



## City Council

City Council Chambers ♦ 230 West Stephenson Street ♦ Freeport, IL 61032

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### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PUBLIC SAFETY/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT REGULAR MEETING OF Monday, January 17, 2006 at 5:15 p.m.

#### ----- Agenda Topics -----

- 1) Human Relations Commission Ordinance
- 2) Mill Race Crossing – Stephenson County Board Findings
- 3) Fence Ordinance
- 4) Stephenson Hotel Redevelopment Agreement
- 5) Impact Fees
- 6) AFLAC Flexible Spending Account
- 7) LAPP Program
- 8) Award of Cherry Avenue Storm Sewer Grant Project
- 9) Allocation of remaining 2003 Bond Funds

**Meeting called to order by:** Boldt

**Members present:** Boldt, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Toepfer, Klemm, and Threadgill, and Bender.

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- 1) Human Relations Commission Ordinance

Discussion: Ronnie Bush, Chair presented the commission's mission statement: The mission of the Human Relations Commission shall be to foster and promote understanding, mutual respect, cooperation, and positive relations between and among all residents of the City of Freeport, regardless of age, economic level, race, religious affiliation and ethnic origin, to the end that a sense of shared community among residents is strengthened, mutual trust toward each other is promoted, the value of each individual is affirmed and constitutional rights of all are realized. (Chapter 270 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois). Bush also requested that the number of commissioners be reduced from nine to seven because of the difficulty in making a quorum.

**Bender/O'Neill to approve, 7-0**

- 2) Mill Race Crossing – Stephenson County Board Findings

Discussion: Community Development Director, Shelly Griswold presented information regarding the County's findings on the Mill Race Crossing Economic Development Area. There was leave granted to hear from Economic Development Director, Bob Skurla, who answered questions. There was a consensus of the council that more information is needed.

3) Fence Ordinance

Discussion: Community Development Director, Shelly Griswold, explained the changes in the proposed fence ordinance.

**Klemm/Helms to approve, 7-0**

4) Stephenson Hotel Redevelopment Agreement

Discussion: Craig Joesten, Finance Director, requested an amendment the redevelopment agreement changing the time frame for a National franchise restaurant to be in operations from 60 days upon completion of Phase One construction to 18 months.

**Klemm/O'Neill to approve, 7-0**

5) Impact fees

Discussion: Community Development Director, Shelly Griswold, discussed of the role and use of impact fees for developments. There was no action taken.

## **FINANCE**

6) AFLAC Flexible Spending Account

Discussion: Finance Director, Craig Joesten, explained that this resolution allows a grace period, of up to two months and 15 days following the end of each plan year to incur expenses before the "use it or lose it" forfeiture rule applies. The City of Freeport would like to implement the grace period option into our plan.

**Bender/Klemm to approve, 7-0**

**Klemm/Endress to move to council floor, 7-0**

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

7) LAPP Program

Discussion: Public Works Director, Craig LeBaron stated that this resolution is for \$30,000.00 from the MFT funds to pay for the Preliminary and Construction Engineering for the 2006. The LAPP Program will consist of grind and resurface of Park Boulevard from West Galena Ave to Stephenson St.

**Bender/Helms to approve, 7-0**

**Endress/Klemm to move to council floor, 7-0**

8) Award of Cherry Avenue Storm Sewer Grant Project

Discussion: Denise Ihrig, Interim Water & Sewer Director, stated that the Commission received bids on the Cherry Storm Sewer grant project, that due to an increased scope resulted in the bids being \$207,102.90 higher than the budgeted amount of \$300,000. FGA reviewed the bid and determined that the items that had increased the scope could be removed and remain in compliance with the grant. The Commission approved the bid from CIVIL contractors with a change of scope through a Change Order thereby approving the project in the amount \$295,893.05. We will be looking to Council for approval of this bid and change order and the matching funds from the bond of \$111,750.

**O'Neill/Helms to approve, 7-0**  
**Helms/Klemm to move to council floor, 7-0**

10) Allocation of the remaining 2003 Bond funds

Discussion: Denise Ihrig, Interim Water & Sewer Director, stated that It was determined at the Special Meeting of the Commission held on Monday, January 9, 2006 that the remaining bond funds be allocated to the following projects, Cherry Avenue Storm Sewer for matching funds to the CDAP grant; Homer Phase 2 Storm Sewer - Alternate No.1, this would continue the storm sewer project from Locust to Chestnut;and the Linden Storm Sewer Improvements including the connections, previously approved, and continue the project from the Social Security Building to the RR tracks. Bid costs and cost estimates are available. We will be looking to Council for approval of these projects and their estimated construction and inspection costs from the bond fund. <<FWS - Bond Funds.pdf>> The Commission also reviewed the final report from Donohue on the Hunt District Sanitary and Storm Sewer study, and will address the urgent issues stated in the report with Commission staff. There was no action taken.

Meeting adjourned.

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