

Resolution No. 2009-060

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, members of the Rapid City Common Council often serve on boards other than the City Council as a result of holding the office of Alderman; and

WHEREAS, in some instances an Alderman serves in a voting capacity on other boards; and

WHEREAS, having an Alderman serve as a voting member of another board has both positive and negative aspects for the City, the Council and the Alderman; and

WHEREAS, an Alderman's service on another board may create a situation that creates an appearance of a conflict of interest by reason of an Alderman's service as a voting member on the other board; and

WHEREAS, some of the positive aspects of having Aldermen serve on other boards can be accomplished through non-voting liaison positions; and

WHEREAS, the Rapid City Common Council believes it is in the best interest of the City to insure that Council members are able to put the interests of the citizens of Rapid City at the forefront when serving on boards other than the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapid City Common Council that:

- 1) The Rapid City Common Council will handle the capacity (voting or non-voting) of all future appointments of Aldermen to serve on boards other than the Council on a case by case basis.
- 2) When an Alderman, because of his or her office, serves as a voting member of another board, the Alderman shall at all times fully and completely protect the interests of the citizens of Rapid City.
- 3) An Alderman will generally serve as a non-voting liaison member of other boards, except in cases where the other board offers and the Council deems it appropriate to appoint an Alderman as a full voting member of the other Board.
- 4) In cases where state law or city ordinance allows the appointment a voting member to a board, any appointment will be deemed to be in the capacity of a full voting member, unless the Council by separate motion and majority vote determines the appointment to be a non-voting liaison capacity.

5) In the future, when the opportunity to appoint an Alderman as a full voting member of another Board arises, the Council will consider the following criteria to decide whether the appointed Alderman will serve in a non-voting liaison capacity or as a full voting member:

- a. The function of the particular board
- b. The Council's need for information from the board
- c. The Council's authority to oversee the board
- d. The City's financial involvement with the board
- e. The possibility of a dispute between the City and the board

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Rapid City Common Council that this resolution shall not affect the status of any current Alderman's position on the Board to which he or she is appointed as a result of holding the office of Alderman; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Rapid City Common Councils that nothing in this resolution is intended to change in any way the authority of the Mayor to make appointments or the authority of the Council to approved or disapprove mayoral appointments as established by South Dakota law.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

CITY COUNCIL

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alan Hanks, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Finance Officer

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