

The Claremont City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Members of the Council present were:

Michael Prozzo, Jr.
Deborah Cutts
Heather Bopp
Assistant Mayor Christopher Irish
Mayor Scott Pope
Andrew Austin
Ralph Swift
James Neilsen, IV

Absent:

William Regan, III

Also present were:

Guy Santagate, City Manager
Jane Taylor, City Solicitor
Mary Walter, Finance Director

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pope at 5:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2007-10 – Approval to Expend Funds for Emergency Repairs to the Air Conditioning Units that Service the Opera House – Public Hearing

Mr. Santagate explained the reason for this emergency meeting was that the Opera House was without air conditioning and this is a critical need since they have summer shows each week during the summer.

Mary Walter explained that three weeks ago a compressor for the one of the air conditioning units failed in the Opera House. While we thought we could get by with only one air conditioning unit, it was not to be because last week the 2nd compressor failed, causing the Opera House to be totally without air conditioning. The Opera House is located in our building thus the request for the City to pay for this. We have met with Opera House personnel who are willing to apply for grants, but they are not sure if they will be approved for any and the process of applying takes time.

Mayor Pope stated the lack of an AC unit could lead to non-use of the facility, because it gets so warm.

Mr. Swift asked about the money, \$22,000 will replace the two existing compressors.

Mary Walter said that the estimate was \$21,092 but that there was some talk among some councilors to use the \$11,000 remaining in the Community Investment Fund that was encumbered from last year and that would be fine if they wanted to make the original resolution and then amend it..

A motion was made by Mr. Prozzo and seconded by Ms. Bopp to adopt Resolution 2007-10 – Approval to Expend Funds for Emergency Repairs to the Air Conditioning Units that Service the Opera House.

Mr. Irish then made a motion to amend the resolution to raise and appropriate “\$11,000 to come from Capital Reserve for City Buildings with the remaining \$11,000 to come from the Community Investment Fund that is already in the current budget. Second by Ms. Cutts.

Deb Cutts stated she had thought a lot about this and she couldn’t see a better use of this money since the Opera House is such a part of the community.

Mayor opened Public Hearing

No one to speak

Closed public hearing

Roll Call Vote to amend the motion: Motion carried 8-0

Discussion on the now amended motion: there was none.

Roll call vote to pass Resolution 2007-10 as amended: Motion carried 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:15 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Neilsen and seconded by Heather Bopp to adjourn.

Motion carried 8-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwendolyn Melcher
Clerk to the Council