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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE BURLINGTON, IOWA CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting No. 9  
September 30, 2013

The Burlington City Council met in special session at 4:30 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers with Mayor Davidson, Council Members Anderson, Fleming, McCampbell and Reed present.

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE ACKNOWLEDGED

RESOLUTION:

Introduced By: Reed

Seconded By: Anderson

1. Resolution Approving Agreement with Venuworks of Burlington LLC for Contract Management of Auditorium and Port Facilities Continued from the September 16, 2013 City Council Meeting

DISCUSSION: The City Manager stated that the Steamboat Days Board met on September 25, 2013 to discuss the two options offered to them. He stated that the City was recommending Option A to the Steamboat Days Board. He explained that under Option A, Venuworks would hold the liquor license for both the Memorial Auditorium and the Port of Burlington year round and then would vacate the premise for 2-weeks for the Steamboat Days event. The Director of Administrative Services stated that the Steamboat Days full board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2013 where they will vote on the two options.

The City Manager stated that the City Clerk has suggested the Council let the issue die and then bring back the issue when a final agreement is reached, instead of keep continuing the agreement. He stated that Council could hold a special meeting on October 14, 2013 prior to the Work Session to approve the agreement. Council Member McCampbell asked for an explanation of the 3.5% increase for Memorial Auditorium and the 3.5% increase for Venuworks. The City Manager stated that the 3.5% was the fee structure increase for the facility over the next 5-years. He stated that the base management fee goes up 3% a year. He stated that was the fee that Venuworks would be receiving. He stated that any charges for renting out the facility would go in a separate checking account essentially in the City's name. He stated that the City then funds a proportionate amount to Venuworks that Venuworks would use for running their events, pay all of their expenses and management fee. Venuworks would minimize the City's subsidy over time based off of program income that comes in. Council

Member McCampbell stated his concern that the five-year contract with Venuworks could not be terminated until after three years. He stated that three years was

too long for the City to be locked in, should the City be unhappy with Venuworks. Council Member Reed stated that it would take Venuworks one to two years to get momentum going. Council Member Anderson stated that the Capitol Theater had to book events at the minimum 6-months prior to opening. Council Member Fleming stated that he was okay with the length of the agreement. Leon Shahan of 1821 Mt. Pleasant Street stated his concern that the Memorial Auditorium would be competition for other facilities in Burlington. All present

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

(VOTE: 5 - â NAYSâ )  
FAILED

ADJOURNMENT: 4:46 p.m.

APPROVED: October 7, 2013

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.)