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CITY OF BURLINGTON
Committee of the Whole Minutes
Jeannie Hefty, Mayor
Diahnn Halbach, City Clerk
Tuesday, September 15, 2020

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call**

Mayor Hefty called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call - Present: Mayor Hefty, Alderman Susan Kott, Alderman Theresa Meyer, Alderman Bob Grandi, Alderman Ryan Heft, Alderman Steve Rauch, Alderman Jon Schultz, Alderman Tom Preusker. Excused: Alderman Todd Bauman.

Staff present: City Administrator Carina Walters, City Attorney John Bjelajac, Finance Director Steve DeQuaker, Assistant City Administrator/Zoning Administrator Megan Watkins, Police Chief Mark Anderson, DPW Director Peter Riggs, Library Director Joe Davies, Building Inspector Gregory Guidry and Human Resource Manager Jason Corbin.

2. **Citizen Comments:** None

3. **Approval of Minutes** - To approve the September 1, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Alderman Meyer. Second: Alderman Grandi. With all in favor, the motion carried.

4. **DISCUSSION:** Regarding consolidating the Central Racine County Health Department into a Department of Racine County.

Administrator Walters led the discussion and provided background information explaining that due to COVID-19 and the strain of resources placed on the CRCHD staff, has led to the consideration of consolidating the health department into a Department of Racine County. Walters then introduced Margaret Gesner and Jonathan Delagrave.

Gesner presented a PowerPoint and explained the proposed consolidation in further detail and the benefits which included enhancement of fiscal and operational stability, create synergy and reduce redundancies between the Health Department and the Racine County Departments, and improve effectiveness by creating efficiencies for public health services. Delagrave then reviewed the fiscal impact on the levy and the 10-year integration plan, stating that participating jurisdictions would pay quarterly to the County beginning in 2020, which would increase by 2% each year from 2022 to 2026, and beginning in 2027, the yearly payment would be reduced by 20% until December 31, 2030 in which Racine County would then absorb the entire levy.

Alderman Kott asked if all employees would be retained or would some need to be let go. Delagrave responded that positions will be needed and there wouldn't be a real drop in employees.

Alderman Preusker inquired about available COVID information from local hospitals and healthcare

systems, stating that he hasn't been able to see any demographics as it relates specifically to the local community. Gesner responded that hospitals report their information to the State and then the health department uses the State data in their weekly communications. Gesner further stated that it's difficult to obtain specific local data because many people go elsewhere and don't always use their local hospitals or clinics.

Alderman Grandi asked if all 14 municipalities currently under the CRCHD would need to agree to participate in order to move forward. Delagrave responded that all municipalities do not need to agree; however they would need to contract with someone for their own health services and would not get the benefit of the levy.

5. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. **Resolution 5032(28)** - To Declare Intent to Exercise Special Assessment Powers For Reconstruction of Sidewalks at Various Locations.

Director Riggs provided an overview stating that this is the final step in the special assessment process for sidewalk reconstruction associated with the 2020 Sidewalk Reconstruction Project. Riggs stated that bid opening was held last week and a Public Hearing is scheduled for this evening's Common Council meeting.

6. **ORDINANCES:**

- A. **Ordinance 2061(4)** - To consider approval of a Rezone Map Amendment request at Falcon Ridge Drive from Rm-2/C-1, Multi-Family Residential/Conservancy District to Rm-2/C-1/PUD, Multi-Family Residential/Conservancy District with a Planned Unit Development.

Director Watkins provided an overview stating that this request is from Jesse Dropik of Millennium Dream Homes, LLC, as the applicant has proposed to construct a 30-unit condominium on this site. Watkins further stated that the applicant has proposed to maintain the current zoning but add a Planned Unit Development Overlay District because of the proposed development project. Watkins also stated that there is a Public Hearing scheduled for the same evening Council meeting to discuss the re-zone, not the site plan, which is forthcoming.

7. **MOTIONS:** NONE

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Alderman Grandi. Second: Alderman Preusker. With all in favor, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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