

SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Mayor Sternat with the following roll call:

Members Present: Ald. McKinnon, Ald. Voss, Ald. Nitschke, Ald Heron, Ald. Liebenow,

Members Absent: Ald. Sabel

Others Present: Mayor Sternat, Kathie Wild, Deanna Boldrey, Tom Poellot
Brian Wendorff, Don Pugh, Ray Voight, Earl Anderson, Marjean
Sertich, Judy Bauer, Andrew Johnson, Virginia Reehl, Dottie Hoy, Ron
Wellner, Dolores Neumeyer, Ed Hilbert, Roger Williams, Ronald
Stadler, Andrew Phillips, Kristen DeCato

Presentation of Public Records and Open Meetings Law Training Session by Representatives from Stadler, Centofanti & Phillips, S.C. Law Firm.

Andrew Phillips opened the PowerPoint presentation explaining that there is a big need for public officials to get more training on open meetings and public records. He explained the scope of the open meetings law, the effect collective bargaining has on open meetings and what types of meetings are covered under the open meetings law. He also explained walking quorums, the guidelines for noticing meetings which included the timing of the notice, and the specificity of the notice. He explained that the recent case of Buswell vs Tomah Area School District has changed the new reasonableness standard. The presentation also included information regarding notice of closed session meetings, the exceptions that are allowed to go into closed, who has the right to close a meeting, employee rights in closed sessions, who may attend a closed session, and voting in closed session. Also covered were penalties and enforcement of the open meetings law. Kristen Decato continued the presentation with Wisconsin public records law. She explained public records policy and purpose. She reviewed the definitions of public records, and the pre-request, request and response requirements and procedures of public records. Also covered in the presentation were public records right to inspect and statutory exemptions. Ronald Stadler continued the presentation by explaining the laws on records about the requester, and notification of subjects. He also explained public records law on electronic records, inspection requirements, the entitlement of copies and fees, and enforcement and penalties of public records law. The PowerPoint presentation is attached to the minutes.

Adjournment.

Motion by Ald. Nitschke, second by Ald. McKinnon to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Kathie Wild
City Clerk