

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Held October 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President of Council Larry Oberdorf and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Mackinnon, Oberdorf, Marquette, Hermes, Scott, and Duricek all present. Mrs. Eckel was expected shortly.

Mr. Oberdorf explained that the purpose of the meeting was to continue discussion of a restructuring of the standing committees of council as initiated by Councilmen Scott and Duricek from the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Scott

Mr. Scott and Mr. Duricek each had prepared proposed standing committees of council as had Mr. Marquette. Mr. Scott then explained his proposal (included) for seven committees which included replacing the marina committee with a transportation committee and adding planning and zoning to the economic development committee.

*Mrs. Eckel entered the meeting at this time.*

Mr. Duricek then explained his proposal (included) which all say the committee will review, investigate, and recommend to council.

Mr. Marquette then explained his proposal (included) saying he added insurance to the budget committee, split planning and zoning between economic development and a new legal committee which replaces judiciary, added NWSD to the public works committee, and added a city services committee to include public transportation etc. and replacing the marina committee.

Mrs. Eckel then passed out her proposal (included) which gave options for what committee would handle transportation.

Mr. Mackinnon suggested adding judiciary and insurance to budget, facilities to public works, keeping parks and recreation together, and including planning and zoning with economic development.

Mr. Hermes would change the title from budget, ways & means to finance, and thinks we should set aside the committees all of council agrees with and discuss the remaining options such as adding landfill to a building, parks, and marina committee.

Mr. Scott thinks that is a good suggestion and said we should go through and determine what ones make sense and clear those. He feels parks have a dual role as a function and maintenance as transportation has in planning and usage, along with possible bike paths. He would not like park maintenance to be confused with city infrastructure. Mayor Verbosky said he thinks council is doing a good job in updating the committees, offered his suggestions for possible committees, said city fixed assets needs to be in a committee, and that transportation should not be a separate committee. Mr. Ciecka offered his suggestions at this time. Mr. Marquette thinks that there will be crossovers from different committees and Mr. Hermes suggested using Mrs. Eckel's list and seeing if four votes for each committee and moving on.

Robert Ruse, 45 Park Dr. has seen park maintenance controlled by the recreation director, as they know what is best for the facility. Mrs. Eckel noted that bathroom maintenance at the parks has been a problem and we need to define who is responsible.

Mr. Scott asked about the community relations committee and Mrs. Eckel explained it had to do with the Labor Day fireworks, Fun at the Fountain, Halloween parade, and the Christmas tree lighting.

Mr. Scott feels we have two areas – transportation and community liaison – that need be under a committee. He also feels that Mrs. Eckel's option two fits what he, Mr. Duricek, and Mr. Marquette proposed.

Mr. Scott suggested at Mr. Marquette's urging that annexation be added to economic development. Mr. Ciecka said judiciary is an antiquated term and that legal is a better name for the committee.

Mr. Scott would like planning to be part of a committee in order to speed up the process i.e. adult bookstores and to make it councils job to look at overall planning.

Mr. Oberdorf thinks that public transportation has been and is a tremendous undertaking and needs to be a separate committee. Mayor Verbosky agrees but said it should be a special committee as opposed to a permanent committee and is one or two years the TARTA issue will have been decided. Mr. Scott agrees with the mayor and added this is an important issue. Mr. Marquette also agrees that transportation should not be a permanent standing committee.

At this time Mr. Hermes, Scott and Marquette engaged in an extended conversation regarding TARTA and what happens if voted up or down which included the mayor talking about the funding of TARTA and presenting other public transportation options to the voters.

Back on point Mrs. Eckel suggested adding the Convention and Visitors Bureau to the economic development committee and all agreed.

*Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.*

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Larry Oberdorf  
President of Council

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Robert P. Watrol  
Clerk of Council