

January 5, 2009 Council Meeting

(22:47 minutes into the meeting)

Hadcock said, "Actually, I'll be there less time. I just haven't put that in. They had to put the full amount in there because I wanted to go for sure for the classes so that might cut down on some of the expense as well. I go there for the education and those first two days you're in class the whole time and those are the main reasons why I go. They have some economy classes this year and some things that are really beneficial to what's happening right now in the economy. So, long story short, I probably won't be there for the full amount of time so that will cut down the amount of the conference for me as well. So, that might help so other people want to go or I'm not opposed if somebody else would like to go that hasn't gone and this Council is going to pick and choose, you can take me off. I'm okay, but I'd like to go because of those two days of education."

Weifenbach made a substitute motion to continue. Upon roll call vote, the motion failed.

(25:45 minutes in to the meeting)

Kooiker said, "Thank you, Mayor. I heard a couple of things in the earlier discussion and I... One is I heard that there would... it appears that there would likely be a request for a supplemental appropriation later this year, and I just want to lay my cards on the table and state that I believe that would be...that would not be appropriate. Secondly, we do have two Council members that had requested prior to the deadline and a 3rd that...who requested more recently. All three have had a fairly similar amount of travel. So, if it was a new Council member that...or someone who hadn't traveled a lot that came and requested, I think it would be reasonable to send, you know, to send that person instead of one of the others, but I think it is reasonable to send just two and I think we should accept Council President Hadcock's offer to withdraw from the trip. So, I think that that's fair so if she is willing to offer to withdraw I think she can go ahead and do that now and we can continue with this item. Thank you." Mayor Hanks said, "Motion on the floor is for approval. Any further discussion? Let's go to Alderwoman Deb Hadcock." Hadcock said, "Actually, I'll be going with less time is what I said, and if somebody else wanted to go that hadn't gone and we were going to make an issue out of this, then I wouldn't be going but I'm not going to go just because someone thinks that at this time, picking and choosing it to be me, I think is inappropriate. Thank you."