

Minutes of the Work Session meeting of the Syracuse City Council held on May 25, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Work Session Room, 1979 West 1900 South, Syracuse City, Davis County, Utah.

Present: Councilmembers: Alan Clark
Doug Hammond
D. Matthew Kimmel
Douglas Peterson
Larry D. Shingleton

Mayor Jamie Nagle
City Administrator Rodger Worthen

City Employees Present:

Police Chief Brian Wallace
Fire Chief Craig Cottrell
IT Director TJ Peace
Building Official Jason VanAusdal
Finance Manager Amber Fowles
GIS Technician Troy Moyes
Police Detective Corey Rowley
Building Inspector Tex Couch

The purpose of the Work Session was for the Governing Body to review the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m., review the tentative Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-2011 budget for the Fire Department, review the tentative Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget for the Building Department, consider setting a policy in accordance with Senate Bill 43, and discuss Council Business.

Agenda review

Councilmember Clark stated there is an item on the agenda to appoint a Councilmember to the North Davis Sewer District (NDSD) Board of Trustees. He stated that he asked City Administrator Worthen for some clarification on the appointment process for these types of positions and the process is not very clearly defined. He stated that he feels that the appointment should be made by the Mayor and the Council should vote on the Mayor's suggestion. He stated that in this case he feels that the Council made the recommendation and they are voting on their own recommendation. He stated that his concerns have nothing to do with the person that will be appointed, but he is concerned that the correct process may not have been followed. He stated he wanted to know if it is necessary to develop a process to be followed for all appointments voted upon by the City Council. Mayor Nagle stated that she also had the same concern and she reviewed the City's ordinances prior to the original discussion regarding the appointment and she found that the City's ordinances do not address this issue and there is no clear process that has been defined. She stated this is one more reason that it is so important for the City to move forward with recodification.

Councilmember Kimmel stated that he agrees with Councilmember Clark to an extent, but Mayor Nagle did recommend an appointee and the majority of the Council did not agree with that recommendation. Councilmember Clark stated he is simply saying that the resolution that the Council is voting on tonight should have included the name of the individual that the Mayor recommended for appointment and if the Council voted to not approve that resolution there could be further discussion.

Mayor Nagle stated that items seven and eight on tonight's agenda should be tabled; there have been some questions regarding the legality of the subdivision plat amendments and it is necessary to get clarification on those issues before the Council considers the applications.

Tentative Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Fire Department budget.

Mayor Nagle stated that the tentative City budget was included on the City's website following the last City Council meeting. She stated that Council will go through the process of reviewing individual Department budgets and the Fire Department budget was selected to be the first to be reviewed. She stated the Council will ask and receive answers to their questions. She stated the public can ask questions, but she asked that those questions be held until the end of the budget discussions as they may possibly be addressed throughout the discussion.

Finance Manager Fowles explained that the tentative FY 2010-2011 budget was included in each Councilmembers packet in the last meeting and she asked that they bring their copy of the budget to each meeting so that it is not necessary for the City to provide additional copies.

