



felt the Council was rushing the project. Leon Shahan of 1821 Mt. Pleasant Street stated that there would be ongoing maintenance costs. He stated that the

City already had enough debt. John Fenton of 1332 Griswold Street questioned who originally brought the issue of a quiet zone up to the City Council. Council Member Scott stated that Tom's Market originally started a petition for

a quiet zone along with a group of citizens interested in a quiet zone. Those who spoke in favor of a quiet zone were as follows: Ron Billups of 10668 Rolling

Hills, Larry Adams of 134 Golf Lane, Shane Horn of 807 North Tenth Street and Terry Arellano of 212 Jefferson Street. Those in favor of the quiet zone urged Council to act now as it was crucial to those living, working or wanting to invest monies in Burlington. Council Member Davidson questioned how the quiet zone would be funded. The Deputy City Manager stated that the quiet zone would be funded with economic development sales tax monies and downtown tax increment funds. Mayor Ell stated that timing was of essence on implementing the quiet zone. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - AYES )

ADOPTED

Introduced By: Thomas Seconded By: Scott

2. Resolution Approving Urban Revitalization Tax Exemptions Pursuant to Chapter

404 of the State Code of Iowa

DISCUSSION: The Deputy City Manger stated that the proposed Resolution approves the Urban Revitalization Tax Exemptions for 17 new homes with the total valuation of \$3,367,487.00, one renovation with a valuation of \$100,000.00 and six business/commercial/renovation with a valuation of \$32,863,800.00. He further stated that the total number of applications received to date was 315 with a total valuation of \$84,680,313.00. Leon Shahan of 1821 Mt. Pleasant Street requested the run down of the top ten exemptions. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - AYES )

ADOPTED

Introduced By: Scott

Seconded By: Thomas

3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Two Supplemental Agreements with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Though the Iowa Safe Routes to School Grant for Projects SRTS-U-097 (629)-8U-29 and SRTS-U-0977 (630)-8U-29 in Order to Obtain Competitive Quotes for the Purchase of Two Speed Indicators

DISCUSSION: Leon Shahan of 1821 Mt. Pleasant Street questioned what the agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation through the Iowa Safe Routes to School Grant was for. Council Member Scott stated that the grant was for a traffic control device that would show the speed your vehicle is traveling. Mary Baker of 320 South Sixth Street stated that many people do not slow down in school zones. The Police Chief stated that the speed indicator would serve as an enforcement tool. The Deputy City Manager stated that the traffic control device was portable and could be moved from school to school. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - AYES )

ADOPTED

Introduced By: Thomas Seconded By: Scott

4. Motion to Amend the Resolution Appointing Douglas J. Worden Interim City Manager Effective February 2, 2008 with the compensation of \$3,450.00 biweekly

DISCUSSION: John Fenton of 1332 Griswold Street stated that he had received an anonymous letter stating that Doug Worden was one of the finalists for the position of City Manager in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He stated that he wanted to know if that was true as he did not want a lame duck in the position of City Manager.

Deputy City Manager Worden stated that he was not a candidate for City Manager anywhere nor was he looking for a position anywhere. He stated that he has worked for the City of Burlington for thirty years and would be eligible to retire in three years. Larry Adams of 134 Golf Lane stated that he did not see why Doug Worden should not be moved into the position of Interim City Manager. He further stated that if the person who wrote the letter did not have the guts to sign the letter it was not worth the ink that it was written on. Council Member Thomas stated that he did not have any issue with appointing Doug Worden as Interim City Manager, but that he did have an issue with the pay. He stated that he was not comfortable paying \$3,875.00 biweekly salary, which was what the

City Manager was making. He felt that Doug Worden did not have the experience as a City Manager. He also stated that Doug Worden should not start at a salary

that took the present City Manager ten years to get to. He made a motion to amend the Resolution with a salary of \$3,450.00 biweekly, which would be a salary of \$90,000.00. Council Member Scott stated that Doug Worden had received

previous City Manager Jane Wood's salary when he served as Interim City Manager

ten years ago. He further stated that at that time Jane Wood's salary was considered low for that position. Mayor Ell reminded the Council that Doug Worden would be doing two jobs, thus saving the City \$66,000.00. Council Member

Davidson stated that he was not in favor of the amendment as Doug Worden would be doing double duty. Council Member Murray concurred with Mayor Ell and Council Member Davidson that the City was receiving two for the price of one. Council Member Thomas stated that the trend was for employees to do more with less. The Deputy City Manager stated that when he served as Interim City Manager for Jane Wood he also received Jane Wood's retirement compensation as part of the salary. He stated that he would not be receiving Bruce Slagle's retirement compensation or car allowance as part of his salary. All present had

opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - AYES ELL, MURRAY, SCOTT AND DAVIDSON  
1 - NAY THOMAS) FAILED

Introduced By: Davidson Seconded By: Murray  
5. Resolution Appointing Douglas J. Worden Interim City Manager Effective February 2, 2008

DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 5 - AYES) ADOPTED

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: Randy Pflum, representing the Babe Ruth Junior League, gave an update to the Council of what was happening with finding a site and financing. He further stated that he felt Doug Worden would do a great job as Interim City Manager and was deserving of the pay increase. Mike Edwards of 1317 North Eighth Street commended Council for supporting the quiet zone and the

salary increase for Interim City Manager Doug Worden. He further stated that the

end result for the Flint Hills Manor project would be positive. Freddie Starling of 517 South 7th Street stated that he was against the Flint Hills

Manor Project as the City was already in debt. David Selmon of 1012 Oak Street stated that the train whistles were much louder today than they use to be. He further stated his concern for the cost of a lawsuit with Robert Muir Company. Mayor Ell stated that the City Council had met in a closed session at 5 p.m., this evening and read the motion that was made upon coming out of closed session

as follows: To settle disputes by and between the City of Burlington, Iowa and

RCM-Minnesota Corporation in association with the Manor Revisited Project; authorize the Mayor to execute a Mutual Release Agreement; and authorize the return of the \$240,000.00 earnest money.

John Fenton of 1332 Griswold Street questioned the City Council as to how many litigation/lawsuits the City was involved in concerning the Flint Hills Manor Project. The Deputy City Manager stated that the City was involved in approximately 10-12 condemnation appeals. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Adjournment: 8:46 p.m.

Approved: February 4, 2008

Kathleen P. Salisbury, MMC  
City Clerk

William L. Ell  
Mayor

(See tapes 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

RESOLUTION:

1. Resolution Approving Demolition/Nuisance Abatements for Various Properties

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING: FEBRUARY 4, 2008

1. Consideration of Sale of Property at 848 Washington Street

APPOINTMENTS:

Zoning Board of Adjustment: Brandi Chapman

Historic Preservation Committee: Georgette Allen and Steve Frevert