



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CLOSED SESSION  
ALDERMANIC LIBRARY  
2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR  
NOVEMBER 9, 2009**

**PRESENT:**

Aldermen Fiske  
Alderman Jean-Baptiste  
Alderman Wynne  
Alderman Wilson  
Alderman Holmes  
Alderman Tendam  
Alderman Grover  
Alderman Rainey  
Alderman Burrus

**STAFF:**

Wally Bobkiewicz City Manager, Elke Purze Interim First Assistant Corporate Counsel, Martin Lyons Assistant City Manager, Joellen Daley, Director Human Resources, Robert Gustafson, HR Specialist

**PRESIDING:**

Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

Mayor Tisdahl called the meeting to order at 10:50 pm and asked the Deputy City Clerk to read a statement about recording the session as legally required.

**Litigation**

City Manager Bobkiewicz called on Bob Gustafson, Human Resources. He presented two settlements for consideration. The first one pertains to Brian Bonner, a Public Works maintenance worker with two separate injuries, a hernia in 2007 and a shoulder injury in 2008. This case is currently in preliminary discussions. Mr. Bonner's attorney has asked for \$75,289.23 and City attorneys are recommending a total of \$28,233.00, a difference of approximately \$47,000. Mr. Gustafson is asking Council to approve up to the \$47,000 in case negotiations do not go in our favor and he would then have to come back to Council for additional monies.

After considerable discussion, general direction was given to accept the recommendation of the City attorney to try to settle in the amount of \$28,233.50.

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The second settlement for consideration was with regard to Vera Davis, data control clerk in the Parks/Recreation Department since 1986 suffered a rotator cuff injury in 2007. The amount of \$28,131.20 was recommended to settle the claim with Ms. Davis before she retains her own attorney. Council approved.

**Personnel**

When Mr. Gustafson left the room City Manager Bobkiewicz brought up one other personnel item. He updated Council on department head searches. His offer to Grant Farrar as City Attorney Corporation Counsel is now official and was announced today. He also had his 2<sup>nd</sup> interview with Lheman Walker, the number one candidate for Community Development Director. He feels Mr. Walker is the right person for the job and are in salary negotiations with him at this time.

Alderman Rainey asked what his timeline was? Mr. Bobkiewicz stated that Mr. Walker would like to give three or four weeks notice and hoped to start December 7<sup>th</sup>.

After very brief discussion on the Minutes of the October 26, 2009 meeting, minutes were unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Autwell  
Deputy City Clerk

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