

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY ~ MAY 20, 2014 ~ 6:00 P.M.

FORT SMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS SERVICE CENTER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sandy Sanders, presiding. Invocation was given by Pastor Clair Caldwell with First United Methodist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call the following members of the Board were present: Directors Keith Lau, Mike Lorenz, Pam Weber, Kevin Settle and Philip H. Merry, Jr. The Mayor declared a quorum present. Director Andre' Good arrived following the approval of the minutes.

The Mayor inquired if any Board member had any item of business to present that was not already on the agenda. There was none presented.

The minutes of the May 6, 2014 regular meeting were presented for approval. Lau, seconded by Lorenz, moved approval of the minutes as written. The members present all voting aye, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Item No. 1 was a presentation of proclamations for Public Works Week (May 18 - 24, 2014); therefore, Mayor Sanders proclaimed this same week as "*Public Works Week in Fort Smith.*" This year's theme is: *Building for Today, Planning for Tomorrow.* The special week provides an opportunity to recognize the importance of street, water & sewer, sanitation, stormwater, parks, public transit, and capital project management. A public works employee appreciation picnic will be held on Wednesday, May 21st at the Riverfront Park from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Sanders expressed gratitude to all Public Works departments as well as to all employees whom work within said departments.

The Consent Agenda (Item No. 2) was introduced for consideration, the items being as follows:

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- A. Resolution authorizing the acquisition of real property interests for the Jenny Lind Road and Ingersoll Avenue Widening, Project No. 07-01-A (\$21,975.00 / *Engineering Department / Budgeted – Street Sales Tax Program*)
- B. Resolution accepting completion of and authorizing final payment for the construction of Street Overlays/Reconstruction, Project No. 12-03-B (\$2,781.32 / *Engineering Department / Budgeted – Street Sales Tax Program*)
- C. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with Webster University for space on the lower level of the Convention Center Annex
- D. Resolution approving an amendment to the engineering and architectural agreement with Larkin Group, Inc., authorized by Resolution R-127-12, revising engineering and architectural fees related to the construction of a recreational aquatics facility at Ben Geren Regional Park (\$190,000.00 / *Parks Department / Budgeted – 2012 Sales Tax Bonds and Resolution No. R-186-13*)
- E. Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 3 to the contract for construction of the Fort Smith Landfill Scale Facility (\$37,860.53 / *Sanitation Department / Budgeted – Sanitation Sinking Fund for Landfill Construction*)
- F. Resolution accepting the bid for the purchase of fire apparatus (\$699,597.00 / *Fire Department / Budgeted – 4803 Capital Outlay Sinking Fund*)
- G. Resolution accepting the project as complete and authorizing final payment to Forsgren, Inc. for the Sunnymede Interceptor Improvements (\$35,411.73 / *Utility Department / Budgeted - 2012 Sales and Use Tax Bonds*)
- H. Resolution authorizing partial payment to BRB Contractors, Inc. for construction of the Mill Creek Pump Station and Equalization Tank (\$1,001,926.66 / *Utility Department / Budgeted - 2012 Sales and Use Tax Bonds*)
- I. Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to accept an offer made by a property owner for the acquisition of real property interests for the Lake Fort Smith Water Supply (\$25,000.00 / *Utility Department / Budgeted – 6505 Capital Improvement Fund*)

Settle, seconded by Lorenz, moved adoption of all consent agenda items. The members present all voting affirmatively, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the

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resolutions were adopted and numbered R-49-14 through R-57-14 respectively.

Mayor Sanders opened the Officials Forum with the following comments offered:

➤ Mayor Sanders

- Re:
1. Communicated the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has plans to overlay Rogers Avenue from Interstate 540 to Garrison Avenue. Work is scheduled to take place the summer of 2014 with most of the work taking place in the evening hours.
 2. Congratulated all recent 2014 graduates.
 3. Acknowledged Golden Living who is celebrating their 50th anniversary, noting they will hold several celebration events to commemorate such.
 4. Announced the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will take place July 18, 2014 and Steve Green, President of Hobby Lobby, will be the guest speaker.
 5. Reminded all of the Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony Sunday, May 25, 2014 at 2 p.m. at the National Cemetery.
 6. Advised all of the following upcoming events associated with the Old Fort Days Rodeo:
 - Rodeo Parade, 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 26, 2014, Garrison Avenue
 - Old Fort Days Rodeo, May 26 - 31, 2014, Kay Rodgers Park
 - Barrel Futurity, May 17 - 24, 2014, Kay Rodgers Park
 7. Noted voting poles are open till 7:30 p.m. and encouraged citizens to get out and vote.

➤ Director Weber

Re: Moved to direct the City Administrator Ray Gosack to contact Jeff Noel of Whirlpool, and schedule an update on the remediation of the Whirlpool TCE contamination at an upcoming evening study session. The motion was seconded by Director Settle; therefore, City Administrator Ray Gosack will contact Jeff Noel and schedule an update at an upcoming evening study session.

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➤ Director Merry

- Re:
1. Commended the Union Christian Academy students for their outstanding presentation regarding strategy for attracting and keeping younger citizens in the Fort Smith region, and noted groups are being put together to work on such.
 2. Thanked Miles Crawford of Go Ye Employment Services on his campaign called "100 jobs in 100 days". This endeavor is hoped to promote the website workfortsmith.org of which small-businesses are encouraged to participate in attempts to recruit good employees.
 3. Noted the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Community Leadership class focused a semester project on how to create a better quality of place in Fort Smith, a zoo was indicated as one of the way's to entice, keep and attracting young professionals.
 4. Expressed gratitude to former Oklahoma City Mayor Kirk Humphreys for his presentation at the April 22, 2014 Study Session and conveyed Fort Smith got the message.
 5. Conveyed gratitude to Director of the Parks Department Mike Alsup for his involvement in making down town Fort Smith a delight for citizens to visit.

The Board entered into executive session at approximately 6:10 p.m. and after reconvening, Mayor Sanders announced the following appointment nominations:

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION

Henry Perez *(to fill the unexpired term of Robert McCaslin)*
Term expires December 31, 2015

AIRPORT COMMISSION

Wayne Haver *(reappointment)*
Term expires June 30, 2019

ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Sherilyn Walton *(reappointment)*
Term expires May 20, 2017

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kerri Norman *(reappointment)*
George Willis *(reappointment)*
Genia Smith *(reappointment)*
Joshua Carson *(reappointment)*
Terms expire June 30, 2017

FORT SMITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BENEVOLENT FUND BOARD OF ADVISORS

Patrick Geels

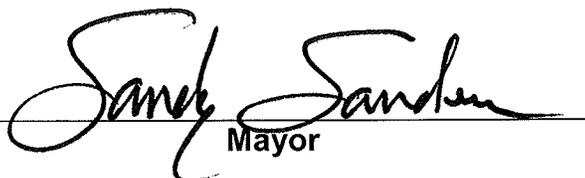
Term expires June 30, 2017

Weber, seconded by Merry, moved acceptance of all appointment nominations.

The members all voting aye, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Weber moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Merry, and the members all voting aye, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk