



Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

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City Clerk

Date: May 9, 2017
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber, City Hall, Lowell, Ma.

Youth Services SC May 9, 2017.

Discussion: 2017 Youth Summer Jobs Program

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Belanger, C. Mercier and C. Samaras. Also present were Tom Bellegarde (DPW), Peter Faticanti (Parks), Heather Donovan (Career Center) and Shannon Norton (Career Center).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Belanger called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM in the Council Chamber.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Mr. Faticanti commented on the application process and the positions that needed to be filled. Ms. Norton spoke to the application process and that there were some restrictions on her hires as they are grant funded. Ms. Norton noted the number of positions available and of those 80% must be new personnel each year and that they cover all positions in the City. Ms. Norton commented on financial fair held each year to familiarize employees with banking procedures. Ms. Donovan commented on the bank involvement with the fair and the financial education being provided. Ms. Donovan outlined relationship with Mill City Grows and urban farming. C. Mercier questioned employees were paid during training. C. Belanger noted the number of meals provided through the programs. Mr. Faticanti noted that there is free breakfast and lunch for employees under the age of 18 and that last year there were more than 23,000 meals served. Mr. Faticanti noted that there are adult programs as well that cover dance, tennis and swimming lessons. Mr. Faticanti noted small children programs with the library for story time and puppet shows. C. Mercier commented on the excellent service provided and how important it is for the young. C. Samaras noted the importance of the services and questioned



the following regarding age range; age for programs; number of programs; and location of programs. Mr. Faticanti provided the data and statistics of the programs and described the locations of programs. C. Belanger questioned condition of playing fields in the City. Mr. Bellegarde recognized the recreation department and commented on the condition of the fields and how they are maintained. C. Belanger commented on the Youth Job Fair. Ms. Norton commented on the fair and the need to track the employment in order to be compliant with the grants. C. Mercier questioned if Spinners were involved with employment. Ms. Donovan noted they are beginning a relationship with them to be part of the program. C. Belanger recognized the work of the group and noted he would report to full Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Samaras. So voted. Adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Michael Q. Geary, City Clerk.