***BOARD OF ALDERMEN***

***COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING***

***THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.***

***JOAN WILLIAMSON ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS***

***MINUTES***

Chairman Ron Sill called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call**
Present: Ron Sill, Evelyn Browning, Louis Oliwa, Charles Sampson

Also Present: Alderwoman Bev Moran
Andrew Baklik, Chief of Staff
Marc J. Garofalo, Town & City Clerk

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS & CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**
***A MOTION*** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Oliwa to adopt the agenda as posted. ***Motion carried.***

**PUBLIC PORTION**
Mr. Sill asked three times if anyone wished to address the committee. Hearing no one wishing to address the committee the public portion was closed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 28, 2018 COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIAL MEETING**
***A MOTION*** was made by Ms. Browning with a second by Mr. Oliwa to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2018 meeting as presented. ***Motion carried.***

**MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN THE VENDOR PERMIT FOR POWER HOME REMODELING AS DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITORS. JOSEPH COX, STUART FODIMAN, ELIJAH LEWIS, BRUCE HACKENSON, ROBENS MARCELIN**
Mr. Oliwa asked if this has been reviewed by the Police Department. Mr. Garofalo said he only received this request yesterday and asked the committee if they could recommend approving the vendor permit pending the completed background check from the Police Department, which he will have before the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen meeting. Mr. Oliwa asked if they need to have identification badges. Mr. Garofalo said that is a requirement and they can only solicit until 8:00 p.m. There was a brief discussion as to whether it is photo identification. Mr. Garofalo will check the Ordinance and have that information for the full board meeting.

***A MOTION*** was made by Mr. Oliwa with a second by Ms. Browning to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen to approve Vendor Permit for Power Home Remodeling as door-to-door solicitors: Joseph Cox, Stuart Fodiman, Elijah Lewis, Bruce Hackenson, and Robens Marcelin pending the Police Department background check. ***Motion carried.***

**STERLING OPERA HOUSE – UNITED WAY REQUEST TO USE THE STERLING OPERA HOUSE FOR LEADERSHIP GREATER VALLY PROGRAM ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN**

Mr. Sill said we have received numerous requests to tour/use the Sterling Opera House. Mr. Baklik said this request is from Jack Walsh and he knows this has been granted in the past. He said having recently toured the Opera House with Carmen DiCenso he wouldn't recommend having anyone go into the building and suggested that the United Way stop at the Opera House and perhaps the Mayor and others can gather in front and discuss the past events held at the Sterling. Mr. Baklik said there are plenty of framed pictures that can also be shown. Ms. Finn noted at the previous Operations & Procedures meeting Atty. Marino said since the building does not have a C.O. (Certificate of Occupancy) he would not be in favor of anyone entering the building. Mr. Garofalo said his office receives requests all the time from individuals who would like to enter the Opera House and he suggested that the board come up with a definitive answer, which would help his office tremendously. Mr. Baklik said the Mayor's Office also receives requests, some for potential buyers, which is different story than the standard picture taking and it would be helpful if there was a definitive answer regarding entering the building. He doesn't want to have to come before the board each time they receive a request from a potential buyer or investor to gain permission to enter the building. Mr. Sampson said that is where the difference lies – it's one thing to take pictures or satisfy some of the requests that Mr. Garofalo' s office receives and another if someone is truly interested in investing in the building.

***A MOTION*** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Oliwa to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen that due to the condition of the building there will be no access to the Sterling Opera House until further notice. ***Motion carried.***

**ADJOURNMENT**

***A MOTION*** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Ms. Browning to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. ***Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Finn

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Recording Secretary

***THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.***