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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BURLINGTON, IOWA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting No. 29
March 2, 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, Scott and Thomas present.

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

PROCLAMATIONS:

- * March for Babies Day - Brandi Hood
- * Bart Howard Month - Sandra Miller

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: Council Member Murray reviewed the items listed on the consent agenda to the viewing audience. He also 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.

(VOTES: 5 - â AYESâ)

CARRIED

HEARINGS:

1. Statement: Consideration of Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget

COMMENTS: The City Manager reviewed the following items of the proposed fiscal year 2009-2010 budget: total proposed budget \$38,735,167.00 (up \$2,680,894.00 or

7.4%); property tax rate \$14.93 (unchanged); taxable valuation \$29,424,392.00 (or up 4.98%); utility valuation (down \$2,382,665.00); fire and police retirement contribution 17.00% (down from 18.75%); IPERS contribution rate 6.65%

(up from 6.35%); health care costs up a modest 3.5%; property valuation rollback

(residential 45.59% and commercial 100.00%); fund accounting; general fund \$15,455,552.00 (up 5.95%); road use tax \$87.00 per capita (\$2.50 below the State

projection); solid waste fund \$.50 increase in solid waste fees; 8% increase in sewer user fees; \$600,000.00 in hotel/motel tax revenue; sales tax fund (local option sales tax revenue \$3,300,000.00); capital projects fund and debt service fund (up \$2,050,851.00). He thanked department heads, the Finance Director and his Assistant for their work in preparing the budget. Leon Shahan of 1821 Mt. Pleasant Street stated his dislike for economic development incentives for businesses. Al Sparks stated that he would like to see more transparency in local government. He further stated that he would like to see more good paying

jobs in Burlington and felt that the City Engineer should know which houses in Burlington would need lateral sewer insurance. After considerable discussion by

the City Council, the budget was unanimously approved. 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: Murray
Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget

DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 5 - â AYESâ)

ADOPTED

2. Statement: Consideration of Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

COMMENTS: The City Manager stated that this was the first budget amendment to the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget. The Finance Director stated that the total amendment was for \$9,093,149.00 and will bring the total amended expenditure budget to \$45,147,422.00. He stated that the revenue side was being amended by \$13,037,116.00 bringing the total budgeted revenues and other financing sources to \$54,277,596.00. The budget would be amended as follows: Public Safety by \$119,454.00; Public Works by \$283,955.00; Culture and Recreation by \$189,240.00;

General Government by \$9,500.00; Business Type/Enterprise by \$175,000.00; Debt Service by \$695,000.00 and Capital Projects by \$7,621,000.00. He further stated

that there would be no tax rate increase. Robert Walker asked how the Perkins Park Restroom was funded. The City Manager stated that the Perkins Park Restroom was funded by Starker Memorial Trust. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Thomas Seconded By: Scott
Motion to Close

CARRIED

Introduced By: Thomas Seconded By: Scott
Resolution Approving Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 5 - â AYESâ)

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION:

Introduced By: Scott Seconded By: Thomas
1. Resolution Approving Purchase of HESCO Flood Control Barriers

DISCUSSION: The City Manager stated that the proposed Resolution would provide for the purchase of 500 Hesco units to protect City property along the riverfront between the Port of Burlington and the Market Street Lift Station, and an additional 22 units to protect the Wastewater Treatment Facility for a total of 522 units for a total of \$222,435.00 for the barriers. He stated that last summer the Post Office used the Hesco barriers and they worked well. He stated that it would cost approximately \$60,000.00 for sand to fill the barriers, but those monies should be recovered from FEMA. He stated that the barriers would be stored in the garage south of Memorial Auditorium. Mayor Ell stated that the barriers do work well and is much quicker than filling sand bags. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - â AYESâ)

ADOPTED

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: Jerry Fenton of 2520 Mt. Pleasant Street and owner of the Arrowhead Motel, stated his concern that Mt. Pleasant Street would not be kept open during the reconstruction and that construction would take place during the summer months when is motel has more occupants. The City Manager stated that the Public Works Director will review the plans and specifications this spring at a public hearing and go over the timetable and the plans for the Mt. Pleasant Street Reconstruction. Al Sparks stated that he would like the City Council to create a task force for job creation in Burlington. Leon Shahan

of 1821 Mt. Pleasant Street stated that he would like to see the Des Moines County Solid Waste Commission start taking aluminum cans for recycling. He stated that there were fewer places for people to take their cans for recycling.

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

Adjournment: 9:03 p.m.

Approved: March 16, 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

BEER, LIQUOR, WINE AND CIGARETTES

REPORTS AND BONDS

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution Approving Demolition/Nuisance Abatements for Various Properties
2. Resolution Approving Final Acceptance and Final Payment for the Perkins Park Restroom Project
3. Resolution Approving Renewal of Taxi Cab/Vehicle for Hire License for Dennis C. Manes dba/Yellow Cab
4. Resolution Approving Renewal of Taxi Cab/Vehicle for Hire License for Robyn Canova dba/A2Z Taxi & Delivery Service
5. Resolution Approving Purchase of One Medium Duty Bus for Burlington Urban Service
6. Resolution Approving Purchase of One Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper
7. Resolution Approving Preconstruction Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for the IDOT Bridge Decking Projects
8. Resolution Approving Agreement with the Burlington Housing Partnership (BHP) to Work Cooperatively Within the Context of an Expanded Public/Private Partnership for the Purpose of Promoting Neighborhood Revitalization

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Consideration of Plans and Specifications for the 2009 HMA Resurfacing Project (March 16, 2009)
2. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Sections 17.20.20 M-2 Heavy Industrial District, 17.30.10 Non-Conforming Uses and Section 17.30.50 Parking Regulations of Title 17 Zoning and Subdivision Regulations of the Burlington Municipal Code (March 16, 2009)
3. Consideration of an Ordinance Rezoning Property Located at 826 North 7th Street from R-4, Multi-Family Residential to C-1, Limited Commercial Zoning District (April 6, 2009)

APPOINTMENTS:

Human Rights Commission: Meghanne Thompson