



**CITY OF BURLINGTON
Committee of the Whole Minutes
Robert Miller, Mayor
Diahnn Halbach, City Clerk
Tuesday, October 7, 2014**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Robert Miller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: Bob Prailes, Ed Johnson, Peter Hintz, Ruth Dawidziak, Tom Vos, Jon Schultz, Tom Preusker and Todd Bauman. Excused: None

Also present: City Administrator Kevin Lahner, City Attorney John Bjelajac, Police Chief Peter Nimmer, Public Works Director Craig Workman, Director of Administrative Services Megan Watkins, Treasurer Steve DeQuaker, Library Director Gayle Falk, and Tom Foht of Kapur & Associates.

2. Citizens Comments and Questions

There were none

3. Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2014

A motion was made by Bauman with a second by Johnson to approve the minutes from September 16, 2014. With all in favor, the motion carried to approve the minutes.

4. Discussion: Regarding a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Burlington Community Pool.

Mayor Miller introduced the proposed RFP and explained the current condition of the City's pool. Mayor further explained that the RFP would be broken up into six phases in which design consultants would create a preliminary design with cost estimates and then would be presented for public consideration in referendum form at a future election date.

Dawidziak asked if the pool falls under the Parks Department or is it its own entity. Mayor responded that the City owns the pool but that it's being run by the four service clubs under a lease arrangement with the City and that the park falls under the Parks Board but the pool itself does not.

Johnson inquired about the recent fundraisers sponsored by the boards. Mayor responded that they raised \$35,000 and they have a promise from the Wagner Foundation that the amount would be matched for a total of \$65,000-\$75,000 that they've raised this year to go towards the pool and that the money has not been spent as they are waiting to see what the outcome of the RFP will be and what direction the City Council plans to take.

Vos wanted to know if the goal for the pool was to be refurbished or rebuilt and how it would all be budgeted. Mayor replied that there is a lot of infrastructure repairs needed immediately in order for the pool to operate in 2015. Lahner added that before anything can be done, Council needs to first decide whether to accept or not accept the RFP; if accepted, the next decision would be the site assessment to determine what is both financially and realistically feasible, from there the decision to

keep moving forward or stop the effort altogether, would need to be determined. Lahner further stated that if the decision to keep moving forward is made, then a possible referendum would determine the future of a city pool.

Johnson asked what, if anything, is required of the Council as of right now. Lahner responded that this is just a discussion item right now and no decisions would be made tonight. Mayor said this would be placed on the October 21, 2014 agenda for a vote on whether or not to accept and send out the RFP request.

Schultz inquired about the strategic planning of whether or not we even need a pool and if this is something the community should have a say or if the decision lays within the hands of the Council. Lahner responded that the RFP gets the experts to help answer the questions of what works and what doesn't work and then the decision of what the community wants can be determined via referendum, but we have to have costs associated first before decisions can be made. Lahner continued that in order to do that, we need the RFP.

Schultz asked if Council could vote now for the RFP and not wait for the October 21st meeting, in order to get the process moving forward sooner. Without any objections, a straw vote was taken to move forward with sending out the request for RFP's.

5. **Resolution 4695(29)** to consider approving a partnership with the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission (SEWFRC).

Mayor Miller introduced Resolution 4695(29) and said that approving this formal partnership involves no upfront costs and there could be significant financial opportunities to Burlington if the Commissioner's boundary could be expanded to include the City. Mayor then opened it up for discussion.

Preusker wanted to know SEWFRC's purpose and whether it involves allowing boats on the river or to grow cattails. Mayor responded their purpose is to improve the overall quality of the water and shoreline restoration and their main goal is to get funding for projects to protect and enhance the Fox River.

Vos asked if accepting this partnership would give the SEWFRC any kind of authority to tell us what the City can or cannot do. Mayor and Lahner both responded by saying they don't have authority to make any regulations.

There was no further discussion.

6. **Motion 14-785** to consider approving a Certificate of Appropriateness and Sign Permit in the HPC Overlay District for 484 N. Pine Street.

Mayor Miller introduced Motion 14-785 and opened it up for discussion.

There was no discussion.

7. **Motion 14-786** to consider approving a Certificate of Appropriateness and Sign Permit in the HPC Overlay District for 456 Milwaukee Avenue.

Mayor Miller introduced Motion 14-786 and opened it up for discussion.

There was no discussion.

8. Adjourn

A motion was made by Vos with a second by Preusker to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Diahnn C. Halbach
Burlington City Clerk
Racine & Walworth Counties