



## CITY OF BURLINGTON

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**CITY OF BURLINGTON**  
**Committee of the Whole Minutes**  
**Robert Miller, Mayor**  
**Beverly R. Gill, City Clerk**  
**November 15, 2011**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Bob Miller called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: Bob Prailes, Peter Hintz, Jim Prailes, Tom Vos, Steve Rauch, Katie Simenson Excused: Ed Johnson Absent: Jeff Fischer

Also present: City Attorney John Bjelajac, City Administrator Kevin Lahner, Police Chief Peter Nimmer, Fire Chief Richard Lodle, Treasurer Steve DeQuaker, Public Works Director Connie Wilson, Supervisor Streets and Parks Dan Jensen, Assistant to the Administrator Megan Johnson and Tom Foht of Kapur Engineering.

Alderman Fischer arrived at 6:33 p.m.

**2. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

A motion was made by Rauch with a second by Vos to approve the minutes from November 1, 2011. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**4. RESOLUTION 4509(34) "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO S&L PUMPS FOR THE STH 11 LIFT STATION FROM ENERGENECS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,721"**

The mayor introduced Resolution 4509(34) to the council for discussion. Vos questioned if this was included in the upgrades or if it was additional. Wilson replied this had been anticipated but was not included in the "Safe Drinking Fund Loan" as it was being paid for out of a wastewater fund.

Simenson asked for clarification on the funding for this project.

Wilson replied that the Safe Drinking Water Fund has to do with funding the Clean Water Projects and the Clean Water Fund is for the funding of wastewater projects.

Vos questioned if because of this DNR requirement, did anyone take a good look at the facility to see what else needed to be done.

Wilson replied that a study of the facility had been done by Kapur Engineering.

This resolution is scheduled for this evening's common council meeting.

**5. ORDINANCE 1939(16) "AN ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE OFFICIAL TRAFFIC MAP BY CREATING NO PARKING ZONES ON W. STATE STREET ADJACENT TO CROSSWALKS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF MAPLE AVENUE AND ELMWOOD AVENUE"**

The mayor introduced Ordinance 1939(16) to the council for discussion. Lahner explained this is part of a two-step process to establish a no-parking zone with the second step of the process to be the installation of "delineators" which will have break-away posts. The purpose of the delineators will be to narrow the street.

Simenson questioned if this was part of the original proposal and if not, why was it being added at this time. Lahner replied that when a car is stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross the street, an impatient driver will take advantage of the width of the street and pass on the right, endangering the pedestrian that is in the crosswalk. The cost of the addition of the delineators will be approximately \$4,300. Simenson stated that she remembered a discussion on creating a cement median, but not the delineators.

Rauch said that it was his understanding that eight houses would be affected by this new no-parking ordinance.

Vos stated that he travels that area frequently on the way to his home and he has only seen three pedestrians using the crosswalk. Bob Prailes reported to council that he had stopped for a child in the crosswalk only to witness a car passing on the right; if he had not screamed for the child to stop; the child would have been hit.

Nimmer commented that once the crosswalks had been installed, the police department had calls from four citizens who reported cars passing on the right while a car had been stopped for someone using the crosswalk. Nimmer further commented that cement medians would not resolve the issue of cars passing on the right.

Jensen favored the delineators because of the ability to be easily unbolted and removed for snowplowing and they have reflectors which can be seen from a distance. He further stated that a cement median becomes a site hazard during snowplowing.

Vos stated his frustration and irritation with the fact when this was brought to council there was no public hearing to advise the people they were going to lose parking in front of their homes. At the time, the council had only been advised of a crosswalk with a standard in the middle. Vos did not believe enough homework had been done or these safety problems would have been anticipated.

Fisher questioned if the parking spaces in that area could be made more visible so that people know it is not a lane of traffic. Fischer considered the solution being offered as very confusing.

Simenson wanted to point out the definite need for a crossing on State Street for children. Lahner emphasized that it was unsupervised children who were crossing State Street both before and after school.

Jensen noted the residents affected had been notified by his department regarding the loss of parking spots.

Because of the issues that were brought up this evening, the mayor announced this ordinance needs to be re-examined and would not be on the council agenda for the 6<sup>th</sup> of December but may be brought back to the Committee of the Whole for that evening.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Simenson with a second by Jim Prailes to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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