

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING
March 16, 2016

The Mission Finance & Administration Committee met at Mission City Hall on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at 6:17 p.m. The following committee members were present: Jennifer Cowdry, Debbie Kring, Amy Miller, Pat Quinn, and Arcie Rothrock. Mayor Schowengerdt was also in attendance. Councilmember Rothrock called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

Also present were City Administrator Laura Smith, Finance Director Brian Scott, Parks & Recreation Director Christy Humerickhouse, Police Chief Ben Hadley, Public Works Director John Belger, Interim Community Development Director Danielle Murray, and Management Assistant Glen Cole.

In-Office Massage Therapy Application

Ms. Smith: Our code requires that anyone who is providing in-office massage therapy – which is chair massages – to get a license from the City Council. So, we have an applicant that has submitted her application and documentation and is going to undergo a background check. We will issue it contingent upon her successful background check.

Pat: I have a question about the chair massage, which I have experienced before. This lady is like, she goes to your office, sets up - ? We can allow that, but we don't allow a table? Is that what you're saying? She can't take a table in and maybe have you lay down and do a massage?

Ms. Smith: No. Just chairs.

Councilmember Quinn: Specific to chairs?

Councilmember Miller: Do we really care? This is an outdated requirement.

Councilmember Quinn: I know people who do both.

[Overlapping comments]

Councilmember Miller: I think we should look at this.

Councilmember Cowdry: She's applying for a business license in the City, right?

Councilmember Miller: Because we require it.

Ms. Smith: Yes. We require it.

Councilmember Quinn: So, if I go with what we have done in the past, you go to a masseuse whose office --

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[Overlapping comments]

Councilmember Miller: Let's just call her a massage therapist.

Councilmember Quinn: Sure. In Kansas City, Missouri, and he/she comes over to your house in Mission, Kansas, they don't have to get a permit in Mission to come over and do that - ?

Councilmember Kring: It's on her, right? The licensing is on the person, not the geography.

Councilmember Miller: I've worked at companies where they've brought in massage therapists to do chair massages for an afternoon. So, if someone wanted to do that at ScriptPro, we would require a license.

Councilmember Quinn: I would assume that this lady's business was here in the city.

Councilmember Cowdry: That's what I was assuming. In the city itself. That's why she was applying for a license.

Ms. Smith: Well, what we may have missing in our code is, because in-office massage therapy is massage therapy conducted in a business premises, and they have a massage client, and is limited to massage therapy by only above the massage client's waist. You cannot technically have an on-the-table, full-body massage in office.

Councilmember Miller: We probably need to change that ordinance.

Ms. Smith: We need to look at that to address someone who may be doing...

Councilmember Miller: Remove it. It would be interesting to see if other cities still have ordinances like this.

Councilmember Quinn: But again, you see what I'm saying. Is her business located in her home? In other words she receives her phone calls, faxes or does it matter where she is? If she was in Kansas City, MO, and I sent her a text message to come over to Mission, would she have to get a license before she could come into town and do that? How would you ever know?

Ms. Smith: We will look at this.

Councilmember Miller recommended that the In-office Massage Therapy Permit for Karen Diaz be forwarded to Council for approval. All on the committee agreed, but this will not be a consent agenda item.

Councilmember Kring: We need clarification on if it is based here, if...

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Councilmember Miller: We need clarification on what?

Councilmember Kring: If her business is based here? She came into apply, obviously, so I don't know.

Councilmember Cowdry: That's what I was thinking, that the business would be based here. That's what I would think. I didn't think she would apply for a license if it wasn't here.

Councilmember Quinn: So she has to get a license in every city she goes to?

[Overlapping comments.]

Ms. Smith: Whatever she has done, Martha has determined that she would qualify and meets, according to our ordinances –

Councilmember Kring: But it's contingent upon the background check.

Councilmember Miller: So you can make a phone call and check?

Chief Hadley: We do it downstairs. I can look in the mailbox and see. I think what they are trying to find out is...

[Overlapping comments.]

Ms. Smith: This says that no person shall perform massage therapy or in-office massage therapy unless he or she has a valid massage therapist permit issued by the City, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. So, technically, anybody who is coming in to provide in-office - . Now, what our code doesn't address is in-home. Right?

Councilmember Cowdry: And obviously it wasn't that abnormal. She thought she needed one.

Ms. Smith: She does.

Councilmember Quinn: That is an excellent distinction. Thank you. That makes sense.

Councilmember Cowdry: And she obviously thought she needed one or she wouldn't have applied for it. Maybe that's standard operating procedure in her business.

[Overlapping comments.]

Councilmember Kring: So, the motion for finalizing would be contingent upon a background check.

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Ms. Smith: Yes.

Resolution Designating 2016 City Sponsored Festival Events

Councilmember Rothrock: This is the resolution designating City Sponsored Festival Events.

Councilmember Miller: So moved.

Councilmember Miller recommended that the resolution designating the 2016 City Sponsored Festival Events be forwarded to Council for approval. All on the committee agreed, but this will not be a consent agenda item.

Meeting Close

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting of the Finance & Administration Committee adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Sumrall
City Clerk