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Subject: Council Member Questions on the 09-14-09 Agenda
Attachments: Informational Brochure 2 color rev. 09.09.14.pdf

Good afternoon.

Council Member Beltramini had a couple of questions on tonight's agenda. Attached are her questions and staff's responses.

Have a good evening,
Mary Redden

E-04 Final Contract for Emergency Medical Services

Paragraph 6 (at the top of page 15) requires documentation to be sent to the Risk Management Dept. Since it is possible that before the end of this contract the City of Troy will not have a "Risk Management Dept.", would we be wise to change the addressee in that paragraph to either the fire or police chief or to the "risk management officer of the City of Troy" or something similar?

Mr. Szerlag indicates that it is not necessary to change the contract language as there will be a risk management function; City staff will direct correspondence and materials accordingly.

J-01i Election Commission Minutes (Draft) from August 27, 2009

The Election Commission minutes of the Aug. 27 meeting—While I don't usually read draft minutes, the subject matter here is time sensitive. So, I read them. Why did the Election Commission review the original City Council approved versions of the ballot questions rather than the AG office versions? Or didn't you have the AG versions yet?

City Clerk Tonni Bartholomew reports that as of August 27, we did not yet have the Attorney General's version.

J-06 Ballot Question Brochure

Now, the more substantial issue—I have some concerns about the wording in the "YES" and "NO" of the Proposal 5 explanation:

In the "YES," I would suggest the following changes, ". . .could appoint members to fill vacancy *vacant* elected offices only until. . .where ~~the~~ a replacement Council member. . .". I believe "vacant" reads better than "vacancy" and that substituting "a" for "the" connotes openness of the process. If it reads ". . .where the replacement council member would be

elected by the voters,” that could be perceived as simply a one-person election, a rubber stamp of council’s decision, rather than an election from a host of candidates.

In both the “YES” and “NO” version would it be possible to use the word “persons” or “citizens” instead of “members” when referring to the ability of Council to make those appointments? Again, I think it connotes a wider pool from which Council would choose to appoint.

Thank you both, and your departments, for working so diligently to get this out!

City Clerk Tonni Bartholomew made Council Member Beltramini’s changes as requested in the third paragraph and indicates that the suggestion in the fourth paragraph could be clarified with the insertion of “replacement” instead of changing the word “member”. Ms. Bartholomew recommended the insertion because of the requirements associated with individuals eligible for appointment, including that they be registered voters, instead of including more conditions or requirements to the informational brochure.

Attached is a copy of the booklet in pdf format. The attachment is single sided to keep the proposals in number order. Copies of booklet will be placed on the Council table at tonight’s meeting.