Fire Chief Cottrell stated that there have been some changes to his budget; he and Ms. Fowles reorganized and re-categorized some items in his budget in order to clarify some of the functions of various budget line items. He stated that some of his initial budget requests have been greatly reduced and in some line items funding for necessities only remains. He stated that there were some changes to his training budget and his equipment budget; the equipment budget increased significantly. He explained that in the past they have requested funding for five turn-out gear sets each year and each set has a 10-year life span. He stated that is based on a recommendation from his Fire Engineer. He stated that due to budget constraints in the past the funding for that gear has been eliminated and that situation has finally 'caught up' with the City this year and in order to meet requirements it is necessary to purchase seven sets of gear due to the fact that seven sets will reach the end of their life span next year. He added that they have gone years without replacing fire hose and during inspections they have found that they have burst sections of hose that need to be replaced. He stated that the prevention budget line increased for several reasons; they are almost out of bike helmets for their bike helmet program. He stated that the City previously subsidized the program, but they have increased fees charged for bike helmets to make the program cost neutral. He added that they asked for fire prevention supplies like stickers and things that can be given to kids when they come to a fire prevention tour at the fire station. He stated that they have an ongoing problem in Syracuse with juvenile fire setters; they average 10 fires per year, which is high for a city the size of Syracuse. He stated that they are planning to purchase some prevention materials to help prevent those types of situations. He stated that last year they had four confirmed arson cases last year and during some of the investigations they found they were missing some evidence collection supplies and he has requested funding to purchase those supplies. He then reverted to his training budget and stated that he has requested an increase over the current FY budget amount. He stated that this year is the year that most Fire Department employees will train for their EMT intermediate certification and it is necessary to include additional funding to help them achieve that certification. He added that in addition to registering as a state agency it will now be necessary to register as a national agency and the City has three years to complete that registration and that requires 264-hours of additional training for each employee. He stated that he will request funding for the next three years to help the Department to achieve that designation. He stated that his budget includes funding for hazardous materials (HAZMAT) training; a majority of his employees are HAZMAT technicians and they have participated in the Davis County HAZMAT response team, which requires 40-hours of training each year. He stated he will perform as much of that training in house as possible to try to save budgeted training dollars. He then stated that he included a budget request for tuition reimbursement upon being asked to do so by one of the Councilmembers. He stated that request was made for several reasons, the top reason being that his employees should be getting trained to take his job one day and that has not been happening in the past. He stated that some have made the comment that those employees should be seeking that type of training on their own time and with their own money, but the fact of the matter is that when there is even a small amount of tuition reimbursement available – even if it simply covers the cost of books – the employees are more inclined to seek their education. He stated that he has several employees that are enrolling in one class each year and they are slowly earning their education.

Mayor Nagle commented that the City's tuition reimbursement limits are not very generous; employees are only eligible to receive \$1,500 each year. Chief Cottrell stated that his employees that will be receiving tuition reimbursement will not even receive \$1,500. He stated that he determines the number of employees that are attending school and then divide the total tuition reimbursement budget amount among those employees. He stated that travel and per diem expenses have been cut and that basically eliminates any opportunities for chief/officer level training because most of those classes are not offered locally. He stated that when the budget allows for it he would like for that type of funding to be included in his budget again.

Mayor Nagle asked why the chief level training is so important. Chief Cottrell stated that it provides incident command training and department management training.

Councilmember Hammond asked if it would ever be possible for Syracuse City to host the training. Chief Cottrell stated that would not be possible considering the size of the City's Fire Department. He then stated that the training that he would most like to attend will be held at Notre Dame University this year and it is a very prestigious conference. Mayor Nagle stated that she would like to be made aware of the cost to attend that conference. Chief Cottrell stated that the registration fee is \$495. He stated the total cost, including travel and per diem, for him to attend the conference would be approximately \$1,500. He stated that his total budget for travel and per diem is \$1,000 and he could not even afford to attend the fire conference in St. George after the money is distributed to other employees appropriately.

Mayor Nagle inquired as to what communications system the Fire Department uses. Chief Cottrell stated it is called the Utah Communication Agency Networks (UCAN). Mayor Nagle asked if there is a significant cost increase for the use of

that system this year. Chief Cottrell stated there is no projected cost increase this year, but an increase has been projected for the future. Mayor Nagle then asked if the money budgeted for grant fund expenditures will only be used if the Department is successful in being awarded grant funding. Chief Cottrell stated that is the case. Mayor Nagle asked if it would be fair to refer to the fund as a reserve fund for the purpose of matching grant funds. Chief Cottrell stated that would be a fair classification, but he added that the Department received a grant during the current fiscal year that will need to be matched in the next year's budget. Mayor Nagle inquired as to the purpose of that grant. Chief Cottrell stated it is referred to as a communications grant and he explained the City's portion of that grant is \$5,000. Councilmember Clark asked exactly when the City will be required to provide matching funds. Chief Cottrell stated that the City's matching funds will be due sometime after December 2010.

Councilmember Clark stated that there have been previous conversations about communications equipment for the Fire Department, such as radios, and he asked Chief Cottrell if he has included funding in his budget to upgrade and update his communications equipment. Chief Cottrell stated that he is currently writing a grant to try to solve that problem. Mayor Nagle stated that Chief Cottrell has been very proactive in going after funding to meet the needs of his Department and she commended him for those efforts.

Councilmember Hammond inquired as to the City's current fire insurance rating. Chief Cottrell stated that the City's current rating is five. Councilmember Hammond asked if that is considered a good rating. Chief Cottrell stated that the best rating a city can receive is one and ten is the worst. Mayor Nagle asked who that rating affects. Chief Cottrell stated that the rating impacts home owners and business insurances, but the impact on business insurance is greater. Councilmember Hammond asked if any part of the Fire Department budget will be used to assist the City in receiving a higher insurance rating. Chief Cottrell stated that the City gets rated every three years. He explained that they have been improving internal operations that will help to improve the rating. Councilmember Hammond added that since the last time the City was rated the Fire Department has acquired a new fire truck and the construction of the Fire Station was completed. Chief Cottrell stated that is true and those improvements will be factors that the ISO will consider when reevaluating the City. He stated that one of the City's deficiencies was in Fire Department record keeping and he would like to have three years of strong record keeping practices in place before the next evaluation. Mayor Nagle stated that she is aware that Chief Cottrell has a strategic plan for his Department and she asked if improving the City's Insurance Services Organization (ISO) rating is included in the strategic plan. Chief Cottrell stated that is part of his strategic plan; most of the improvements that can be made in his Department relate to staffing, equipment, and training. Mayor Nagle stated that she thinks it is great that Chief Cottrell is operating from a strategic plan and she believes that is how all Departments in the City should be operating. She stated she would like Chief Cottrell to bring his strategic plan to the Council each year and present how the actual operations compare to the strategic plan as well as what the Fire Department needs to be able to achieve the goals set forth in the strategic plan. She stated that type of presentation would give the Council solid information about the status and goals of the Department. Chief Cottrell stated he is currently trying to figure out the best way to meld a needs assessment and his strategic plan together. He added that he created a baseline document when he first began working for the City, but that has changed several times due to the economy and the needs assessment continues to grow.

Councilmember Clark asked if there is a contingency line in the budget to provide funding in the event that the City is not successful in being awarded the communications grant, to which Chief Cottrell answered no. Mayor Nagle asked if the communications grant is related to the analog-to-digital transition that all Departments will be required to adhere to, to which Chief Cottrell answered yes and explained that the City will have five years to make the transition. He stated that the radios that the City is currently using were purchased during the winter Olympics held in Utah; those radios have a ten year life span – the end of which is quickly approaching. Councilmember Clark stated he is appreciative that Chief Cottrell is trying to write a grant to meet the communications needs of his Department, but he would like to see contingency funding added to the budget in the event that the grant application is unsuccessful. Chief Cottrell stated that he had a conversation with his liaison, Councilmember Peterson, about these types of issues and he wanted to share some of the information from that conversation with the Council. He stated that some of the numbers included in his budget are not realistic and everyone should be aware of that. He stated that he has included a \$5,000 request for repairs of major apparatus and that is a purely fictional number. He stated that the cost to repair or replace a head on a fire engine would be approximately \$12,000, but in order to meet budget directives he is forced to request amounts that are much less than he actually needs to operate. Mayor Nagle asked if those types of budget needs could be included in a capital improvement or motor pool fund. Ms. Fowles explained that what she would like to do in the future is use the capital projects fund as a type of savings account that could fund large equipment purchases or repairs. She stated that if major repairs were necessary on a piece of equipment she would try to fit the repair costs into that budget. Mayor Nagle asked if it would be wise for the City to consider creating a motor pool fund to address the equipment needs in Departments like Fire, Police, or Public Works. Ms. Fowles stated that she would not use a motor pool fund for those needs and she reiterated she would use a capital projects fund. She stated that if the City is going to

purchase new equipment the budget needs to be able to substantiate those expenditures, while the capital projects fund could operate as a savings account for the City; she could include a certain amount of money in that budget line each year that could be saved for large purchases. She stated that she likes that each Department in the City is currently responsible for their own vehicle fuel and maintenance because it makes them think more about the things that they use their vehicles for, but if the transition were made to a motor pool fund all Departments in the City would share the money in that fund and people may not be as responsible in their use of City equipment. Councilmember Clark asked Mayor Nagle if she is more concerned about new purchases or repair and maintenance of existing equipment. Mayor Nagle stated that she is concerned about both and she wondered if it would be possible to assign each Department an Internal Services Fund (ISF) rating and their expenses would be justified by needs. She stated that the equipment and vehicles needed in the Fire Department would likely be the most expensive and that would be reflected by their ISF rates. She stated that would allow Departments to consistently plan on an amount in their budget, but their ISF rate could be set every year depending on the needs of the Department. Ms. Fowles stated that she would be comfortable using a motor pool fund if it were used strictly for vehicle purchases rather than fuel and vehicle maintenance. She stated that she felt that Departments would feel less pressure to operate within a defined budget if they were all sharing a motor pool fund for fuel and vehicle maintenance. Chief Cottrell stated that he understood Ms. Fowles' point, but he argued that he does not have the luxury of using his fire engines less or choosing to not perform required vehicle maintenance. He stated that the Utah Local Governments Trust (ULGT) performs inspections of his vehicles and if he is not properly maintaining them the City could be penalized. Mayor Nagle stated that she would like to consider an alternative way of budgeting for vehicle purchases or maintenance next year. Chief Cottrell stated that the equipment that he needs in order for his Department to function is very expensive. He explained that they currently have a 37-year old tanker truck that needs to be replaced. Mayor Nagle stated that is why the City needs a long term capital plan. Ms. Fowles agreed. Chief Cottrell stated that the tanker truck replacement has been 'on the radar' and has been part of his five year plan, but it keeps getting delayed due to budget constraints. Mayor Nagle stated these are important issues that the Council will need to focus on in the next FY budget. She stated that she is happy that the City has been able to prepare a balanced budget for the upcoming FY. Chief Cottrell stated that he simply wanted the Council to be aware that some of the budget amounts are fictional and the that if major repairs were needed for one of his pieces of equipment his budget would not cover that need. He stated that at that point he would need to request that the Council open the budget, but he was not sure that they would be able to find the money elsewhere in the budget to cover outrageous repair costs.

Councilmember Hammond stated that Chief Cottrell mentioned that there are an alarming number of juvenile-caused fires in the City and he asked what could be done to be prevent those cases in the future. Chief Cottrell stated that he is including education for that age group in his prevention plan. He stated it is very important to show the kids the danger of fire; they try to use media that is age-appropriate. Councilmember Peterson asked if fire prevention could be incorporated into the Police Department's DARE program. Chief Cottrell stated that he was not sure if that would be feasible and he reiterated that his Department also visits schools to provide fire prevention education.

Tentative Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Building Department budget.

Building Official VanAusdal stated that most line items in his budget have been decreased. He stated that the staffing level of his Department has been reduced; one full-time position has been eliminated. He stated that most of his budget lines are used for salary and training and he has been able to greatly reduce his office supply budget because many of the functions of his Department are now performed electronically.

Councilmember Peterson asked if there was a vehicle that was associated with the eliminated building inspector position. Mr. VanAusdal explained there was a vehicle assigned to that position and it is now being used for miscellaneous needs around City Hall. Mayor Nagle stated there is an additional vehicle that is used for those same purposes. Mr. VanAusdal stated that is correct, but added that the truck that was assigned to the building inspector is used for errands where the employee will be driving a longer distance due to the fact that the truck is more reliable.

Mayor Nagle stated that the Building Department budget includes \$4,000 for training and education. She stated she has reviewed the justification for that budget amount and she understood that it would cover attendance at five training conferences. She asked if that is correct. Mr. VanAusdal stated that the Building Department enforces four model codes and they attend training seminars regarding those codes. He stated that he tries to send each inspector to training classes for two model codes each year. He stated that codes are updated on a three year cycle and it would not be feasible to simply receiving training for one model code each year. He stated he has been very concerned about reductions to training and education budgets because lack of training can cripple his Department. He stated that his Department has foregone all conferences and training for the last two years. He stated that on July 1 all the 2009 codes will be put into effect and none of the inspectors have received training regarding those new codes. Mayor Nagle stated that she wanted to be clear that she supports education and training and she thinks it is fundamental to the health and wellness of the City, but her concern is that

the City has critical road issues and she wants to balance that issue with the fact that employees need training. She stated there may be some opportunities to receive local training at a much lower cost. She stated that she understands that the Building Department budget includes \$1,000 for books and she asked what that funding will be spent on. Mr. VanAusdal stated that in 2011 the national electric code will be changing and it will be necessary to purchase the new and updated code book. He stated that in other years it is necessary to purchase code books for more than one newly updated code, such as the mechanical code, plumbing code, and energy conservation code. He stated that the City is required to purchase the new code books and those purchases take place as frequently as every other year or every three years. Mayor Nagle stated that she uses the Utah Code books in her private profession, but she is aware that the data included in those books is available in an electronic format that is free for anyone to access. She stated she wanted to be sure that was not the case with the code books used by the Building Department. Mr. VanAusdal stated that he loves the option of researching the codes online, but the City is still required to purchase the hard copies of the code books. He stated that the entity that produces the books is a private entity rather than a government entity and in order for the City to be able to use those books as reference or make copies of any section of the books for training purposes or customer assistance the City must purchase the books and the rights to use them in that way. Councilmember Hammond asked if the City has the option of purchasing only the updates to the books rather than an entirely new set, to which Mr. VanAusdal answered no. Mayor Nagle stated that she understands and appreciates Mr. VanAusdal's explanation. She stated she simply wanted to make sure that the City is being as efficient as possible. She added that she did want to stress that she would prefer that employees seek out local training opportunities that will meet their needs. Mr. VanAusdal stated his employees have been doing that for the last two years and they have received enough continuing education units (CEU) to maintain their licenses. He then stated that the Building Department also receives an ISO with assessments taking place every five years. He stated that 30 percent of the rating for his Department is based upon training and education of the employees. He stated that inspectors are required to spend a defined number of in-class hours in training in order to attain and maintain their licenses.

Mayor Nagle then stated that she wanted to compliment Mr. VanAusdal; she explained that she met with Mr. Worthen and asked him to direct Mr. VanAusdal to conduct an analysis regarding the work that is being done by his Department and how processes could be streamlined and made more efficient. She stated that Mr. VanAusdal responded with some great recommendations and she appreciated his commitment. She stated his recommendations will free up resources to be used in other areas of the City.

Ms. Fowles stated that Mr. VanAusdal has asked for some additional funding in various lines of his budget and she asked when the Council would like to have a discussion about those types of requests. Mayor Nagle stated those issues should be addressed tonight. Mr. VanAusdal stated that he originally requested \$2,175 in training funding, which would cover attendance at conferences for all four model codes. He stated he would attend two of the training conferences and the other building inspector would attend the other two conferences. Councilmember Clark asked Mr. VanAusdal if he has ever attended a municipal conference. He stated that he has attended several business conferences and he views those types of conferences as a 'conference/party'. He stated that when he attends business conferences associated with his private profession, his employer always asks him to arrive late to the conference and leave early because doing so saves his employer money on travel costs outside of the conference registration fee. He stated that he is also asked to be diligent in identifying the conference courses that would most meet his training needs. He asked if those types of things can be done by City employees attending these types of conferences. Mr. VanAusdal stated that he may be able to eliminate some travel costs by missing some portions of the conference, but he has always required his employees to provide evidence of the CEU's that they earned by attending the conference.

Mayor Nagle asked Mr. VanAusdal if he has sought out webinar training opportunities. Mr. VanAusdal stated that they have used webinars for training purposes. He stated there is a day-long conference taught in Sandy and Syracuse has been used as a webinar site for the building inspectors from northern Utah wishing to attend that training.

Councilmember Clark inquired as to where the model code training conferences are typically held. Mr. VanAusdal stated most of them are held in St. George and one is held in Wendover, Nevada. He stated he has also requested training funds to attend "water school" and that will assist his employees in achieving certifications to perform off-site improvement inspections. Councilmember Clark inquired as to what the \$2,175 in conference costs actually covers. Mr. VanAusdal stated that it will fund the conference registration fees, per diem, and other travel costs. Councilmember Clark asked why per diem is provided when an employee is attending a conference. He stated that food has been provided at all the conferences he has attended. Mr. VanAusdal stated that some meals are provided at the conferences and employees do not request per diem for those meals, but most meals are not provided at the conferences he attends. Mayor Nagle directed that the City's travel request form be amended to require employees to submit an itinerary for the conference so that the City can see what meals are being provided so that the correct amount of per diem can be given to the employees.

Ms. Fowles asked Mr. VanAusdal to rate, on a scale of one to ten, how badly he needs the extra \$2,175 in training funds in order for his Department to be functional. Mr. VanAusdal stated he would rate the importance of the funding as five or six. He stated that he relies heavily on local training opportunities, but when those opportunities are not available the only other option he has is to attend the main conferences.

Mayor Nagle asked Mr. VanAusdal if he could make his training budget work if the Council were to only appropriate half of what he is requesting. Mr. VanAusdal stated he would do whatever he could with the money that the Council provides him. Mayor Nagle stated that the Council just listened to the Fire Chief explain that there are several training conferences that are Chief-level conferences, but that he does not have the budget to pay for those conferences. She stated that she wants to be sure that the Council is being fair to all Departments and considering their requests equally.

Councilmember Clark inquired as to the consequences if the Council chose not to provide any of the additional funding that Mr. VanAusdal requested. Mr. VanAusdal stated that if he and the other building inspector are unable to attend training sessions this year, that will make three consecutive years that training opportunities have been missed. He stated that it would still be possible to maintain certifications, but the City's ISO rating would suffer. Councilmember Clark asked if \$1,000 in training funds would meet Mr. VanAusdal's needs, to which Mr. VanAusdal answered no and reiterated that the inspectors would not have funding to attend enough in-class training hours to meet the ISO training requirements.

Mayor Nagle asked if the Council was comfortable making a decision regarding this issue tonight or if further discussion was necessary. Councilmember Clark stated that he did not want to rush into a decision. Councilmember Peterson stated that he would like to have sufficient time to review the training budgets for all Departments. Ms. Fowles stated that maybe it would be beneficial to have one discussion at the end of the budget review process to determine which funding increase requests should be approved. She stated that there is a very small cushion in the budget. Mayor Nagle asked Ms. Fowles to make notes of the issues that the Council may need further discussion on.

Building Inspector Couch interjected that conference training classes are much better than the training classes provided during local day training opportunities because the organizers of the conferences bring in national speakers that are better certified to provide inspectors with the information they need to perform their jobs.

Councilmember Shingleton asked if there is any need to hire an additional building inspector. Mr. VanAusdal stated that the City currently has sufficient coverage and it is not necessary to hire an additional building inspector at this time. He stated that if the economy were to drastically improve that issue will need to be considered in more depth. Mayor Nagle interjected that Mr. VanAusdal has volunteered to take on more responsibilities in his Department and he wanted to be sure that the Council is aware of that. Councilmember Hammond asked if that includes code enforcement, to which Mr. VanAusdal answered yes.

The Council agreed to review the outstanding issues related to the Building Department at the conclusion of the budget review process.

A visitor asked for an opportunity to make public comments. She stated that she wanted to address the issue of tuition reimbursement in the Fire Department. She stated she is aware that tuition reimbursement is a good tool that can be used to assist Fire Department employees in gaining a college degree, but she feels that employees should get training at the lowest level necessary and still be able to help the City. She stated that she also wanted to make a comment regarding electronic code books. She stated that her husband has a Kindle and he reads training materials on that device. She asked if that would be an option for the City that could reduce costs. Mr. VanAusdal stated he can review that option, but the City would still be required to purchase the licenses to the code books.

A visitor stated she had a question; she inquired as to the portion of the Fire Department budget that is dedicated to employee costs. She stated she is also aware that the Fire Department currently does not utilize volunteer fire fighters and she asked if that is correct. Chief Cottrell stated that the Fire Department has eight volunteer fire fighters on call. Mayor Nagle added that the personnel portion of the Fire Department budget is \$799,437 for wages and \$295,871 for benefits. The visitor inquired as to how many employees that budget covers. Chief Cottrell stated there are currently 24 employees.

Council business.

Mayor Nagle stated that she received a request from a citizen to be allowed to briefly address the Council.

Marla Call approached the Council and stated that she is the Director of the Miss Syracuse Pageant and she wanted to invite the Council and the Mayor to attend the pageant with their families. She stated she has provided the City with tickets to the event for each Governing Body member. She stated the main reason for her request to address the Council is that she had heard that the Council had discussed the Miss Syracuse pageant while reviewing the City budget and she felt like she needed to speak to the Council to express why she feels that the Miss Syracuse pageant is such an important program for the young girls living in the community. She stated that she has never been in a pageant herself and when she moved to Syracuse City she did not know anyone. She explained that the past pageant director lived in her neighborhood and Ms. Call

expressed to her a desire to get involved in the community and throughout the years she has become more involved in the program. She stated that the pageant is a great opportunity for the girls to receive a college scholarship and they also learn so many great skills and they learn how important community service is. She stated that she received a phone call from the mother of a pageant entrant last year who told her that her daughter did not win the pageant, but that she grew personally so much by being involved. She stated that she is aware of the current economic situation of the entire country, but she asked that the Council continue to support the Miss Syracuse pageant because it is a great program and it can help assist some local community members in paying for their college education.

Councilmember Clark stated that he wanted to add that he has been involved in the pageant for the past four years and he is very amazed by the program; the girls spend a lot of time training and learning things to prepare them for the program and he has been very impressed. He stated that the Miss Syracuse pageant is viewed as one of the best in the State. Ms. Call stated that is correct and she explained that the Miss Syracuse pageant feeds into the Miss Utah pageant, which feeds into the Miss America pageant. She stated that the Miss America pageant is a scholarship pageant, unlike the Miss USA pageant, which is a beauty pageant. She stated that the State always tells the Miss America organizers that they should attend the Miss Syracuse pageant because it is one of the best local pageants. She stated that they pageant organizers are so grateful for the support of the City.

Councilmember Peterson stated that he has heard that the pageant participants would like to be invited to any ceremonial functions in the City, such as ribbon cutting ceremonies. Ms. Call stated that is correct. Councilmember Peterson stated there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 2 at the new Zion's Bank branch in the City. Ms. Call stated that the current Miss Syracuse will be in attendance. She stated all the pageant participants are willing to serve and she invited the City to put them to work.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Jamie Nagle
Mayor

Cassie Z. Brown, CMC
City Recorder

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