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Committee of the Whole Minutes
Robert Miller, Mayor
Beverly R. Gill, City Clerk
October 18, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Bob Miller called the meeting to order at 7:46 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: Jim Prailes, Ed Johnson, Peter Hintz, Tom Vos, Steve Rauch, Katie Simenson, Jeff Fischer Excused: Robert Prailes.

Also present: City Attorney John Bjelajac, Police Chief Peter Nimmer, Fire Chief Richard Lodle, Treasurer Steve DeQuaker, Public Works Director Connie Wilson, Supervisor Streets and Parks Dan Jensen, Library Director Gayle Falk and Tom Foht of Kapur Engineering.

2. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 4, 2011

A motion was made by Vos with a second by J. Prailes to approve the minutes from October 4, 2011. With all in favor, the motion carried.

4. RESOLUTION 4503(28) "TO CONSIDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TWO TO TASK ORDER SEVENTY-EIGHT WITH KAPUR & ASSOCIATES FOR THE RIVERSIDE PARK SHORELINE AND PATH IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,706".

The mayor introduced Resolution 4503(28) to the council for discussion. Fischer questioned if the amount of the Task Order was within the budget. Mayor Miller confirmed it was.

There were no further comments. This resolution is scheduled for the October 18, 2011 Common Council meeting.

5. RESOLUTION 4504(29) "TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$9,400,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2011".

The mayor introduced Resolution 4504(29) to the council for discussion.

Jim Mann of Ehlers stated there was a favorable Net Present Value savings of \$690,187.80 from the original estimate of \$9,400,000. The new bond amount is \$9,120,000.

There were no further comments. This resolution is scheduled for the October 18, 2011 Common Council meeting.

6. **RESOLUTION 4505(30) "TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$2,090,000 WATERWORKS SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2011A AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS AND OTHER DETAILS WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS".**

The mayor introduced Resolution 4505(30) to the council for discussion.

Jim Mann of Ehlers stated there was a favorable Net Present Value savings of \$72,934.34 from the original estimate of \$2,090,000. The new bond amount is \$2,050,000.

There were no further comments. This resolution is scheduled for the October 18, 2011 Common Council meeting.

7. **RESOLUTION 4506(31) "TO CONSIDER APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH LJM ARCHITECTS TO CONDUCT A HISTORIC BUILDING SURVEY IN THE CITY OF BURLINGTON FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$24,000".**

The mayor introduced Resolution 4506(31) to the council for discussion.

Vos questioned if the survey will cover residential properties and what the benefit to the City is. Mayor Miller stated it will include residential and cemeteries. He further stated that home owners will have an opportunity to have their house listed on the National Registry which may allow them to qualify for Federal tax credits.

Vos questioned if the home owners would have to invest in restoration of their properties if they are listed on the National Registry. Stephanie Schulte, RCEDC stated the home owner will have the option of being listed on the registry. If they choose to be listed and remodel their home they would need to follow specific guidelines to be historically accurate.

Vos questioned where the tax credits come from. Mayor Miller stated he would have staff research it more and bring back the information for the November 1 meeting.

Vos stated he does not like to spend money, including grant funds, for something that will not directly benefit the City. Simenson questioned what the actual benefits would be to the City. Rauch and Miller both stated it could promote tourism plus be a benefit to the homeowner.

There were no further comments. This resolution is scheduled for the November 1, 2011 Common Council meeting.

8. **RESOLUTION 4507(32) "TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF CARPETING FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FROM BEST VALUE FLOORING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,816.80".**

The mayor introduced Resolution 4507(32) to the council for discussion. Rauch stated the carpet will be tiles so that it can be repaired or replaced easier in the future if there is damage.

There were no further comments. This resolution is scheduled for the November 1, 2011 Common Council meeting.

9. **ORDINANCE 1935(12) "TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE OFFICIAL TRAFFIC MAP CHANGING THE TIME LIMIT FROM TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO THREE HOURS IN THE CITY PARKING LOT KNOWN AS THE LIVERY LOT ALONG MILWAUKEE AVENUE AND THE WISCONSIN CENTRAL RAILROAD".**

The mayor introduced Ordinance 1935(12) to the council for discussion.

