

**SALARY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, July 27th, 2015**

The Salary Committee met Monday, July 27th, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre.
In attendance were Salary Committee persons:

Ms. Winnie Walker,
Mr. Dan Lanzer
Alternate Ms. Cox
Committee Chairperson Mr. John Zucal.

Guests were:

Mayor David Johnson,
Law Director Marvin Fete,
Service Director James Zucal,
Auditor Beth Gundy
Treasurer Tom Gerber
President of Council Sam Hitchcock,
Council Clerk Patti McKay,
Councilperson Ms. Sandy Cox
Councilperson Mrs. Cheryl Ramos,
Councilperson Darrin Lautenschleger,
Fire Chief Jim Parrish
Mark Cox, Sandy Parrish, Aimee May, and Dean Holland.

Salary Committee Chairperson, John Zucal called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Zucal thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

- And mentioned that the purpose of this meeting is Proposed Resolution 21-2015 which is the second component of the potential ballot initiative.

Fire Chief Jim Parrish was given some time to give an update and thoughts on the potential new fire station to those who are in attendance as some of the more relevant issues he has been addressing recently; and any other matter to come before the Committee tonight

- Mr. Zucal turned his meeting over to the Fire Chief for a five minute update.

Fire Chief Jim Parrish reported the contractor came in with the Engineer last Thursday. They installed cross bracing between the twisted beam and the next beam.

They welded all of that together to stabilize the beam to keep the twisted beam from rolling all the way over That cost us approximately \$2,400 to the second phase of it they are still discussing and working on this They have an Engineer's Drawing, which he has not seen yet from Diversified, has a structural engineer's drawing they are talking with Benchmark as well as they performed the work on the front wall as well as the columns as soon as we get that estimate back they are saying it is in the vicinity of \$20,000. As soon as he receives an accurate number he will pass that along.

Mr. Zucal said that will provide a little relief as to what we know has been going on with that beam.

Fire Chief Jim Parrish

That is suppose to stabilize that for the time being

Comment from Mrs. Ramos:

In regard to the resolution itself

Equipping the fire station do you have a specific list yet?

At one time you had talked about some new equipment like trucks or whatever

What is the equipping list?

Fire Chief Jim Parrish I think the Law Director can clarify that.

It is equipment for the facility such as garage door openers absolutely no fire equipment what so ever.

Comments from the Law Director:

Think of It in terms of fixtures anytime you buy a house there are certain fixtures that are included with it things that are attached to the land.

In this room alone the doors are fixtures the lamps are fixtures those are things that are set.

Desks are not because they are not attached.

Like the air conditioner, pole for them to slide down, an alarm, doors, windows, things of that nature.

Comment from John Zucal:

What is the scope why are we talking about Proposed Resolution 21-2015?

What is it intended to do?

Comment from the Law Director:

The purpose of Proposed Resolution 21-2015

Is to put this on a bond issue before the voters.

That is why he included things that he normally sends to the Auditor.

He didn't want it to appear, anyone was hiding the ball.

All the attachments you got along with Proposed Resolution 21-2015 the Law Director prepared and have to go to the Auditor if this is passed by Council.

Comment from John Zucal:

Sample ballot as to what the individuals will see.

Comment from the Law Director:

To the Board of Election to make sure it is in bold print.

And that is specified on there.

The Law Director:

Mr. Fete mentioned earlier he had a call from councilperson Cox on a couple issues

1. What if it is paid off early?

If you pay it off early you don't keep taxing people

The Auditor can't levy a tax if there is no purpose for it. So if this is paid off early it stops.

There are procedures in the law that will prohibit that from happening. There is a Budget Commission which consists of the County Auditor, County Treasurer, and County Prosecutors.

They are prohibited by law from leveling a tax for no specific purpose.

If the bond is paid off there is no purpose. That would occur automatically so it would not necessary be for all of those years, if it is paid off early.

Comment from John Zucal:

If the Ballot initiative passes realistically if is out of the hands of the City. It is now in the hands of County, the Auditor and other individuals our work as as a Council in the most part is done.

Comment from the Law Director:

There is one other thing and this gets into the Second Point he was asked about.

2. In terms does there have to be any language in the legislation tonight that specifies that you are allowed to Refinance should the interest rates change become more beneficial ten years down the road. There is no need to put that language in there now.

For purposes of refinancing you would have to do a second resolution if the voters approve this we then have to ***pass legislation authorizing issuance of the Bonds*** and that only happens if it receives a majority vote by the citizens of New Philadelphia. Then we would have to pass ***legislation for the authorization issue of the Bonds*** and ***if we wish to refinance, a new piece of legislation needs to be passed authorizing it to be refinanced. There is nothing in tonight's legislation to either refinance or pay it off early and nobody gets penalized if it is paid off early.***

Comment from John Zucal:

After 10 years we can look at early retirement or refinance.

Committeeperson Mr. Dan Lanzer made a motion to add Resolution 21-2015 to the Agenda for July 27th, 2015 Council Meeting.

Committee Chair Mr. John Zucal Seconded the motion

The Committee voted

2 yea and 1 nay (Ms. Winnie Walker)

Resolution 21-2015 will be added to the agenda for tonight's Council Meeting. Recommending suspension of rules and passage on the first reading

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

John Zucal, Chairperson
Salary Committee