

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, MAY 5, 2004

Special meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia, Minnesota, was called to order by Mayor Luoma Gentilini at 8:30 A.M. in the Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall.

Roll Call:

Present: Councillors Raplinger, Lind, Baranzelli, Lindberg, Politano, Peterson, Mayor Luoma
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Absent: None

Also Present: Judy Edwards, VEDA Coordinator; Pete Bertucci; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering; Tom Butorac, City Attorney; Steve Giorgi, AFSCME Staff Representative; John Bachman, Park/Recreation Director; Lois Roskoski, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Luoma Gentilini stated the exit interview with Terry Leoni will be postponed to a future meeting, as Mr. Leoni was unable to attend this meeting.

Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, was present and distributed a revised schedule for the Second Avenue Turnback Project and requested authorization to move ahead with the next sections of the project from 2nd Street South to 8th Street South. Ulland Brothers is proposing to begin work on the section from 2nd Street South to 5th Street South next week, with the work to be completed by the end of May. Ulland Brothers would then proceed with construction on the sections from 2nd Street South to Chestnut Street and 5th Street South to 8th Street South.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to allow Benchmark Engineering and Ulland Brothers to revise the construction schedule for the Second Avenue Turnback Project, as the contractors are ahead of schedule. Motion carried.

The City Council reviewed the job description for the Team Coordinator position.

Steve Giorgi, AFSCME Staff Representative, stated Mike Biondich is a candidate for the Team Coordinator position, but the union has concerns about the feasibility of performing his current sewer crew duties and the duties as Team Coordinator. The Union would recommend replacing the sewer crew position, if Mike Biondich is made the Team Coordinator. If Mike Biondich does not accept these terms, the Union and City Council would consider another candidate for the Team Coordinator position. Mr. Giorgi also stated the City Council must also define the period of time for the probationary period for the Team Coordinator position. Councillor Peterson recommended that the Union and Team Coordinator meet with the Street and Alley Committee at the end of May to discuss staffing levels and identify the vacancy once the sewer crew position is filled. Mr. Giorgi stated the Team Coordinator position was originally challenged by the Supervisors' Association, but the challenge was withdrawn. Mr. Giorgi also stated the Team Coordinator has an obligation to report disciplinary issues if they cannot be dealt with.

Moved by Peterson and supported to approve the Team Coordinator job description, with a 90-day probationary period.

Ayes: Councillors Raplinger, Lind, Baranzelli, Lindberg, Peterson, Mayor Luoma Gentilini –

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Nays: Councillor Politano – 1

Motion carried.

Steve Giorgi will offer the Team Coordinator position to Mike Biondich, with the understanding that his current sewer crew position would be replaced if he accepts the new position.

The City Council will meet again next Wednesday to receive a legislative and budget update from City Clerk/Finance Director Lackner.

Discussion was held on the list of various contract and due dates, which was prepared by Deputy City Clerk Roskoski. The dates will be added to the internal City calendar and the Clerk's office will be responsible for placing the items on the appropriate committee agendas when they come due.

Mary Horan, Ben Franklin, and Jim Hafdahl, Card and Party Shop, were present to discuss the request from the Heart of Virginia and downtown merchants, which was submitted by Marcie Speer, to block certain areas in the downtown area on May 22, 2004, for a Garage Sale. According to Mr. Hafdahl, the Heart of Virginia was not approached with this request. Mary Horan was concerned that individual business owners could request permission to block off the main street, when the majority of the businesses do not want the street closed.

Moved by Peterson and supported to refer the request from Marcie Speer to block certain areas in the downtown area on May 22, 2004, for a Garage Sale, to the Street and Alley Committee to discuss the specifics of the request. Motion carried.

Park/Recreation Director Bachman reviewed three quotes that were received for a walk-in cooler and/or freezer for the Virginia Golf Course Restaurant.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to authorize Park/Recreation Director Bachman to travel to Crane Lake to inspect the used cooler/freezer at Scott's Resort & Recreation. Motion carried.

Park/Recreation Director Bachman requested permission to sell surplus softball equipment to Jim Lassila, who has taken over the Girls Softball Program.

Moved by Peterson and supported to sell the surplus softball equipment, including 5 ½ dozen softballs, 17 pairs of short, 7 jerseys and 15 bats, to Jim Lassila, Girls Softball Program, for a price of \$200.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson and supported to approve donating one 2005 season golf pass for the 4th Annual Virginia Community Foundation Golf Tournament, to be held June 24, 2004. Motion carried.

Steve Giorgi, AFSCME Staff Representative, returned to the meeting and stated Mike Biondich has agreed to accept the full-time Team Coordinator position, effective May 10, 2004, as described in the job description, with a 90-day probationary period. Mr. Giorgi recommended that a temporary sewer crew position be posted internally as soon as possible. Steve Gobats, Public Works Department, has agreed to fill the sewer crew position until the posting is filled.

Moved by Peterson and supported to place Mike Biondich in the Team Coordinator position, effective May 10, 2004, with a 90-day probationary period, and to internally post the sewer crew vacancy as soon as possible.

Ayes: Councillor Raplinger, Lind, Baranzelli, Lindberg, Peterson, Mayor Luoma Gentilini – 6

Nays: Councillor Politano - 1

Motion carried.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to close the meeting to discuss contract negotiations. Motion carried. Meeting was reopened and no actions were taken.

CAROLYN LUOMA GENTILINI

Mayor

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOIS ROSKOSKI

Deputy City Clerk