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**Special City Council Meeting
MINUTES**

November 25, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donofrio called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Donofrio, Aldermen Walter Pieri, Linari, Pecaro, Bruni,
Fiore, Cahnmann (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)

Absent: Aldermen Hospodarsky, Murphy-Pieri

Also Present: City Manager Greg Jackson, Assistant City Manager Anne Marrin,
Director of Community Development and Water Distribution Jeff
Harding, City Attorney Dan Blondin

3. APPOINTMENTS

Alderman Pecaro, seconded by Alderman Linari, moved to approve the
appointment of Alderman Michael Fiore and Alderman Frank Bruni to the Traffic
Committee.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

Ayes: Aldermen Bruni, Pecaro, Walter Pieri, Linari, Fiore.

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Cahnmann, Hospodarsky, Murphy-Pieri.

Motion carried.

**4. CONSIDERATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR LIABILITY
INSURANCE.**

City Manager Greg Jackson explained that Mesirow Financial made a
presentation for the Liability Insurance for 2009. His recommendation is based on

the ICRMT Renewal and that we move forward with the quote provided. The quote is higher as we had a significant increase in assets that were not covered in the past year. VITI Insurance also submitted a quote and it was \$40,000 more than Mesirow. His recommendation is to move forward with ICRMT. Alderman Linari seconded by Alderman Pecaro moved to accept Mesirow Financial under ICRMT Insurance.

Discussion: Alderman Bruni inquired as to the increase in coverage and Mr. Jackson explained that the increase in additional assets was the reason.

(NOTED: Alderman Cahnmann arrived at 6:04 p.m.).

Alderman Cahnmann asked for letters/information of the other insurance companies who declined to bid or who were talked to. Mr. Jackson showed him that in the Proposal under Market Responses, all companies and reasons were listed.

Mayor Donofrio added that the increases were also due to the City having to add more equipment that was not originally protected. Mr. Jackson confirmed this and stated that they had to add bunker gear for the Fire Department that was not covered originally. No further discussion. Upon call of the roll the following voted:

Ayes: Aldermen Bruni, Pecaro, Walter Pieri, Linari, Fiore, Cahnmann.

Abstain: None.

Nays: None.

Absent: Aldermen Murphy-Pieri, Hospodarsky.

Motion carried.

5. DISCUSSION: 106 So. Central Zoning Variation.

Mr. Jackson stated the zoning request was forwarded to the Planning Commission for input. It was suggested that it come back to the Council for stipulations and conditions. Attorney Blondin asked that all members e-mail their issues to Mr. Jackson. This is just for information.

6. EPA WATER NOTICE:

Jeff Harding addressed the Council and explained that a mailing was going out to all water customers regarding lead traces found in the drinking water. The City must test every three years according to EPA standards. It is only one home out of the 40 that were tested and this is due to the fact that this home has a lead service leading into the house. The city can be contacted with any questions or concerns and all information is contained in the pamphlet.

Alderman Linari wanted clarification on what a lead service is. It was explained that the home is old and was built with lead pipes. This is what triggers the requirement to notify all water customers. The literature will explain everything on what it is and what to do.

Mr. Jackson announced the Highwood for the Holidays event on Saturday November 29, 2008 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Alderman Linari reminded all that the Fire Department is collecting Toys for Tots and drop off was at the Fire House.

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:28 p.m. by Alderman Fiore, seconded by Alderman Pecaro.

Ayes: Aldermen Bruni, Pecaro, Walter Pieri, Linari, Fiore, Cahnmann.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Anne Marrin Assistant City Manager