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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BURLINGTON, IOWA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting No. 2
January 16, 2012

The Burlington City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall with Mayor Davidson, Council Members Anderson, Fleming, McCampbell and Reed 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 no separate discussion of these items. If discussion was desired, that item was removed from the Consent Agenda and was considered separately.

Introduced By: McCampbell Seconded By: Fleming
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. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - â AYESâ) CARRIED

PRESENTATION:
Veteran Services, Harlan Yoder, 1st District Commander, The American Legion

DISCUSSION: Harlan Yoder, 1st District Commander for the Department of Iowa, The American Legion, gave an overview with the City Council and the viewing audience

of what the American Legion stands for and how they help veterans. He stated that the American Legion Post No. 52 will be on the morning radio show on February 1, 2012 and will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, February 2, 2012

from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Memorial Auditorium. He encouraged all veterans to attend the event. He further stated that he would send information to the City Clerk so that it could be announced on Channel 18. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

HEARINGS:

1. Statement: Consideration of Plans and Specifications for the 2012 Crystal Drive Reconstruction

COMMENTS: The City Engineer reviewed with the City Council and the viewing audience the plans and specifications for the 2012 Crystal Drive Reconstruction Project. He stated that the project would be phased in two parts. He stated that there would be an incentive with a cap of \$10,000.00 for early completion. He stated that \$253,000.00 was budgeted for the project and the estimated cost of the project was \$249,000.00. He stated that bids would be received on

Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located at 2740 Mt. Pleasant Street (Fairway Center) from C-2, General Commercial to M-1, Light Industrial Zoning District from the first reading. Leon Shahan of 1821 Mt. Pleasant Street stated that he was against the rezoning because it would increase his taxes either directly or indirectly. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - â AYESâ)

CARRIED

Introduced By: Reed

Seconded By: Fleming

2. Motion for Waiver of Preliminary Consideration and Adoption of the Second Reading and for Final Adoption of an Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located at 2740 Mt. Pleasant Street (Fairway Center) from C-2, General Commercial to M-1, Light Industrial Zoning District

DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 5 - â AYESâ)

CARRIED

RESOLUTION:

Introduced By: Fleming Seconded By: Reed

1. Resolution of the City of Burlington, Iowa Authorizing the City Council to Execute Applications and Agreements Related to State and Local Programs to Assist Winegard Company in the Expansion of its Burlington, Iowa Plant

DISCUSSION: The Interim City Manager stated that the proposed Resolution authorizes the City Council to execute applications and agreements related to State and Local Programs to assist Winegard Company in the expansion of their plant through Targeted Jobs Withholding Tax Credit Program Financial Assistance and TIF Rebate. He stated that the City has done similar deals with Case New Holland and Federal Mogul. He stated that there was no up-front money by the City and no risk to the City either. He stated that the City would provide an annual TIF rebate to the company in the amount of 75% of the incremental taxes in years 1-5 and 50% of the incremental taxes in years 6-10. Eric Renteria of 907 High Street stated that he thought it was a great project. He suggested that the City have a stopgap measure to limit the amount of tax dollars that go into the Winegard Project. Council Member Anderson stated that it was not a set dollar amount but 75% rebate of which the City receives 25%. She stated that if

the dollar amount goes up then the City would receive more money. She stated that it was a great idea to ask for a rebate as Winegard Company could have asked for up-front money. Mayor Davidson stated that there was not a cost to the City, but will be revenue to the City instead. He stated that this was a Winegard Project and Winegard would receive the rebate from property taxes from what Winegard has paid in property taxes. Both Mayor Davidson and Council Member Fleming felt that Eric Renteria did not understand the numbers. Council Member Reed stated that if the City Council does not approve the project then 71

jobs would not be created. Council Member Anderson stated that she felt Eric Renteria was confusing the citizens. She stated that this was not costing the citizens of Burlington anything. She stated that the City canâ t lose what the

Y donâ t have. She stated that she was very proud that a local company plans on expanding their business in Burlington which would create more jobs here rather than in China. Jason Hutcheson of Grow Greater Burlington stated that this was the exact type of project that cities in Iowa would pursue. He stated that it was a redevelopment project, with an estimated 71 new jobs and \$15,000,000.00 in

capital investment by Winegard Company. Council Member McCampbell stated that his biggest issue was that it was a redevelopment and not a new development. He

stated that he would like to see a commitment from either the City or the Chamber if we don't have a place for these old businesses to go. He stated that at

outside of that he was in favor of the project. Jason Hutcheson stated that he hoped that every business that might be impacted will have a successful transition. Jeff Davis of 1826 Osborn Street stated that there were numerous empty buildings for displaced businesses to relocate. Leon Shahan of 1821 Mt. Pleasant Street stated that he was opposed to the project as he felt the City should not subsidize Winegard Company as they do not pay decent wages. Steven Zager of 5764 Flint Crest Drive stated that he was glad that Winegard Company picked Fairway Center to invest and redevelop as this would be a catalyst for new growth in other areas. He complimented the creative thinking that he was seeing tonight. He stated that he would like to see the City provide the same tax incentives to those that will need to relocate their businesses and he would

love to see it in the downtown. Eric Renteria of 907 High Street thought Winegard should purchase the Flint Hills Manor property and have those businesses relocate at the Flint Hills Manor to put that property back on the tax rolls. Council Member Anderson stated that there were already too many empty retail buildings. She stated that this will help tenants looking for renters. She further stated that this will also provide for a better chance of an outside developer to look at the Flint Hills Manor Property site when there are fewer commercial options available. Council Member Fleming urged the City Council to move ahead with the approval of the Resolution. 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: Stan Stratton of 2809 Shamrock Drive stated that he had attended the last work session and he heard that the City was borrowing \$1,000,000.00 for the Animal Shelter and then the Humane Society would pay it back. Mayor Davidson stated that the

Animal Shelter was listed on the City budget as a capital improvement project for \$1,000,000.00, but it does not mean the City is going to borrow \$1,000,000.00. The Planning and Development Director stated that there was a public meeting on January 12, 2012 at the Library to discuss the Comprehensive Plan Update. He encouraged everyone to fill out the online survey at www.burlingtoncompplan.com which will be available

through January 31, 2012. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

CITY MANAGER SEARCH: Mayor Davidson stated that the City has received 65 applications for the City Manager's position. He stated that two applicants have dropped out due to finding employment elsewhere. He further stated that the City Council will narrow the list down on January 30, 2012. All present had

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

Adjournment: 7:23 p.m.

Approved: February 6, 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

RESOLUTION:

1. Resolution Approving Final Acceptance and Release of Retention Monies for the

2011 HMA Resurfacing Project

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS: FEBRUARY 6, 2012

1. Consideration of an Ordinance Vacating and Selling the Alley Running from
Division Street to Elm Street, Between Main Street and South 3rd Street

2. Consideration of Sale of Property Locally Known as 316 Summer Street, City of

Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa