

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 15, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Aldermen present: Lyle Ten Haken, Mike Kuhle, Scott Nelson, Ron Wood, Mike Woll. Honorary Council Member: Martin Rickers.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brian Kolander, Finance Director; Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: none.

EVENT CENTER NEGOTIATION

Council discussed the initial draft of the management contract submitted by Central Group Companies for the event center. Staff was looking for direction on several items in the contract. Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development, said the operations agreement was more skewed towards Central Group Companies - they don't share the risks with the City in years one and two. Mr. Chapulis presented a list of contract highlights for Council's consideration including term of contract, various fees, operating expenses, rates, budget and CIP, licenses and permits, financial statements and termination of contract. Following discussion, Council provided Mr. Chapulis with several responses intended to limit our exposure during the start up process of the event center, and to keep the City out of the day to day operations.

LGA DISCUSSION

Mayor Oberloh stated that Senator Doug Magnus and Representative Rod Hamilton were seeking suggestions from the cities on where cuts, other than LGA, could be made to get to the \$6.2 billion in cuts needed. Following discussion, the following suggestions were made:

- Transit should come off property tax and go back to metro.
- Proper taxation of "ag" ground.
- Tackle casinos.
- Combine school districts within the counties.
- Raise taxes but give tax credits/breaks that could only be used within the state.
- Possible sales tax revision (we're a service driven society).
- Make it mandatory that food stamp cards could only be used in the state and for necessary items only.
- Require I.D. cards to vote.
- Statewide freeze on education, and take negotiations from us and let the state do it.
- Statewide pay freeze for government employees for 2 years.
- Production charge/wind energy tax on turbines.
- Every sector of state government should be up for review, including education.

Council requested that Craig Clark, City Administrator, compile the list of suggestions and forward

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it to Senator Magnus and Representative Hamilton.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

Janice Oberloh
City Clerk