

Belize City Council Meeting

Minutes of Emergency Closed Council Meeting –19th December, 2012 12:00 pm

City Hall Conference Room

Members Present:

Mayor Darrell Bradley

Deputy Mayor Dion Leslie

Councilor Eric Chan

Councilor Alain Gonzalez

Councilor Kevin Singh

Councilor Bernard Pitts Jr

Councilor Phillip Willoughby

Councilor Michael Theus

Councilor Alifa Hyde

Councilor Dean Samuels

Councilor Roger Espejo (Arrived 12:30)

Members absent:

Others Present:

Mrs. Candice Burke, City Administrator

Mr. Cordel Gonzalez, Administrative Officer

The Mayor chaired the meeting and called it to order at 12:00 PM. Mayor Darrell Bradley said the opening prayer.

Adoption of Minutes

There was no adoption of the previous Closed Council Meeting Minutes.

1. Mayor Darrell Bradley

i. Review of Street Works

Mayor Bradley explained to councilors that one of the sheets they have is a schedule of payment that have been paid out of the bond proceeds. All councilors were satisfied with the payments made. Mayor Bradley proposed 4 streets to be upgraded from the list of 80 streets. These streets are numbered 38 thru 41 on the list namely Oleander St, Flamboyant St, Jasmine St, and Tibruce St.

Mayor also mentioned in respect to Belize Water Services (BWS) that negotiations have yet to be finalized concerning the residential garbage fee billing process. Most councilors are concerned that BWS will try to over-charge the Council. Councilor Hyde argued that the Council need to find the most cost efficient method of payment.

ii. Bid Committee

Mr. Bradley reminded Councilors that he has indentified the bid process previously discussed and plans to keep the process constant for the rest of the street upgrades. He wants to implement some small contracts of small streets around to city to continue the street works. Mayor Bradley suggested that the Council contract an engineering consultant to assist and alleviate some of the burden on city engineer. He recommended that Councilors jointly make a list of 5 or so personnel that can fill the requirements.

Other Important Matters

- Mr. Jimmy Robinson a self employed food and snacks vender had requested permission to park a 1980 Ford Mobile Food Unit Truck on East Collet Canal opposite the old Novelo's Bus terminal. The recommendation by the planning department is to deny this request because of high traffic in this area and sidewalks will be utilized by pedestrian to and from the Michael Finnegan Market. The Council voted to deny the request: MAYOR, AG, MT, KS, RE, DS, PW, EC, AH, DL, BP
- Mr. Errol White a self employed fast food vender had requested permission to erect a food booth to conduct fast food vending on Mahogany Street in front of Lake Independence School. The recommendation by the planning department is to deny this request based on the concerns of the Belize Electricity Limited. The Council voted to deny the request: MAYOR, AG, MT, KS, RE, DS, PW, EC, AH, DL, BP
- Mrs. Miriam DeShield wrote to honor Dr. Michael DeShield, who has been battling cancer for the past two years, for his service to the country of Belize and Belize City in particular; the Animal Medical Centre is requesting a

change in the name of the portion of John Smith Street that runs from the Northern Highway to corner of the road. A newly constructed Animal Medical Centre will soon be lodged on that portion of that street. The Council voted in favor of changing the name of the portion of that street: MAYOR, AG, MT, KS, RE, DS, PW, EC, AH, DL, BP

- Mayor Bradley asked for the Council's approval to name the street that runs between Belize Bank Limited and Battlefield Park "Belize Bank Lane" and the crescent that is between Faber's Road and Neal pen Road "Andrew Faber Crescent". Also to select a street to be named "Carl Rogers Street". All councilors were in approval of the motion.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:10p.m. It was moved by Councilor Hyde and seconded by Councilor Gonzalez.

All were in favor that the Closed Council Meeting be adjourned.

NEXT CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE 10 January, 2013.