

STATEMENTS: by new Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor Pro-Tem Reed stated that he was still just one vote of the five Council Members. He stated that he would do his best as Mayor Pro-Tem. He further stated that he was looking forward to serving as Mayor Pro-Tem the next two-years. Mayor Davidson thanked the City Council for the honor of electing him as Mayor. He stated that the City Council has a lot of challenges ahead of them and they would be growing together as a group. He further read the following quote " Excellence is our standard and not our goal" . He stated that at the standard for the next 2-year period would be excellence. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

STATEMENTS: (by all council members)

None.

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: Fleming Seconded By: Reed

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

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davidson reviewed the items listed on the consent agenda to the viewing audience. Council Member Reed announced those individuals appointed

to various City commissions and boards. Eric Renteria of 907 High Street requested the removal of the Resolution Approving Appointments from the Consent Agenda for discussion at the end of the meeting. Tim Scott of 2017 South 15th Street requested the removal of the Resolution Reappointing City Officers for the City of Burlington (City Clerk and City Treasurer) from the Consent Agenda for discussion at the end of the meeting. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - " AYES")

CARRIED

DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 5 - â AYESâ)

CARRIED

RESOLUTION:

Introduced By: Fleming Seconded By: Reed

1. Resolution Reappointing City Officers for the City of Burlington (City Clerk and City Treasurer)

DISCUSSION: Tim Scott of 2017 South 15th Street stated that he objected two years ago about the person that runs the Finance Department also being the City Treasurer. He stated that he was objecting again over the same issue. He stated that the Council was putting that person in a lot of jeopardy. He recalled an experience he had on a board in the early 80s of a person that embezzled money from the board, because they were Treasurer and they did not have anyone overseeing them. He stated that it happens all of the time both in public and private service and industries. He urged the City Council to appoint

someone else as Treasurer such as an accounting firm. He stated that he had contacted several accounting firms and they had told him that they would be able

to serve in that capacity. Council Member McCampbell stated that Tim Scott had a point and that it was okay to have a safety to just make sure everyone is honest. Council Member Anderson stated that when she was looking at the Cityâ s

budget for 2010, it was noted by the auditors that there was no oversight. She stated that at that time City Manager Worden stated that he would be overseeing it as City Manager. She wondered if that would be the case when the City hires a new City Manager. The Interim City Manager stated that the City by law must have a City Treasurer. He stated that as Interim City Manager he was overlooking the finances now and that the audit does provide for checks. He further stated that the issue will be addressed by the new City Manager once hired. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in

the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - â AYESâ)

ADOPTED

Introduced By: Reed

Seconded By: Fleming

APPOINTMENTS:

Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee: Becky Anderson, Bill Ell, Anthony Monroe

City Planning Commission: Norbert Gabby

Renewable Energy Commission: Roger Gard, Keith Jacobs

Low Rent Housing Board: James Egerton

Human Rights Commission: Nancy Schulte

Animal Hearing Board: Angela Beard

Grow Greater Burlington: Mayor

Emergency Management Commission: Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem

Convention and Tourism Bureau: Shane McCampbell

Des Moines County Solid Waste Commission: Becky Anderson, Jim Davidson

Downtown Partners: Bob Fleming

Economic Development Board: Becky Anderson

Resource Enhancement and Protection County Committee (REAP): Chris Reed

Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission: Jim Davidson, Bob Fleming

Renewable Energy Commission: Shane McCampbell

Southeast Iowa Economic Development Coalition (SEID): Chris Reed, Becky Anderson

Southeast Iowa Homeless Coordinating Board: Shane McCampbell

Assessorâ s Conference Board: Mayor, Bob Fleming

Enterprise Zone Commission: Shane McCampbell

Burlington Bees Association: Chris Reed, Jim Davidson
Flint Creek Advisory Committee: Chris Reed
Grade A Plus Board of Directors: Chris Reed, Shane McCampbell
Habitat for Humanity: Chris Reed, Jim Davidson
Steamboat Senior Citizen Corporate Board: Bob Fleming
Youth Commission: Shane McCampbell
Comprehensive Plan Committee: Becky Anderson
Sports Authority Commission: Chris Reed

