

## **MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY ~ JUNE 10, 2014 ~ 12:00 P.M.**

### **FORT SMITH PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM**

At the June 3, 2014 regular meeting, Directors Andre' Good, Pam Weber, Kevin Settle and Philip H. Merry, Jr. called for the special meeting for the purpose of considering the following:

- Ordinance calling for a special election in the city of Fort Smith, Arkansas, on the question of increasing the tax on real and personal property in the city of Fort Smith, Arkansas, from one (1) mill to three (3) mills to be levied and collected for maintenance and operation of the public city libraries, and for other purposes

The special meeting was called to order by Vice-Mayor Kevin Settle, presiding. On roll call the following members of the Board were present: Directors Keith Lau, Andre' Good, George Catsavis, Pam Weber, Kevin Settle and Philip H. Merry, Jr.; absent - Director Mike Lorenz. The Vice-Mayor declared a quorum present.

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

City Administrator Ray Gosack briefed the Board on the item advising the Fort Smith Public Library (FSPL) filed a petition with the Mayor on June 3, 2014 requesting a millage increase from one (1) mill to three (3) mills for maintenance and operation of the Fort Smith libraries. The petition was determined to be sufficient for placement on a special or general election ballot. The FSPL has requested the proposed millage increase be submitted to the voters at a special election on August 12, 2014. Upon approval, the proposed ordinance calls for a special election to be held in the city of Fort Smith on said date.

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The following individual was present to address the Board:

- Jennifer Goodson, Director  
Fort Smith Public Library

Re: Noted the FSPL has not received a millage increase in fifty-seven (57) years; therefore, stated, *"it's been a long time coming."* In 2013, the main and branch libraries have welcomed over 434,000 visitors with almost 500,000 items checked-out.

Director Settle noted that the Fort Smith Library Board of Trustees has indicated they will cover the cost of the special election; however, he requested confirmation that no taxpayers dollars will be utilized for said cost.

Ms. Goodson confirmed that no taxpayer dollars will be used to pay for the special election citing private funds have been obtained for such.

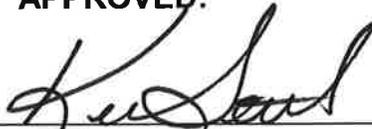
Due to the petition filed by the FSPL being declared sufficient and because the FSPL has agreed to pay the cost of the special election with private donations rather than taxpayer dollars, Director Weber spoke in favor of proposed ordinance as presented.

Weber, seconded by Merry, moved adoption of the ordinance. The motion included suspending the rule to allow the three (3) full readings of the ordinance to be by caption and for the readings to occur on the same date. The City Clerk read the ordinance for its readings and the members voted as follows: ayes - Directors Lau, Good, Weber, Settle and Merry; nays - Catsavis. Vice-Mayor Settle declared the motion carried. Merry, seconded by Weber, moved adoption of Section 5 the emergency clause. The members present voted as follows: ayes - Directors Lau, Good, Weber, Settle and Merry; nays - Catsavis. Vice-Mayor Settle declared the motion carried and the ordinance and emergency clause were adopted and given Ordinance No. 31-14.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, Weber moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Good and the members present all voting aye, the Vice-Mayor declared the motion carried, and the special meeting stood adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

**APPROVED:**



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**VICE-MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**



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**CITY CLERK**