Vos stated that Fred Mabson of Fred's Burgers has expressed concern over this parking lot to him in the past. He further stated he agrees with limiting the time for parking in the livery lot as it is not conducive for the businesses and should match what is in the front of their business.

Simenson questioned which businesses had complained about the parking lot. Mayor Miller stated Fred's and Johns Main Event. Simenson further questioned if the other businesses adjacent to the lot had been contacted. Mayor Miller stated not at this time, that this issue is for discussion with the Council only at this point.

Mayor Miller stated that issues with parking lots have been discussed with the Council in the past where a few years ago after a study the lots went to 24 hours. He further stated that he feels if the livery lot is revised a study should be done for all of the city lots.

Vos questioned having permits for employees and tenants in that area to enable them to park long term.

Prailes stated he feels the parking structure isn't being utilized to its fullest and suggested having permitted parking on the 3rd floor of the structure.

Simenson stated she feels 24-hour parking needs to be allowed in some city lots for employees to park. She further stated it would be difficult for law enforcement to monitor 3-hour parking in the livery lot, especially at night when the Community Service Officer is off duty.

Mayor Miller asked the Council for direction on how to proceed with this item.

Johnson stated he feels the livery lot should be limited parking as it affects the adjacent businesses but does not feel the other city lots should be changed.

Hintz stated he feels parking should be 3 hours in all city lots except the parking structure. He further stated the city is not obligated to provide parking for the downtown tenants and agrees with having permitted parking in the structure.

Fischer questioned if there was truly a problem with parking capacity or more a behavior problem with tenants and employees of the downtown businesses. He further stated there should be more signage to direct people to the parking structure.

Simenson stated she would like to talk with the business owners first. She further stated she has never had a problem finding a parking spot downtown and feels there will never be a perfect solution.

Attorney Bjelajac suggested having the Plan Commission make a recommendation or have the Chamber of Commerce take a survey of how many spots would be needed.

There were no further comments. This resolution is scheduled for the November 1, 2011 Common Council meeting.

10. ORDINANCE 1936(13) "TO CONSIDER REPEALING AND RECREATING CHAPTER 219, "NOISE" OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE".

The mayor introduced Ordinance 1936(13) to the council for discussion.

Attorney Bjelajac addressed the Council stating the revision to the code regarding noise was prompted due to reoccurring problems with a few commercial businesses abutting residential

neighborhoods. He further stated the revisions will enable city staff to enforce noise violations more effectively.

June Morrow, 124 Hillcrest Drive, stated there have been noise issues with Echo Lake Farm Produce for years, mainly equipment and dump truck noise. Dan Wilson, 832 Cedar Drive agreed with Ms. Morrow's statement that the noises of equipment and trucks will come and go. Mr. Wilson questioned if the revised ordinance would help in their case. Mayor Miller stated the revision included specific times when equipment can be used.

Mayor Miller reminded the Council that this revision is not specific to Echo Lake Produce it will be city-wide.

Ms. Morrow questioned if this ordinance will address excessive noise from planes. Attorney Bjelajac replied that it does not address airplanes or trains which would be difficult to regulate and monitor.

There were no further comments. This resolution is scheduled for the November 1, 2011 Common Council meeting.

11. ORDINANCE 1937(14) TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE RACINE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BURLINGTON FOR LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 OF CSM 3012 ON MARYLAND AVENUE.

The mayor introduced Ordinance 1937(14) to the council for discussion. There were no comments. This resolution is scheduled for the November 1, 2011 Common Council meeting.

12. ORDINANCE 1938(15) TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE RACINE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BURLINGTON FOR LOT 1 OF CSM 1999 ON S. PINE STREET AND THE STH 11 BYPASS.

The mayor introduced Ordinance 1938(15) to the council for discussion. There were no comments. This resolution is scheduled for the November 1, 2011 Common Council meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Rauch with a second by Fischer to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Recording Secretary,

Megan E. Johnson
Assistant to the City Administrator