

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: May 5, 2009
CALLED TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.
ADJOURNED: 6:26 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDING MEMBERS

Marilyn Pfisterer, Chairwoman
Paul Bateman
Susie Day
Jackie Nytes
Joanne Sanders

ABSENT MEMBERS

Ryan Vaughn
Barbara Malone

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 145, 2009 - amends the Code to transfer the ordinance violations bureau from the office of corporation counsel to the office of finance and management

"Postpone" until May 19, 2009

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 146, 2009 - amends the Code to make technical corrections to provisions that refer to township assessors

"Do Pass "

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 147, 2009 - amends Article V of Chapter 283 of the Revised Code of the Consolidated City and County with respect to the Marion County Early Intervention Planning Council

"Postpone" until May 19, 2009

Vote: 4-1

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The Administration and Finance Committee of the City-County Council met on Tuesday, May 5, 2009. Chairwoman Marilyn Pfisterer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Susie Day, Jackie Nytes, and Joanne Sanders. Ryan Vaughn and Barbara Malone were absent. Representing the Council was, General Counsel Robert Elrod. Paul Bateman arrived shortly thereafter.

PROPOSAL NO. 146, 2009 - amends the Code to make technical corrections to provisions that refer to township assessors

Mark Mertz, Office of Corporation Counsel, said that this proposal makes technical corrections so that the Code can be current, accurate, and user-friendly for the general public. He said that the Code has become outdated with reference to the sections about township assessor's offices. He said that there are two other sections in the Code that need to be changed. The first is the indemnification in defense of officers and employees. The other section references surety bonds. He said both of these sections deal with the township assessors rather than the office of their official duties. For this reason, this proposal gives an effective date for these two sections of January 1, 2011, which reflects when the term ends. He said that the revised Code should continue to be as accurate as possible.

[Clerks note: Councillor Bateman arrived at 5:35 pm]

Councillor Sanders moved, seconded by Councillor Nytes, to send Proposal No. 146, 2009 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 145, 2009 - amends the Code to transfer the ordinance violations bureau from the office of corporation counsel to the office of finance and management

Councillor Sanders moved, seconded by Councillor Nytes, to "Postpone" Proposal No. 145, 2009 until May 19, 2009. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 147, 2009 - amends Article V of Chapter 283 of the Revised Code of the Consolidated City and County with respect to the Marion County Early Intervention Planning Council

Chairwoman Pfisterer passed the gavel to Councillor Day so that she could speak to the proposal.

Councillor Pfisterer said that she has worked on this proposal for the last five years. She said it began with former Councillor Rozelle Boyd, based on a vision of being able to help the community by early identifying children at risk, so that they would have services provided for them that will help prevent the children and their families from ending up in court. She said that there are a number of different agencies involved and they have come to the consensus that this is a good opportunity, and it will benefit the community.

Robert Elrod said that there have been meetings over the past three months to bring this ordinance in line with the way things are now. He said that there have been changes in the statute governing the Department of Child Services (DCS) that will possibly allow for some funding from outside sources to keep the Marion County Early Intervention Planning Council

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active. Mr. Elrod said that the primary changes in the ordinance deals with verifying that the membership of the Council is 13 members, adding representation from the Office of Finance and Management (OFM) and the Mayor's Office, and leave the other members as they were before. He said that the provision states that there will be two co-chairs, the Director of Child Services and one City-County Council appointee. He said that the initial language has been cleaned up to agree with the current statute. Mr. Elrod said that the OFM is requesting one minor change in the language and it is in the form of an amendment to the proposal. He said that this would be out of the budget of the City-County Council under the supervisor of the Council.

Councillor Pfisterer read the amendment which is attached as exhibit A. She said that this amendment would also give the budget process the flexibility for including grants if they were available.

Councillor Pfisterer moved, seconded by Councillor Nytes, to "Amend" Proposal No. 147, 2009, which is attached as Exhibit A.

Councillor Sanders said that she has concerns with the words "for consideration." She said that the point of creating this was to ensure that there was a program funded that would do outreach for these families and the individuals.

Councillor Pfisterer said the intent of the amendment is for the flexibility of including grants if they are available; otherwise, those grants would be budgeted. Currently, the Early Intervention Planning Council (EIPC) is funded for 2009 through 2011.

Councillor Nytes asked what the pattern has been for EIPC's budget since this program was created and if these funds are currently in the Council's budget. Jason Dudich, OFM, stated that this is the first time that there has been funding identified for this program. He said that in the past, there has not been an identified, ongoing funding source until now. Councillor Nytes asked if there have been any appropriations given to EIPC. Mr. Elrod said that a few years ago there was an appropriation for a contract with Indiana University Purdue University of Indianapolis (IUPUI) and it was paid out of the Council budget. He said that this occurred a few years ago and no other amounts have been appropriated for this program.

Councillor Nytes asked if this is the only thing in the council's budget of a programmatic nature. Mr. Elrod answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Bateman asked if the ordinance the way it is currently written would preclude this program from receiving grant funding. Mr. Dudich answered in the negative. He said that any funding that would be given to EIPC would flow through the Council's budget and be made available to EIPC.

Councillor Pfisterer said that there is a grant from the Regional Service Planning Council to fund EIPC for 2009. She said that there is another grant that is in the pipeline for 2010 and 2011 to help fund the program. She said that there is no intent that this program be put on the shelf.

Councillor Sanders said that she would feel more comfortable if the language remained "to be included."

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Councillor Nytes said that she does not feel boxed in for the phrase “to be included” and she believes that this is an opportunity to place a value statement on the importance of this agency’s responsibility to produce a budget.

[Clerk’s note: Councillors Pfisterer withdrew her motion to “Move” this amendment, and Councillor Nytes also withdrew her “Second” on the motion.]

Councillor Pfisterer moved, seconded by Councillor Bateman, to send Proposal No. 147, 2009 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation.

Councillor Sanders said that there is a lot in the ordinance that was changed or moved within the proposal and she needs some time to review the changes. Councillor Pfisterer said that the intent of the changes in the proposal was to eliminate the duplicative language. Councillor Sanders asked if there was some type of deadline to passing this ordinance. Councillor Pfisterer answered in the negative. Councillor Sanders said that she does not want to withhold any help to the needy families, but she would like to have some time to go through the proposal and make sure everything is in there.

Councillor Nytes said that she would like to meet with the new director of Regional Council and get an update on all the changes.

Councillor Sanders moved, seconded by Councillor Nytes, to “Postpone” Proposal No. 147, 2009 until the May 19, 2009. The motion carried by a vote of 4-1, with Councillor Pfisterer casting the negative vote.

There being no further business, and upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Pfisterer, Chairwoman

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