

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MARCH 31, 2014**

Present: Mayor Burns, Ald. Brown, Bruno, Cummings, Flanagan, Maladra, Marks, Simonian, Singer, Seno

Absent: Ald. Kilburg

Also Present: McKittrick, Dawkins, Divita, Mexin

1. Call to Order

Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at 7pm noting that Ald. Kilburg was out of town and not present.

On a motion by Ald. Marks, second by Ald. Cummings, the meeting rules were waived by unanimous voice vote.

2. Items for Discussion

a. Taxi Regulations

At the request of a local cab company, 101 Choice Cab, staff brought forward information on current code language related to taxi cabs and stands. The city currently does not license cabs. There was consensus to remove all language regarding taxis from the city code. The council agreed that the city would continue to not regulate cab service.

b. Handicapped Parking Fees

McKittrick explained that the current code does not allow waiving fees for handicapped parking spots, although the city has been waiving them which constitutes approximately \$8,500 in fees that are waived each year. Staff is asking whether the code should allow waiving of fees, or begin to collect fees. By a vote of 6-3, council directed staff to research implementing fees.

c. Home Rule

McKittrick stated that in the staff goals for 2014-15, educating the community on Home Rule was included. Staff is asking council how they want to go about this and if staff will be needed in the process. Ald. Maladra stated that he would share his report from 2006 for background since there are several new council members since the last time it was investigated.

d. City Hall Space Needs

McKittrick asked council what role staff would play in this 2014-15 goal. At the request of the council, McKittrick would provide the 2000 report and any new information but staff would like to know by May 1 what role they will play.

3. New Business

Ald. Flanagan announced the Geneva Beautification spring planting date of April 5th and encouraged anyone to assist if possible.

4. Adjournment

On a motion by Ald. Marks, second by Ald. Singer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.