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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BURLINGTON, IOWA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting No. 34
May 18, 2015

The Burlington City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall with Mayor McCampbell, Council Members Anderson, Davidson, Fleming and Scott present.

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

PROCLAMATION:

Public Works Week: Steve Hoambrecker

CONSENT AGENDA: To the Public:

All matters listed under Item I., Consent Agenda, having been discussed were considered to be routine by the City Council and were enacted by one motion. There was no separate discussion of these items. If discussion was desired, that item was removed from the Consent Agenda and was considered separately.

MOTION: To approve all items listed under Item I., Consent Agenda.

DISCUSSION: Mayor McCampbell reviewed the items listed on the consent agenda to the viewing audience. Council Member Anderson announced those individuals appointed to various City commissions and boards. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - "AYES")

CARRIED

HEARING:

1. Statement: Consideration of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget Amendment No. 1

COMMENTS: The City Manager reviewed with the Council and the viewing audience the revenues totaling \$13,135,500.00 and the expenditures of \$12,919,850.00. He stated that the City would not spend as much as listed, but they are potential amounts. He stated that the City's general fund was trending better than expected and there are plans to transfer money from the general fund to the deficit accounts. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Scott
Motion to Close

Seconded By: Anderson

CARRIED

Introduced By: Scott

Seconded By: Davidson

Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget Amendment No. 1

DISCUSSION: The City Manager stated that the 2014-2015 budget amendment no. 1 would need to be filed by the end of May 2015. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - "AYES")

ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS:

Introduced By: Fleming

Seconded By: Scott

1. Resolution Approving Agreement between the City of Burlington, Iowa and the Burlington/West Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce for Hotel/Motel Tax Distribution

DISCUSSION: The City Manager stated that the proposed Resolution approves a new three-year agreement between the City of Burlington and the Burlington/West Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce for hotel/motel tax distribution. He stated that there was a significant change to the hotel/motel tax distribution as was reflected in the City's budget. Under the new funding distribution the City will allocate 30% of the first \$700,000.00 and for 40% of all revenue above \$700,000.00 collected by the Iowa Department of Revenue within the City limits of Burlington and received by the City. Council Member Davidson asked Chelsea Tolle of the Convention and Tourism Bureau how additional revenues would be sought by the Chamber for the Convention and Tourism Bureau. Chelsea Tolle stated that she would be applying for a State grant and also would be receiving a portion of the tickets sold for the Memorial Auditorium as people can purchase tickets at their office for events at the Memorial Auditorium. Mayor McCampbell asked Chelsea Tolle how the Convention and Tourism would be affected by this change. Chelsea Tolle stated that the Convention and Tourism Bureau would have to significantly reduce their marketing efforts, no longer advertise on the television, reduce the amount of print marketing, reduce the marketing efforts through the co-op of Convention and Tourism groups at both the State and regional levels. She stated that they would be looking at potential partnerships with other entities within the community so they are not over saturating one area of the market to do things more strategically. She further stated that the hours and days open at the Welcome Center would be reduced. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - "AYES")

ADOPTED

Introduced By: Anderson

Seconded By: Scott

2. Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$4,415,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A and Providing for the Levy of Taxes to Pay the Same

DISCUSSION: The City Manager stated that the proposed Resolution Provides for the Issuance of \$4,415,000.00 General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A and Provides for the Levy of Taxes to Pay. He stated that the Series 2015A was the refinancing of the 2006 general obligation TIF revenue bond and the new money for constructing street improvements, acquiring a new pumper truck for the Fire Department and making repairs to the Police Department building. Mayor McCampbell asked the City Manager to explain the “provides for the levy of taxes to pay” means as he has had numerous citizens concerned that this was an additional levy. The City Manager explained that the language is a part of all general obligation bonds that authorize the levy of taxes to make the payments. He stated that the new money the City has already budgeted to have a levy of taxes and it is a part of the City’s existing levy for the new capital projects. He stated that people that buy bonds will look at how the bonds are structured and know that the debt is guaranteed by the full faith of the City. He further stated that the City can receive a better interest rate by those buying the bonds due to that guarantee. Council Member Davidson thanked the City Manager, staff and Travis Squires of Piper Jaffray for all of their work. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - “AYES”)

ADOPTED

Introduced By: Anderson Seconded By: Scott

3. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,845,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015B and Providing for the Levy of Taxes to Pay the Same

DISCUSSION: The City Manager stated that the proposed Resolution Authorizes the Issuance of \$3,845,000.00 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015B and Provides for the Levy of Taxes to Pay the Same. He stated that the Resolution was done separately as it was a change from revenue bonds to a taxable general obligation refunding bonds. He explained that it was refinancing TIF debt that would be scheduled to be repaid back out of TIF revenues. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - “AYES”)

ADOPTED

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: Larry Williams of 1567 Mason Lane urged the Council to meet with the Chamber of Commerce on a quarterly basis to make sure that their budget is working with the new hotel/motel tax distribution. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Adjournment: 6:18 p.m.

Approved: June 1, 2015

Kathleen P. Salisbury, MMC
City Clerk

Shane A. McCampbell
Mayor

(See recording on file in the office of the City Clerk for complete discussion and documentation.)

ITEM I.
Consent Agenda

FINANCES AND MISCELLANEOUS

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Payroll and City Claims

BEER, LIQUOR, WINE AND CIGARETTES

REPORTS AND BONDS

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution Approving Nuisance Abatements for Various Properties
2. Resolution Approving the Use of Sales Tax Increment from the City's Flood Project Fund to Fund the Construction of Flood Mitigation Projects
3. Resolution Approving Permit Required-Confined Space Contract and Fees
4. Resolution Approving Agreement Between the City of Burlington and French-Reneker-Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services in Connection with the Construction of a Roundabout at the Intersection of West Avenue and West Burlington Avenue
5. Resolution Approving an Agreement Between the City of Burlington, Iowa and Alliant Energy, Incorporated for All Night Lighting Service at Saunderson Park in the 1300 Block of Valley Street

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS: JUNE 1, 2015

1. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3129, Being an Ordinance Creating the Diewold Plaza P.U.D. (Planned Unit Development) by Making Changes to Section 3, B. Land Use Design Criteria
2. Consideration of an Ordinance Rezoning the Property Locally Known as 221 Harrison Street from R-2, Single-Family Residential to C-1, Limited Commercial Zoning District
3. Consideration of Plans and Specifications for the 2015 Main Drive Sealcoat Street Improvements

APPOINTMENT:

City Planning Commission: Chris Reed