Development nine-member committees. These committees will be charged with the task of determining how an estimated \$50 Million will be spent over the next five years.

In response to a question from Alderman Johnson about Section 3.16.020 of the Rapid City Municipal Code, City Attorney Green indicated this section created the Civic Improvement, Economic Development and 2012 funds. Ordinance 3988 established the process and the adoption of a Resolution by the Council implemented the process.

Alderman Partridge provided a draft of the 2012 Committee Application Process for establishing the criteria for selecting appointments to the committees. He explained this process was developed by the 2012 Task Force. He indicated the 2012 Committee Application is modeled after the Citizen Interest Application and includes, other than name and contact information, which Committee interest; items that uniquely qualify an individual for the Committee interest; time available to serve on the Committee; educational experience; relevant professional experience; and community involvement, activities and service organization.

Motion was made by Partridge, seconded by French to approve the 2012 Committee Application Process.

In response to concerns raised by Alderman Chapman about the process eliminating interested persons with less education and community involvement, Partridge reported the 2012 Task Force believed the more broad and diverse educational and professional experiences provided more to the process. Alderman Johnson believed the process cumbersome and explained his vision was using 2012 monies to reconstruct residential streets; and suggested these types of 2012 projects were tied to the City's enterprise budgets for water and sewer. Partridge suggested there was enough flexibility in the ordinance to adjust the percentages of the 2012 monies allocated among the committees. Alderman Murphy asked there be a definition of municipal infrastructure and civic improvements and economic development included on the application. It was suggested the goals and objectives also be included. Alderman Kooiker pointed out that minutes of the nine-member committee should be recorded, transcribed and posted to the City's website. He suggested the City place an advertisement in the paper soliciting interest to serve and urged Council members to solicit interest among their constituents. He also pointed out that operations and maintenance costs must be addressed when considering a project for funding. Alderman Johnson asked that the members of the committees be accessible and have no ties to any project under consideration, and a questionnaire be developed requiring an application to list their interest in any project. Alderman Chapman suggested individuals who are currently active in civic organizations be required to state so on their application. Alderman Olson suggested the application ask the interested party to list, as a part of their qualification, those organizations for which they have some official affiliation. Alderman Kooiker suggested an applicant be required to list all past and present organizations.

Upon a vote, motion carried with Johnson voting NO.

Alderman Partridge outlined the 2012 Scoring Process explaining a scoring task force would be assigned. He explained names would be removed from the application and assigned a number to promote accuracy, efficiency and consistency. He indicated applicants must fully complete the application; and incomplete applications may be used as a disqualifying reason for selection. He also indicated an applicant must be a resident of Rapid City. He explained that scoring would be systematic and competed on a referenced and criterion system. The highest scores would be assigned to the committee and any tie scores would be reviewed by then 2012 Task Force. He indicated interviews may be done to further aid in the selection process.

Motion was made by Partridge, seconded by French to approve the 2012 Scoring Process. Substitute motion was made by Kroeger, seconded by French to approve the 2012 Scoring Process and appoint one Alderman from each Ward to the 2012 Scoring Process Task Force.

Alderman Olson spoke out on the amenity of applicants, suggesting it may be irrelevant. Alderman Kooiker stressed the selection of the committee members must be an opened process. Alderman Kroeger indicated the Mayor, Council President and Vice President would appoint the Aldermen to the scoring task force. Alderman Chapman pointed out there should be alternates named to the committees. Alderman Kooiker expressed his interest in having an applicant's address and Ward listed on the application during the scoring process.

Olson offered an amendment to the substitute motion to delete the requirement of removing names and assigning numbers during the scoring process. Seconded by French. Upon a vote, amendment carried. Kooiker offered an amendment to the substitute motion as amended to require an applicant's ward be identified before delivery to the scoring task force. Seconded by Johnson. Upon a vote, amendment carried. Upon a vote, the motion as amended carried with Johnson voting NO.

Alderman Partridge addressed the 2012 timelines distributing an outline of proposed dates.

Motion was made by Kroeger, seconded by Partridge to set September 1, 2004 as a deadline to receive applications from interested persons. Substitute motion was made by Chapman, seconded by Kooiker to standardize the application form. Alderman Partridge pointed out the application is similar to the Citizen Interest Application and was previously approved during the meeting. With the consent of the Council, Alderman Chapman withdrew his substitute motion. Amendment was offered by Alderman Kooiker, seconded by Waugh to set the deadline as September 15, 2004. Upon a vote, amendment carried. Upon a vote, the motion as amended carried.

Alderman Partridge addressed the conveying of information to citizens, service groups and media. Alderman Kooiker asked the ordinance, application and relevant information be posted on the City's website.

As there was no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 P.M.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

ATTEST:

Mayor

Finance Officer

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