

City of Willoughby Hills

Special Council Meeting

Minutes of March 29, 2015

All Council Meetings shall be recorded by audio recording device and will be held in perpetuity and shall be part of the official records and minutes. Written minutes of Council shall be shortened whenever possible.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 a.m. by President Raymond C. Somich

Pledge of Allegiance

President Somich stated that in order to try to get this ordinance passed, with the three new readings we needed to find the time that everybody hopefully could make it to; he knows that this is very personally invasive, 7:00 in the morning especially on a Sunday, but hopefully it did not interfere with other plans and that was the idea to find a time that everybody could make a personal sacrifice but could come to a meeting at the same time.

Roll Call of Council

Members Present: President Raymond C. Somich, Councilman Christopher L. Biro, Vice President Nancy E. Fellows, Councilman David M. Fiebig, Councilwoman Jennifer Sommers Greer, Councilman Christopher Hallum, Councilman John Plecnik

Also Present: Mayor Robert M. Weger, Finance Director Frank J. Brichacek, Jr., Clerk of Council Victoria Ann Savage

President Somich thanked all for being here today and thank you to our Mayor, Finance Director and Council Clerk as well.

President Somich stated that obviously the sole purpose of this meeting although we will have Public Portion as well, but it is to have the First Reading for this Ordinance and he wanted to comment as Chair on the process. He did instruct the Council Clerk to process any Ordinances that were submitted on Friday by any Members of Council so that they would be considered; she was instructed to put them on the Agenda if any other ones were submitted, the only one that was submitted was basically this duplication; the ordinance number has changed also some of the language has changed relative to its effective date which was put into the ordinance but would always have been following those same instructions anyway. We did need to have three meeting dates set up which would be today, tomorrow, and Tuesday morning and we are in a what he would call a crisis situation if this does not get passed by at least four Members of this Council then we will not be operating with a budget and according to State guidelines then and basically it shuts down City Hall except for emergency operations. President Somich urged everyone to please consider this so we don't have that situation, we don't have that embarrassment. At the same time he urged us to get serious; he urged us...if we have legitimate areas that we can identify where we can make cuts then let's do it, let's meet. Finance can meet, Personnel Relations can meet, Safety can meet, and Service can meet wherever it needs to be, let's meet. Let's look seriously at each line item and let's make changes; but not just generalities, we need to get specific. If we want to ignore the 1% that was proposed for non-union wages for increases we can remove that. If we want to remove any particular positions in the City Hall we can remove that, whatever else we decide to do, we can do. It only takes four Members of Council to make changes to this budget, this does not guarantee that we will use this budget for the full year but we do need in his opinion to pass a budget.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-15

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN CITY SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1ST THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST OF 2015; REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION.

President Somich declared that Ordinance No. 2015-15 would remain on First Reading.

PUBLIC PORTION

Section 107.08 – Public Meetings of Municipal Bodies of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills:

(a) All meetings of any municipal body are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times. All meetings shall provide a reasonable opportunity to hear public opinion.

Public Portion was opened at 7:05am and with no one coming forth Public Portion was promptly closed at 7:06am.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN HALLUM, seconded by Councilman Biro to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of March 29, 2015.

Roll Call: 7 AYES - unanimous

MOTION PASSES

President Somich declared the Special Council Meeting of March 29, 2015 to be adjourned at 7:07am

APPROVED: April 23, 2015
Date

Raymond C. Somich
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President of Council

ATTEST: Victoria Ann Savage
Victoria Ann Savage, CMC
Clerk of Council