DISCUSSION: Eric Renteria encouraged the City Council to take a broader approach

to appointing people to boards and commissions. He stated that Council should not consider Bill Ell to the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee as he was just recently involved with the Council. He stated that the average citizen is not made aware of openings. Council Member Reed stated that the application for

boards and commissions is on the City's website. He stated that the City Council is now inviting people who are being appointed to attend the City Council meeting that they are being appointed at. He stated that at work sessions the City Council reviews the applications prior to approving people at a City Council meeting. Eric Renteria stated that he would like to see the function of each committee/commission, the names and expiration of each person's

term and the minutes of the committee/commission on the City's website. Council

Member Reed asked if anyone at the meeting that were being appointed to stand up. Council Member McCampbell thanked Angela Beard for her passion toward animals. Keith Jacobs of 1412 Pine Street stated that he was being reappointed to the Renewable Energy Commission. He stated the need for energy independence.

Mayor Davidson stated that Bill Ell had asked the Council to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee and they felt with his expertise it was a good idea. Council Member Anderson stated that anyone from the public can attend the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee and can speak at those meetings. Eric Renteria stated that Bill Ell could also attend as the general public and speak. He stated that he felt appointing former Mayor Bill Ell to the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee creates a perspective of blocking the general public. He stated that Bill Ell could attend the meeting as a citizen and give his expertise instead of being appointed to the Commission. Mayor Davidson stated that he disagreed with Eric Renteria's perspective. Council Member Anderson stated that she hoped more people would attend the Comprehensive

Plan Advisory Committee meetings as they are welcomed to attend and speak. Council Member McCampbell questioned why not allow an extra person to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, as who sets the number of people that

can serve on that committee. The Planning and Development Director stated that through grants the City identified key groups that the City wanted to serve on the Commission. He stated that approximately 13-15 people serve on the committee and the general public is welcome to attend and give their input. He further stated that a website has been created just for the comprehensive plan at www.burlingtoncompplan.com. Eric Renteria urged the City Council to promote the January 11, 2012 meeting that the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee on the City's website to receive more public input. 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: Tim Scott of 2017 South 15th Street congratulated the new City Council and the challenges for the new year. He stated that the

developer of Mason Meadows has not constructed sidewalks. He stated that he previously had asked the City Manager about it four years ago and he was told that he was planning on writing a letter, then later he asked him and he again said he was planning on writing a letter. He stated that every house built in Mason Meadows received a certificate of occupancy so he questioned if the City can go back and have the developer build sidewalks. The Interim City Manager stated that the City had to go with a different law firm and that the City was working on the issue. Tim Scott stated the importance of tax abatement. He further stated that the City Council has a goal setting session and from that meeting a lot gets done. He reminded the City Council that it was their meeting

and not staff's goal setting session. He stated that in the past the facilitator met with staff first then those goals were brought before the Council. He stated that the Council was then walking behind staff and not leading, but being led. He also reminded the Council that the City's policy manual needed followed as they are the Council's policies for the staff to follow. He urged the Council to take back City Hall as it was theirs to deal with. Stan Stratton of 2809 Shamrock Drive stated that he was disappointed how the table in the Council Chambers was set up for the last work session with the Council's back to the audience. Mayor Davidson stated that the City Council w

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experimenting how they want to handle work sessions in the Council Chambers. Keith Jacobs of 412 Pine Street stated the importance of tax abatement as it helps people build homes. He suggested to the City Council that they annex Spirit Hollow as the homes were expensive and there would be a lot of money in property taxes to the City. He stated that he knew the City would have to run City services to those properties, but felt it would pay off. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

CITY MANAGER SEARCH: Council Member Davidson stated that Dr. Karl Nollenberger of Voorhees Associates has received to date 50 applications for City Manager. He stated that Dr. Karl Nollenberger was presently having preliminary phone interviews for the position. He further stated that there was still one week left for applicants to apply for the position. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Adjournment: 7:28 p.m.

Approved: January 16, 2012

Kathleen P. Salisbury, MMC
City Clerk

Jim Davidson
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 an Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation to Provide for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Funds to Construct a Sidewalk along South 14th Street from Parkway Drive to Koestner Street (Black Hawk Elementary School Sidewalk Extension Project)

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING: JANUARY 16, 2012

1. Consideration of Sale of Property Locally Known as 621 North 10th Street, City of Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa