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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BURLINGTON, IOWA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting No. 29
March 5, 2007

The Burlington City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall with Mayor Edwards, Council Members Campbell, Ell, Scott and Thomas present.

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

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 not separate discussion of these items. If discussion was desired, that item was removed from the Consent Agenda and was considered separately.

Introduced By: Campbell Seconded By: Scott

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

DISCUSSION: Mayor Edwards reviewed the items listed on the consent agenda to the viewing audience. Council Member Ell 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 2007-2008 Budget

COMMENTS: The City Manager reviewed the following items of the proposed fiscal year

2007-2008 budget: current tax rates; assessed property values (increase of value

\$4,187,835.00);

total budget expenditures \$36,506,653.00; sales tax revenue \$3,300,000.00;

gaming revenue \$400,000.00; MFPRSI from 25.48% vs. 27.75%; IPERS 6.05% vs.

5.75%; inflationary costs; City tax rate \$14.98;

residential/commercial/industrial tax comparisons; general fund surplus

\$2,437.00; road use tax fund surplus \$11,358.00; sanitary sewer fund surplus

\$46,263.00; solid waste fund surplus \$21,874.00; RecPlex fund surplus (loss)

zero; golf course fund surplus \$706.00 and sales tax fund. The Deputy City

Manager reviewed assessment limits-rollback. Leon Shahan of 1821 Mt. Pleasant

Street urged the City Council to limit taxes to finance only public safety,

streets and parks. He further stated that monies given for economic development

projects were a waste with the declining population of Burlington. Council Member Ell stated as the residential rate is roll back further it shifts the tax

burden to commercial and industrial. Mayor Edwards stated that in order to

compete for businesses the City has to offer economic incentives. Council

Member Scott stated that the proposed budget had no thrills. He stated that

staff did a good job on the budget. He stated that he would like to take a

