



CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
Monday, June 24, 2013
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center
Aldermanic Library

Present: Alderman Holmes, Alderman Rainey, Alderman Wilson, Alderman Braithwaite, Alderman Fiske, Alderman Tendam, Alderman Burrus, City Attorney, Farrar Grant, City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz, Deputy City Manager, Joe McRae, Chief of Police, Richard Eddington

Presiding: Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 p.m.

Litigation

Mr. Farrar informed the Council that he will not be able to defend the case and be a witness to the Ordinance that the Legal Department has drawn up, because the opponents are stating it is an unconstitutional document. Due to this situation the City will have to obtain outside legal representation.

Mayor Tisdahl stated she has started to obtain pro-bono attorneys to help us ,but since she just started today she has no promise to make.

Alderman Burrus asked since you (Mr. Farrar) drafted the Ordinance you can't litigate. **Mr. Farrar** stated he will be called as a witness but not as the attorney.

So if we could hire someone else and say Oh we didn't like this one, and so we hire someone else to draft an Ordinance for us, then you could represent us, is that right? **Mr. Grant** said ethically it could be way to ambiguous for him.

Alderman Braithwaite wanted to know if other cities are racking up a lot of fees, since we are not the first to pass an Ordinance like this, what do you see happening? **Mr. Farrar** stated no other municipality has adopted an assault weapons ban within this ten day time frame.

Alderman Braithwaite then asked the Chief of Police to rattle of the weapons that would be inbound and out-of-bounds. **Chief Eddington** stated it would depend on the final drafting, and when you list the firearms you are asking for more grief. **Mr. Farrar** stated to go to two features as oppose to one at a standpoint of bulletproofing it, making it more survivable in terms of a litigated challenge.

Alderman Holmes asked would Mr. Farrar take some of the suggestions that were made by the speakers who spoke tonight. **Mr. Farrar** stated it may be some virtue in it after the City Council does

pass something and we are working with this ten day limit quick in when Governor Quinn signs the bill. **Alderman Holmes** stated the big guy from your ward Alderman Rainey, and he didn't sound crazy to me. **Alderman Rainey** asked what about the people we are going to make criminals because they target shoot or whatever? Now we have their addresses was in remark to Mr. Farrar's statement of not going door-to-door confiscating their weapons.

Mr. Bobkiewicz stated the law could possibly come out as earliest as July 8th at your next meeting.

Minutes

The minutes from May 28th were approved, but the minutes from June 10th were held over.

The meeting ended at 11:25 pm.

Submitted by,

Hon. Rodney Greene, CMC
City Clerk

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