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Committee of the Whole Minutes
Robert Miller, Mayor
Diahnn Halbach, City Clerk
March 19, 2013

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Bob Miller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: Bob Prailes, Peter Hintz, Ruth Dawidziak, Tom Vos, Steve Rauch, Tom Preusker, and Katie Simenson. Students present: Cullen Vos and Alexa Aguirre. Alderman excused: Ed Johnson

Also present: City Administrator Kevin Lahner, City Attorney John Bjelajac, Director of Administrative Services Megan Watkins, Fire Chief Richard Lodle, Police Chief Peter Nimmer, Public Works Director Craig Workman, Public Works Supervisor Dan Jensen, Treasurer Steve DeQuaker, and Tom Foht of Kapur Engineering.

2. Citizens Comments and Questions

None

3. Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2013

A motion was made by Simenson with a second by Vos to approve the minutes from March 5, 2013. With all in favor, the motion carried to approve the minutes.

4. Discussion regarding the use of a roundabout planned for Hwy 142 and McCanna Parkway.

Kevin Lahner gave a brief overview of the DOT's proposed plans to take down the existing bridge on Hwy 142 and install a roundabout as well as construct a tunnel that would connect the existing state trails, in order to decrease congestion of school traffic at the intersection of McCanna Parkway and Hwy 11 and provide an alternate route for emergency vehicles. Lahner stated that the City did not support this project due to the number of inexperienced high school drivers that would be using the roundabout and the potential for the tunnel to become a hangout and graffiti magnet for kids. Lahner further stated that the DOT has scheduled a public meeting to get feedback regarding this project and encouraged the Aldermen to attend, however it would more than likely bear no weight on the DOT's decision. Vos asked if the City would be responsible for any of the cost. Lahner responded that this is a County project and they would be responsible for the cost; however, the City would be responsible for the maintenance. Preusker was in favor of the opportunity to meet with the DOT and voice additional safety issue concerns, expressing the potential difficulty buses might have maneuvering around the roundabouts, especially during high volume traffic. Preusker also asked if installing a regular intersection with traffic lights was an option. Tom Foht responded that according to the DOT, roundabouts are safer because it slows traffic down and has lower severity accidents. Foht further stated his concerns for long term maintenance and safety issues and also encouraged attendance at the DOT meeting. Preusker asked if forming an official resolution signifying the Council's opposition would influence the DOT's decision. Lahner agreed that a formal resolution might help. Mayor Miller

replied that it also might not have any bearing at all on the DOT's plans, but at least it will be on record.

- 5. Resolution 4610(61) to consider approving the award of the 2013 Burlington Streets Project to Black Diamond Group, Incorporated for a total of \$737,832.**

Mayor Miller introduced Resolution 4610(61) to the Council for discussion.

There was no discussion. Due to the timing, this item is scheduled for the same night, March 19, 2013, Common Council meeting for consideration.

- 6. Ordinance 1964(18) to consider annexing territory located on S. Pine Street (002-02-19-09-002-010) with a permanent zoning of B-1, Neighborhood business District to the City of Burlington.**

Mayor Miller introduced Ordinance 1964(18) to the Council for discussion.

Alderman Rauch asked if there was any improvement with access. Mayor Miller replied that there is sufficient points of access and didn't foresee any issues.

There was no further discussion. This item is scheduled for the April 16, 2013 Common Council meeting for consideration.

- 7. Ordinance 1965(19) to consider amending the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for property at 32435 Yahnke Road and property along S. Pine Street from Medium and High Density Residential, Secondary Environmental Corridor and Recreational to Extractive/Industrial, Commercial and Primary Environmental Corridor.**

Mayor Miller introduced Ordinance 1965(19) to the Council for discussion.

Alderman Dawidziak asked for further clarification on the impact of this ordinance to the area, citing concern for future development of a possible quarry that would involve blasting and excessive disturbance to the residents who live in that area. Greg Reesman of Reesman Excavating presented a brief presentation explaining the proposed plans and reiterated the intent is for industrial and commercial use, which is held to the Racine County jurisdictions and assured that there were no future plans for a quarry. Reesman further stated that any leveling needing to be done would be through the use of their excavation vehicles and there would be no blasting involved at all.

There was no further discussion. This item is scheduled for the April 16, 2013 Common Council meeting for consideration.

- 8. Ordinance 1966(20) to consider amending the Official zoning Map by rezoning property located at 32435 Yahnke Road and along S. Pine Street from Rs-1 and Rs-2, Single-Family Residential district; Rm-2, Multi-Family Residential District; P-1, Park District; and C-1, Conservancy District to Q-1, Quarrying District; B-1, Neighborhood Business District; and C-1, Conservancy District.**

Mayor Miller introduced Ordinance 1966(20) to the Council for discussion.

There was no discussion. This item is scheduled for the April 16, 2013 Common Council meeting for consideration.

- 9. Motion 13-755 to consider authorizing the Burlington Little League to construct a T-Ball field at Sunset Park.**

Mayor Miller introduced Motion 13-755 to the Council for discussion.

There was no discussion. This item is scheduled for the same night March 19, 2013 Common Council meeting for consideration.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Preusker with a second by Vos to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Diahnn Halbach
Burlington City Clerk
Racine & Walworth Counties