

**CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING  
MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2009**

Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan.

Present: Councilmembers: Bruno, Clark, Ferris, Tornholm, \*Waltz  
Absent: Councilmember: Naeyaert, Johnson  
Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator  
Eric Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer  
Kathy Revels, Administrative Services Director  
John Stressman, Chief of Police  
Deborah Cwierniewicz, Deputy City Clerk  
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney  
Norman Austin, Building Authority Chair

**DISCUSSION**

**New City Hall/Police Department Presentation Given by Christman Company at the Monday, July 6, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting**

A very lengthy discussion was held regarding the presentation given by Christman Company at the Monday, July 6, 2009, regular City Council Meeting. Council expressed disappointment that goals and objectives were not met. The building footprint is approximately 5,000 square feet less than agreed. Christman committed to design a 25,000 square foot building for 5.5 million dollars. The plans did not reflect or accommodate the needs of the City. McGinty stated concern that Christman had not submitted for monthly draws.

Colburn stated that too much has been compromised. He recommended negotiating out of the contract. Discussion ensued regarding terminating the contract with Christman.

MOTION by Bruno, second by Waltz,  
to instruct the City Administrator to immediately suspend the contract with Christman Company.

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Further discussion ensued, including the language of the motion.

MOTION by Bruno, second by Waltz,  
to reconsider the motion to instruct the City Administrator to immediately suspend the contract with Christman Company.

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOTION by Bruno, second by Waltz,  
to instruct the City Administrator to immediately suspend the contract with Christman Company.

Yes (0)

No (5) Bruno, Clark, Ferris, Tornholm, Waltz

Absent (2) Naeyaert, Johnson

**MOTION FAILED**

MOTION by Bruno, second by Waltz,  
to direct the City Administrator and City Attorney to terminate the contract with  
Christman Company.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion was held regarding a meeting held between staff, the Building Authority, and Granger. Staff provided Council with two schematic designs rendered by Granger. It was the consent of Council for staff to continue discussions with Granger.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

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Leon Clark, Mayor