

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY – JUNE 8, 2015
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM - 380 N. WILMOR ROAD
WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**

Mayor Manier called the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 8, 2015 to order at 6:38 p.m. in the Library meeting room at Five Points Washington.

Present: Aldermen Brownfield, Brucks, T. Gee, Moss, Butler, Dingledine, J. Gee, and Maxwell.

Absent: None.

Also present: Public Works Director Andrews, P & D Director Oliphant, Police Chief Volk, City Treasurer Dingledine, and City Clerk Brown.

MINUTES

1. Aldermen wishing to be heard on non-agenda item – None.
2. Citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item – None.
3. Approval of Minutes: Alderman T. Gee moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
4. Business Items
 - A. Greater Peoria EDC Funding Request – Jennifer Daly, Funding Director, thanked everyone for having her here to speak and passed out several handouts in regards to the Greater Peoria EDC. She shared the EDC's core area of focus is business attraction set with specific strategies and goals and went over the key strategies: business assistance; business creation; business attraction; workforce training; workforce retention; workforce recruitment; and regional marketing. She noted that they are working with schools in the job opportunity field as they are seeing a disconnect in what employers are needing and what schools are providing in education. She shared that she is a big believer in measuring goals and the need for transparency and that every quarter they will share a matrix of what is happening as well as a monthly newsletter to keep up with what is going on. She went over the EDC's organizational chart and how it reflects with what they do noting the importance of the Technical Work Group that consists of local planners and developers in the area which allows for great dialogue among the area communities, helping to drive their regional strategy. Mayor Manier asked what is different this time and Ms. Daly shared that they have been through multiple reorganizations and there are a few differences in what is different today. She shared an important element is their commitment to supporting local EDC professionals as well as understanding their goals and not overcomplicating their materials. She also shared that staffing, overhead, and marketing expenses will be used in their budget. Alderman Dingledine shared that he understands the goals of increasing business but has a concern with not seeing results of this in the past in our community. Ms. Daly shared that are working both locally and regionally on things that affect the region and if CAT grows we all benefit. She shared that the EDC also provides a support system for Jon and Chevie making information accessible to them as they work with local businesses. Alderman Butler asked about their funding strategy and Ms. Daly shared that 25% of funding comes from the public sector and 75% from private. Mayor Manier shared that business retention was focused on in the past and Ms. Daly went over their goal strategies in following up with the business visits they conduct. She shared that business reports from

interviews will be made available and feedback will be provided immediately to the local level if a need arises through us. Alderman J. Gee expressed that reports are a very important piece of the program to keep communities engaged and were always lacking in the past. Ms. Daly shared that the emailing of the monthly newsletters will be a benefit. Mayor Manier shared that P & D Director Oliphant will take the funding request to the next Finance and Personnel Committee meeting for direction. Ms. Daly shared that anyone can reach out to her at any time and that their Board meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.

- B. Eastern Bypass Corridor Update – Alderman J. Gee shared that he is part of a community advisory group that started in 2008 whose purpose is to help IDOT with the corridor selection of the Eastern Bypass. He shared that the group met 2-3 weeks ago to talk about the corridor selection phase and that IDOT is looking for a corridor recommendation from the advisory group. He went on to share that the City’s official position has been to not oppose any corridor routes that are chosen. He then provided background for each of the four corridor routes under consideration (P2, T6, M10, & D13). He shared that once the corridor is selected the alignment study can take up to 5-years and then funding for the study and roadway will be after that. He shared that a meeting will be held on June 18, 2015 where they hope to get down to one or possibly two corridors and will eventually be looking for Washington to make a recommendation to our preferred route. Mayor Manier shared that he is against dividing the community and will continue to fight for the M10 corridor and encouraged everyone to attend the June 18th meeting if their schedule allows. Public Works Director Andrews shared from his perspective in looking at the current infrastructure that M10 looks like the best corridor. Alderman Dingleline shared that he will continue to not support the Eastern Bypass as he doesn’t see any current relativity, but would support an access to I-74. Alderman Butler shared that he is not in favor of the routes that divide the community so maybe D13 as the best corridor or possibly M10. Alderman J. Gee shared that recommendations will be coming from the Executive Committee, the Community Advisory Committee, and IDOT and shared if anyone has further questions to direct them to either himself or Mayor Manier.
5. Other Business – None.
6. At 7:17 p.m. Alderman Dingleline moved and Alderman Butler seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk