SPECIAL MEETING
ROSEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
29777 GRATIOT AVENUE
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TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009
7 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor	John Chirkun
Mayor Pro Tem	Robert Taylor
Councilpersons	Salvatore Aiuto
	Jan Haggerty
	Frank Maisano
	Colleen McCartney
	Bill Shoemaker

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Manager	Stephen Truman
City Attorney	Tim Tomlinson
City Clerk	Richard Steenland
City Controller/ Assistant City Manager	Peter Provenzano
City Treasurer	Catherine Haugh
Engineering Consultant	Scott Lockwood
Water Director	Brian McGrail

Mayor John Chirkun called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

1. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC.

No one from the public wished to be heard.

2. Presentation of annual investment performance from Ambassador Capital Management.

City Manager Stephen Truman explained to Council that at the request of City Controller/Assistant City Manager Peter Provenzano a representative from Ambassador Capital Management is in attendance this evening.

Mr. Provenzano described Ambassador Capital's responsibilities; this firm invests money for many municipalities. The City has invested with Ambassador Capital Management since 2006 and Mr. Provenzano and City Treasurer Catherine Haugh are impressed with Ambassador's performance. Council will be updated on the City's General Fund investments on a quarterly basis.

Greg Prost and Tal Gunn from Ambassador Capital Management described a brief history of their company to Council and presented information on the City's portfolio to Council.

Mr. Truman asked Mr. Prost about the City's investments with community banks; Mr. Prost explained that an average bank in Michigan is in a category that they would not be in if economic times were different. Due to bad loans made by the banks, most Michigan banks are rated at F2 for their asset quality. Ambassador keeps all investment in banks below $250,000 so that the investment will be insured by the Federal Government.

Mr. Prost answered several questions for Council.

3. Discussion regarding extension of contract on Martin Road Water Main.

City Manager Stephen Truman explained that this item is for the portion of Martin Road east of Gratiot. Bricco Excavating performed satisfactory work last year and Mr. Truman will request that the contract with Bricco be extended for Martin Road east of Gratiot.

Engineering Consultant Scott Lockwood appeared with Water Director Brian McGrail to explain this item to Council. Mr. McGrail explained that this portion will complete the City's Water Main replacement Master Plan and requested that Council extend the contract with the contractor that worked on the west portion of Martin Road.

Mr. McGrail and Mr. Lockwood answered several questions for Council.

This item will be placed before Council at the next Regular Meeting.

4. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER.

City Controller/Assistant City Manager Peter Provenzano discussed the ambulance billing process. The State of Michigan requires that ambulance services, such as the City's, transmit billing information electronically; currently the City does this manually. The Fire Department has researched several companies that conduct electronic ambulance billing; after research the City chose to go with AccuMed Web, which will result in a $30,000-$40,000 savings to the City and is offered by the City's current ambulance biller, AccuMed.

City Manager Stephen Truman described the process that was used to choose the new program and discussed the other programs that were researched for ambulance billing. The other programs were more costly to the City; AccuMed Web is more cost effective to the City.

Mr. Truman also discussed the following items:

a. Proposed changes to the Sidewalk Replacement Program.
b. Mr. Truman will meet with the individuals who attended the Millennial Mayors Conference meeting and forward information to Council so that they may choose a youth representative to the Millennial Mayors Conference.

c. Council was provided information from CGI Communications about the City partnering with CGI to promote the City.
d. Mr. Truman discussed the challenges that the City faces with the fiscal budget this year.

Mayor John Chirkun and Mr. Provenzano discussed the issue of reallocation of bond money from the South Macomb Sanitary District's Clean Water Initiative.

5. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY.

City Attorney Tim Tomlinson updated Council on a lawsuit stemming from a HAZMAT accident in December, 2008.

6. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BY CITY COUNCIL.

Councilwoman Colleen McCartney had nothing to discuss.

Councilman Frank Maisano commented that Ray Saporski, a Roseville resident, passed away this weekend.

Councilwoman Jan Haggerty had nothing to discuss.

Councilman Bill Shoemaker had nothing to discuss.

Councilman Salvatore Aiuto asked City Controller/Assistant City Manager Peter Provenzano when credit card payments of water or tax bills will be implemented. Mr. Provenzano explained that he and City Treasurer Catherine Haugh are in the process of putting this program into operation and it should be available in the next few months. Councilman Aiuto commented on a letter that Council received from the President of Local 520 union requesting to meet with Council.

Council agreed that they will not meet with this union and instructed City Manager Stephen Truman to issue a letter to the union on the Council's behalf.

Mayor Pro Tem Robert Taylor stated that he investigated the arson dog program; the County does not get reimbursed from other communities when its arson investigator works in other communities. Mayor Pro Tem Taylor does not believe that the City should get involved with the arson dog program because it may have added costs to the City.

Mayor John Chirkun stated that the issue of the arson dog program did come up in the past and that the Fire Union was opposed to the request at that time. Mayor Chirkun discussed an e-mail he received requesting assistance from the City and commented on the presentation by Macomb County Financial Department this evening.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

COUNCILMAN SALVATORE AIUTO moved, COUNCILMAN FRANK MAISANO seconded that the agenda having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:34 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,
Richard M. Steenland, City Clerk