



City Council
City Council Chambers ♦ 314 West Stephenson Street ♦ Freeport, IL 61032

FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017 AT 5:15 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City of Freeport, Illinois, Finance Committee of the Whole was called to order in council chambers by Chairperson McClanathan with a quorum being present at 5:17 p.m. on June 5, 2017.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call: Mayor Miller and council members Tom Klemm, Peter McClanathan, Art Ross, Bob Smith, Patrick Busker, Vice-Chairperson Sally Brashaw, Mike Koester, and Andrew Chesney (8).

Present from the City: Contract Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski, Esq., Finance Director Guary Bernadelle, Public Works Director Tom Dole, City Engineer Shaun Gallagher, City Clerk Anderson.

Community Dev. Director Alex Mills entered the meeting at 5:19 p.m.
Chief of Police Todd Barkalow entered the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Aldersperson Koester moved for approval of the agenda, seconded by Aldersperson Klemm. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

ADOPTION OF PUBLIC COMMENT RULES

Aldersperson McClanathan referred to 220.10 RULES OF COUNCIL, he offered that they adopt these rules for this meeting.

Aldersperson Chesney stated that there are two different set of rules. He requested clarification as to what rules were being proposed to be approved. He stated that the Committee of the Whole required there had to be agenda items and then non-agenda items at the end. The Transition Committee adopted more lenient rules instead of agenda and non-agenda format, both were at the beginning and the end.

Aldersperson McClanathan stated that he would prefer the normal Council Rules of Exception. He stated that the Managerial Committee was dissolved under statute with the hiring of the City Manager.

Aldersperson Koester moved for approval of the Adoption of Public Comment Rules, seconded by Aldersperson Chesney. No further discussion. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA (LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

There were no public comments at this time.

BUDGET PRIORITIES

The council is on a truncated schedule regarding the budget this year due to changes of the City structure of adding City Manager Lowell Crow. The Council initially provides the set of priorities to Manager Crow. He then works with his staff accordingly and reports progress back to the council. Top budget priorities presented 1) Public Safety, emphasis on law enforcement staffing, 2) Blight Reduction, 3) Infrastructure going forward. Other budgeting concerns were identified 1) Continued maintenance of the City Hall Building, 2) Maintain the manpower with any department at current level, 3) Provide a cost effectiveness of bulk waste pick-up for the entire city, 4) Consider more alternative funding such as, Grant Writers that could help with funding the budget of the city.

BUDGET TIMELINE

First draft: June 19, 2017

End Date for budget: July 17, 2017

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Next meeting will be coordinated with the date that the first draft of the budget is due. Meeting scheduled for June 19, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. before the regular Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS (LIMIT TO 3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

There were no public comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Alderperson Busker and seconded by Alderperson Chesney, the Finance Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

s/ Dawn E. Pontius

Dawn E. Pontius
Deputy Clerk