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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BURLINGTON, IOWA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting No. 25
January 5, 2009

The Burlington City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall with Mayor Ell, Council Members Davidson, Murray and Scott present. Mayor Ell announced that Council Member Thomas was absent due to an illness.

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 no separate discussion of these items. If discussion was desired, that item was removed from the Consent Agenda and was considered separately.

Introduced By: Murray Seconded By: Scott

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

DISCUSSION: Mayor Ell reviewed the items listed on the consent agenda to the viewing audience. Council Member Murray 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: 4 - â AYESâ)

CARRIED

HEARINGS:

1. Statement: Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map for the City of Burlington, Iowa by Designating a T-1 Mobile Home Planned Development Overlay Zone for the Mobile Home Park Located at 2117 Conner Avenue (Gibbâ s Mobile Home Park)

COMMENTS: The City Manager stated that the proposed Ordinance amends the official zoning map for the City of Burlington by designating a T-1 Mobile Home Planned Development Overlay Zone for the Mobile Home Park located at 2117 Conner

Avenue. He stated that the Plan Commission has approved the T-1 Mobile Home Planned Development Overlay Zone for 2117 Conner Avenue. The Development Director reviewed with Council and the viewing audience the proposed off-street parking spaces that shall be provided for each dwelling unit at the rear of such

units (off of the alley) and the paved walkway from the primary entrance of the mobile home to the front property line and to the rear parking area that shall be installed and/or maintained within ten years of the date of the adoption of the Ordinance. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Murray Seconded By: Scott

Motion to Close

CARRIED

Introduced By: Murray Seconded By: Davidson

Motion for Preliminary Adoption of the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map for the City of Burlington, Iowa by Designating a T-1 Mobile Home Planned Development Overlay Zone for the Mobile Home Park Located at 2117 Conner Avenue (Gibbâ s Mobile Home Park)

DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 4 - â AYESâ)

CARRIED

2. Statement: Consideration of a General Obligation Refunding Loan Agreement in the Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$700,000.00 for the Purpose of Refunding the Outstanding Balance of the Cityâ s General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 1998B for the Hotel Burlington

COMMENTS: The City Manager stated that the proposed public hearing was for consideration of a General Obligation Refunding Loan Agreement in the Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$700,000.00 for the Purpose of Refunding the Outstanding Balance of the Cityâ s General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 1998B

and the following hearing was for the consideration of a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement in the Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$4,500,000.00. He stated that the refunding the loan agreement would provide for a better interest rate for the City of Burlington. The Finance Director stated that the City was refunding \$650,000.00 loan agreement of which \$625,000.00 was for the refunding of the 1998B bonds and \$25,000.00 was for issuance costs. MetroPlains could potentially contribute up to \$400,000.00 to reduce the amount of borrowing by the City. He stated that the monies would be repaid from TIF revenues from Hotel Burlington. He stated that the following hearing was for the 2009 Bond Anticipation Notes that was a two-year note to cover 2009 and 2010 CIP (Capital Improvement Program). The interest will be capitalized and will require no changes to the tax rate. He stated that the City will issue permanent financing in 2011. The 2009 Bond Anticipation Notes would include the following: Street Maintenance Program \$1,737,000.00; Street Sealcoat Program \$1,500,000.00; Street Sweeper Replacement \$135,000.00; Ambulance Replacement \$82,500.00; Downtown Street Lighting \$50,000.00; Flood Control \$250,000.00; Police Communications Equipment \$150,000.00; Garbage Truck Replacement \$145,500.00; Issuance Cost; Capitalized Interest and Contingency \$450,000.00. He stated that the current outstanding GO debt for the City was \$41,700,049.00 and the projected outstanding debt as of June 30, 2009 would be \$43,831,201.00 (which could be lower with Metro Plains contribution). The Cityâ s current debt limit is \$53,194,904.00. He stated that the City was only

at 82.40% of their debt limit with a \$9,363,703.00 debt limit available. He stated that the debt is for two years and the City anticipates a lower percent of debt limit in 2010. He further stated that the Council would approve the final resolutions on the debt instruments at their January 19, 2009 City Council

meeting and on February 2, 2009 they would close on the debt issues with local banks providing 100% of the financing. The City Manager stated that the flood control would consist of purchasing Hesco barriers that would be placed around the Port and Memorial Auditorium to protect City property. He stated that the barriers are reusable and there is an additional cost of approximately \$60,000.00 in sand to fill the barriers. Council Member Murray questioned if there would be a barrier around the Depot. The City Manager stated that the City was looking at possible funding through the Hazard Mitigation Program being

offered by the State for a more permanent type of flood control for the Depot. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Davidson Seconded By: Scott
Motion to Close

CARRIED

Introduced By: Davidson Seconded By: Scott
Resolution Taking Additional Action to Enter Into a Loan Agreement

DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 4 - AYES)

ADOPTED

3. Statement: Consideration of a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement in the Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$4,500,000.00 for the Purpose of

Paying the Cost, to that Extent, of Constructing Street Improvements and Acquiring an Ambulance, Solid Waste Disposal Equipment, Police Communications Equipment, Public Works Equipment and Flood Control

COMMENTS: None.

Introduced By: Scott Seconded By: Murray
Motion to Close

CARRIED

Introduced By: Scott Seconded By: Murray
Resolution Taking Additional Action to Enter Into a Loan Agreement

DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 4 - AYES)

ADOPTED

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: Robert Walker of 1018 South 12th Street complimented the

Burlington Police Department for protecting and serving the citizens of Burlington. He questioned when the next Crime Forum would be held. Council Member Murray stated that he would contact Robert Walker when the date has been set. Robert Walker further questioned how a \$200,000.00 rescue vehicle could be

purchased by the City for \$82,000.00. The City Manager stated that the City was

not purchasing a rescue vehicle, but an ambulance that cost \$164,000.00 of which

\$82,000.00 is being financed by the City and the other half is being financed by

the City/County Township. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Adjournment: 7:25 p.m.

Approved: January 19, 2009

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

REPORTS AND BONDS

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution Approving Demolition/Nuisance Abatements for Various Properties
2. Resolution to Establish a New Fee Schedule for the RecPlex

APPOINTMENTS:

Board of Plumbing Examiners: William Mennen
Historic Preservation Commission: Hal Morton and David Roed
RecPlex Advisory Committee: Don Henry, Melissa Mulholland and Jaimee Sparrow