

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
JUNE 1, 2010
7:30 PM
AUDITORIUM

Introducing an ordinance objecting to the proposed reductions in required services as set forth in the lease agreement between the City of Lakewood and the Lakewood Hospital Association dated December 23, 1996.

Present: Councilmembers Nickie J. Antonio, Thomas Bullock, Kevin Butler, Mary Louise Madigan, Brian Powers, Monique Smith, Michael P. Summers.

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Also Present: Mayor FitzGerald, Law Director Hurley, Planning & Development Director Kelly, Mike Meehan, Jan Murphy, Dr. David Bronson, Ray Marvar, Members of the Public.

Meeting called to order at 7:50 PM.

Mr. Butler states the following:

I've called a Special Council Meeting this evening to discuss an ordinance related to the proposed changes to required services which the Clinic as the sole member of Lakewood Hospital Association are our tenant under lease as proposed to us.

We have until June 6 to act on the Clinic's proposal and these evening I believe we were prepared to act but we have decided on hearing from members of the Clinic Administration to hold off on that, at least I have personally, so I'm going to make a motion to that effect soon. To hold off on acting on acting on this in responding to the Clinic's proposal until Friday of this week which is the day before June 6th in light of the fact that we may be able to reach some agreements on some issues that Council has raised throughout their deliberative process, namely with respect to whether or not the City may be involved in future discussions over services to be provided Lakewood Hospital.

In light of the fact that members of the Clinic Administration has indicated that they're willing to sit down and discuss these items further with us I am going to make a motion to defer action on the item before us tonight until Friday evening of this week and then after that adjourn.

Seconded: Ms. Madigan.

Mr. Butler asks if there is any discussion on the motion.

Mr. Bullock states the following:

The legislation that you've proposed, first of all is there any harm in getting a first reading?

Mr. Butler indicated the following:

Yeah, I prefer not to myself. I think we can do it all in one reading.

Mr. Bullock indicates the following:

Secondly, it has to do with objecting to change in services covered under the lease within a certain time frame, 60 days from receipt of the letter and then I believe that 60 days is up

Mr. Butler states – Saturday

Mr. Bullock continues:

...this Saturday. So we have a Special Meeting of Council now. Our goal I think is to get into discussion certain matters and we have I think what I'm hearing you say and I see there was some discussion, some continued discussion and new assurances that our concerns are going to be listened to but absent any actionable guarantees of that - is tonight our opportunity to act? If it is then I encourage us to consider acting. We can always take action to ratify any agreement that we approve of or if not then I encourage us – we ought to schedule a Special Meeting of Council for Friday or Thursday so that we have the opportunity to act if we need to.

Mr. Butler: I would agree on that latter item that we should certainly schedule tonight before we all leave we should all know that if Council is to reconvene on this issue we'll do it on Friday after normal work hours probably around 6:00. Let me ask, does anyone have an objection to that time, Friday evening; 6:00? No? So, Councilman Bullock, if we do have to reconvene on this issue and take a vote on an ordinance with respect to the Clinic's proposal then I think we should do it on Friday. That's my preference. It gives everyone an opportunity to continue to discuss these matters that we all find I think to be very sensitive throughout the week and all Councilmembers will have an opportunity to weigh in. Any further discussion on the motion?

Ms. Antonio continues:

I support the decision to wait until Monday.

Mr. Butler: on the motion to defer action, which has been made and seconded, all those in favor signify by saying Aye:

All members voting yea: Motion passes. (item deferred)

Motion by Mr. Butler, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to adjourn.

All members voting yea.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM.

Approved: _____

CLERK

PRESIDENT