



CITY OF BURLINGTON
Committee of the Whole Minutes
Jeannie Hefty, Mayor
Diahnn Halbach, City Clerk
Tuesday, December 20, 2016

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jeannie Hefty called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: John Ekes, Ed Johnson, Bob Grandi, Ruth Dawidziak, Jon Schultz, Tom Preusker and Todd Bauman. Absent: Tom Vos

Also present: City Administrator Carina Walters, Finance Director Steve DeQuaker, Director of Administrative Services Megan Watkins, City Attorney John Bjelajac, Police Chief Mark Anderson, Fire Chief Alan Babe, DPW Director James Bergles, Building Inspector Gregory Guidry, and Tom Foht and Gregory Governatori of Kapur & Associates.

Student Representatives - Present: Gabriel King, Ryan Werner. Excused: None

2. Citizens Comments and Questions

Wayne Ball, President of the Snow Snoopers Snowmobile Club located in Rochester, WI, asked Council for permission to extend the current City of Burlington snowmobile trail in order to utilize the AmericInn for snowmobilers in need of overnight accommodations.

3. Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2016

A motion was made by Alderman Johnson with a second by Alderman Grandi to approve the minutes from December 6, 2016. With all in favor, the motion carried to approve the minutes.

4. Topic: Resolution 4811(30) to consider approving an Engagement Letter with Patrick Romenesko, SC for the 2016 Annual Audit of the not to exceed amount of \$34,000.

Steve DeQuaker presented the renewal agreement for Patrick Romenesko to complete the 2016 Annual Audit. DeQuaker explained that there would be a 3% increase in fees due to additional paperwork that has been added to the audit requirements. DeQuaker stated that Romenesko does a very thorough job and recommended to continue retaining his services.

5. Topic: Resolution 4812(31) to consider approving a contract extension for a term of four years with John's Disposal for refuse and recycling collection services.

Jim Bergles explained the proposed contract extension with John's Disposal and stated that the current contract doesn't expire until the end of December 2017, however, John's has offered the City a discounted rate for 2017 from the contractual agreement rate of \$0.34 per resident increase to a reduced rate of \$0.18 increase per resident for 2017 if the City agrees to a 4-year contract extension. Bergles further explained that after 2017, the City would move to a Cost Per Living increase for years 2018-2021.

Alderman Schultz asked if there was an option to add weekly recycling rather than every other week and what the cost estimate would be for that. Brian Jongetjes, President of John's Disposal, estimated that the cost would be less than \$1.00 a month per household, but would follow-up with an actual price. Carina Walters stated that this information would be included for review at the next meeting.

Alderman Grandi inquired about television pick up and how difficult it is to dispose of them. Jongetjes responded that state law prevents electronics from being included with regular trash pick-up and is very expensive to dispose of, but that John's will pick up TV's for a \$40 fee. Grandi suggested that John's place an orange sticker on TV's or electronics sitting curbside for garbage pick-up in order to inform residents about their options of how to properly dispose of these items.

- 6. Topic: Ordinance 2014(10)** to consider amending Chapter 315-27, "B-2 Central Business District" in the Municipal Code creating trash dumpster and garbage receptacle requirements.

Megan Watkins explained that the current B-2, Central Business District does not have language in the Municipal Code that requires property owners to supply a dumpster or garbage receptacle for trash. Watkins stated that the DPW has received several complaints that residents in the downtown area are placing their trash curbside, without being placed in a trash receptacle, several days prior to their scheduled weekly trash pick-up. Watkins further explained that this text amendment would stop this aesthetic issue of trash on the curb in the downtown district for both commercial and mixed commercial buildings and align the B-2 District requirements for trash to be placed in a dumpster, or garbage receptacle; however zero setbacks on some of these properties could pose a challenge and would be handled on a case by case basis in order for this ordinance to be enforced.

- 7. Topic: Ordinance 2015(11)** to consider amending Chapter 265-3(A), "Refuse Disposal" of the Municipal Code defining residential units within a commercial development.

Watkins explained that while revising Ch. 315-27, "Refuse and Recycling requirements in the B-2 District", it was recognized that "mixed-use" buildings were not identified in the either the refuse disposal section of the code, nor within the zoning section. Watkins further explained that mixed-use refers to buildings that contain commercial units, as well as residential units and that a majority of the downtown buildings are mixed-use. Watkins stated that this ordinance seeks to specifically identify mixed-use buildings as commercial, even if there are residential units within the building.

Alderman Schultz wanted to know why garbage pick-up provided to apartments outside the B-2 district are treated differently. Walters responded that apartments outside the B-2 District are residential and therefore qualify for City provided garbage pick-up and that the buildings within the B-2 District are mixed-use and not residential, which makes the owner of these buildings responsible for securing their own garbage pick-up.

- 8. Topic: Ordinance 2016(12)** to consider amending the Racine County Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for 672 W. State Street.

Gregory Guidry explained that upon a review of a rezone request from Faith Chapel Evangelical Free Church to rezone property at 672 W. State Street, it was determined that a

plan amendment was also required. Per the Comprehensive Plan, this property is listed as “Commercial” and would not be consistent with the requested zoning change from B-1, Neighborhood Business District to I-1, Institutional District, therefore an amendment from “Commercial” to “Governmental and Institutional” is necessary to be compliant.

9. Adjourn

A motion was made by Grandi with a second by Dawidziak to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Diahnn C. Halbach
City Clerk
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