



City Council

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA REPORT REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 19, 2007 at 5:15 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call by Mayor Gaulrapp

Present were Aldermen Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, and Bender.

Approval of Committee of the Whole Report

Alderswoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Endress to approve the committee of the whole report from the regular meeting of March 5, 2007. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Blackhawk Bio-fuels Redevelopment Agreement. *Adam Holder, Quentin Davis, and Bob Skurla explained the agreement and answered all questions from the committee. Klemm/Endress, 8-0*

FINANCE

1. Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance. *Duane Price stated that this ordinance was an estimate and the he should have final numbers in two weeks.*
2. [An Ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 896 \(Home Rule Municipal Retailers' and Service Occupation Tax\)](#). *Corporation Counsel explained that the entire ordinance had to be repealed and replaced, which is why it states a 1/2 % increase. The 1/2% increase would make the sales tax be 7 1/2%. Also, there can not be a sunset clause in the ordinance because the state requires a separate notification.*

Alderman Boldt moved, seconded by Alderswoman Bender to vote down the sales tax increase and consider the following: (1) retain \$230,000 transfer station income, (2) spend down \$200,000 in reserves (replace in 2008), and (3) send budget back to administration to cut 1.25%. There were three yeas and five nays. The motion failed.

After much discussion, Alderman Klemm moved, seconded by Alderman Endress to approve. Aldermen Helms, Klemm, Toepfer, and Endress voted yea. Aldermen Bender, Threadgill, Boldt, and O'Neill voted nay. There were four yeas and four nays. Mayor Gaulrapp voted yea. The motion carried.

Alderman Klemm moved, seconded by Alderman Helms to move to council floor. Aldermen Klemm, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, and Boldt voted yea. Aldermen Bender and Threadgill voted nay. The motion carried.

OTHER

1. Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) in order to discuss collective bargaining. *Alderman Klemm moved, seconded by Alderman Endress to go into executive session. The motion carried. The committee then convened in the mayor's office. After reconvening to council chambers, Alderwoman O'Neill moved, seconded by Alderwoman Toepfer to come out of executive session. The motion carried.*

Adjourn