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Committee of the Whole Minutes
Robert Miller, Mayor
Beverly R. Gill, City Clerk
June 6, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Bob Miller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: Ed Johnson, Peter Hintz, Ruth Dawidziak, Tom Vos, Steve Rauch, Tom Preusker
Excused: Bob Prailes, Katie Simenson

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

2. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Ms. Sarah Brossard, 5614 East Peninsula Road, Waterford representing "Racine County Link" was present to speak about the new shuttle service. She explained the shuttle service was made available through federal funding and links the east side of Racine County with the west side. There are scheduled stops but she said the route is subject to modification. She also said the shuttle service is available to all citizens.

Johnson questioned if this service would be available for door-to-door service. Brossard stated that door-to-door service is limited to three-quarters of a mile from the scheduled route and reservations must be made one day in advance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 15, 2012

A motion was made by Rauch with a second by Hintz to approve the minutes from May 15, 2012. With all in favor, the motion carried.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING PUBLIC SERVICES OFFERED BY THE RACINE COUNTY TREASURER

Racine County Treasurer Ms. Jane Nickolai was present to thank the City of Burlington for collecting property taxes for her office. She announced she will have office hours at the Racine County Service Center on the third Tuesday of each month by appointment. Her focus will be on delinquent taxpayers and issues of foreclosures. She said there are options available for people whose homes are in foreclosure and she would like to try to assist them so they don't lose their homes.

5. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL SIGNALIZATION ANALYSIS BY KAPUR & ASSOCIATES

Tom Foht of Kapur and Associates reported on the Traffic Analysis and Signalization Study that was presented to council. He discussed the recommendations that had been made by Kapur.

Lahner questioned the use of photo sensors for controlling the intersections. Foht replied that as signals are replaced, the photo sensors should be considered rather than the loop sensors that are now used.

Preusker asked if the current system has an override for emergency vehicles. Lodle replied that it had been looked into and it was cost prohibitive.

Wayne and Kristie Swihart, 289 West State Street were concerned with the pedestrian crossing on State and Elmwood in regard to the speed of the traffic that comes through the intersection and

suggested a stop light to fix the problem. The mayor replied that issue is more of a police matter for traffic enforcement.

Nimmer suggested the 35 mph speed limit on State Street is too fast for a residential area and it would be his recommendation to lower the speed limit.

Wayne Swihart questioned the "Yield" sign at the B.J. Wentker's intersection. The mayor replied that at one time this was the most dangerous intersection in the city because of the awkwardness of how Pine meets State Street. The mayor also said the intersection was improved with the elimination of a left turn from Amanda Street.

This resolution will move forward to this evening's council meeting.

6. **RESOLUTION 4558(9) "A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE CHANGE OF ADDRESSES FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON SOUTH PINE AND GROVE STREET"**

The mayor introduced Resolution 4558(9) to the council for discussion.

Vos questioned when the residents would be notified of the proposed address changes. Lahner replied the notification process would begin after the passage of the resolution. Vos further questioned the date the new addresses would take affect. Lahner had originally thought of a deadline of six months but then thought extending it to nine months would allow the residents more time.

This resolution will move forward to this evening's council meeting.

7. **RESOLUTION 4559(10) "A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING TASK ORDER EIGHTY-SIX WITH KAPUR & ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OF THE 2012 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT"**

The mayor introduced Resolution 4559(10) to the council for discussion. There was no further discussion.

This resolution moves forward to this evening's Common Council meeting.

8. **RESOLUTION 4560(11) "A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER THE FINAL RESOLUTION EXERCISING ASSESSMENT POWERS REGARDING PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ALLEY IN ELMHURST SUBDIVISION"**

This mayor introduced Resolution 4560(11) to the council for discussion.

Vos questioned if all of the property owners had been notified. The mayor replied that they have all received an estimate of cost.

Preusker asked what formula is being used to compute the cost per owner. The mayor said that it had been previously agreed by council to divide it equally among the owners.

This resolution moves forward to the June 19, 2012 Common Council meeting.

9. **RESOLUTION 4561(12) "A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE 2011 COMPLIANCE MAINTENANCE ANNUAL REPORT"**

The mayor introduced Resolution 4561(12) to the council for discussion. The mayor commented that the Wastewater Treatment Plant received an "A" rating which meant no violations or problems. He then complimented Connie Wilson on a job well done.

This resolution is scheduled for the June 19, 2012 Common Council meeting.

10. **ORDINANCE 1953(7) "AN ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE RACINE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR 824 MILWAUKEE AVENUE FROM INDUSTRIAL TO COMMERCIAL ZONING"**

The mayor introduced Ordinance 1953(7) to the council for discussion. The mayor noted the reason for the ordinance is to accommodate the O'Reilly Automotive Parts store on the former Department of Public Work's site.

Vos questioned if there was a schedule from ChocolateFest regarding the repairs on the nearby storage shed. The mayor said he will have to contact the ChocolateFest group but there is language in the lease regarding the repairs on the storage shed.

This motion is scheduled for this evening's Common Council meeting.

11. MOTION 12-745 " A MOTION TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE GIRL SCOUTS OF WISCONSIN SOUTHEAST TO INSTALL A RAIN GARDEN ON CITY GROUNDS ON MARYLAND AVENUE"

The mayor introduced Motion 12-745 to the council for discussion.

A leader from the local Girl Scout organization, Ms. Stacey Stewart, W1726 State Road 11 explained there are twelve troops with over one-hundred twenty girls involved in this project. The area being considered is near the compost site. Ms. Stewart commented that the work would be done on the days that the site is closed to the public for the safety of the girl scouts. Ms. Stewart said the space required is approximately three-hundred square feet with three-hundred plants to be placed on the site. The local garden club had given the scouts a grant to pay for the plants.

Vos was not in favor of the Maryland Avenue site due to runoff from nearby parking lots. The mayor spoke against the site also because it is inaccessible on certain days of the week.

An alternate site in Echo Park was suggested and that was deemed a better location by the council.

This motion is scheduled for this evening's Common Council meeting.

12. MOTION 12-746 "A MOTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION IN THE HPC OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR 388 NORTH PINE STREET"

The mayor introduced Motion 12-746 to the council for discussion. There was no discussion.

This motion is scheduled for this evening's Common Council meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Hintz with a second by Dawidziak to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Beverly R. Gill
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