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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BURLINGTON, IOWA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting No. 5
March 3, 2014

The Burlington City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall with Mayor McCampbell, Council Members Anderson, Fleming, Scott and Shockley present.

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

PROCLAMATION: American Red Cross Month - Bill Dideriksen

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: Shockley Seconded By: Fleming

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

DISCUSSION: Mayor McCampbell reviewed the items listed on the consent agenda to the viewing audience. Council Member Scott removed the Resolution Approving Appointments from the Consent Agenda for discussion at the close 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

HEARINGS:

1. Statement: Consideration of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget

COMMENTS: The Administrative Services Director reviewed the following items of the proposed fiscal year 2014-2015 budget: additional reductions for fiscal year

2014-2015; a projected fee increases of \$415,947.00; comparison of expenditures by program; capital projects; proposed property tax rate (\$15.93632 an increase of \$.13205); property tax rate calculated; how Burlington compares to other cities in Iowa with populations over 20,000; factors impacting the budget; taxable valuation; health insurance premiums projected to increase 4.1%; sewer fund (5.0% increase in sewer user fees July 1, 2014); hotel/motel tax fund \$742,00 in hotel/motel tax revenue and local option sales tax fund \$3,928,314.00

(budget decrease of \$403,510.00); sales tax fund. Leon Shahan of 1821 Mt.

Pleasant Street was opposed to the following: economic development; tax increment financing (TIF); sales tax fund and money spent on the war on drugs. Dave Myers stated that he knows of people that when one mate passes away, they lose their home because they cannot afford to pay their property taxes. Brandon

Howard, firefighter, representing Local 301, stated his concern that the Fire Department staffing level was going from ten men to nine men. He stated that

this change would be dangerous to firefighters safety and to homeowners. He urged the Council to keep the manning level at ten and have no more cuts to public safety. Council Member Scott stated that Brandon Howard referred to the Council as being cavalier or empathetic, which was the furthest thing from the truth. He stated that the City cannot afford all these luxuries. Brandon Howard stated that he was trying to drive home a point after listening to budget

debates. He stated that it was not meant as a personality attack. Council Member Fleming stated that he was not against public safety. Council Member Shockley stated that when she lived in the County she had limited fire protection. She further stated that she agreed with Council Member Scott that Council was not being empathetic. Council Member Scott stated that more cuts will have to be made in future years and the community will need to make decisions as to what services should be outsourced. He further stated that he was not picking on public safety but he has been trying to spread the pain through all departments. Mayor McCampbell stated that every department needs to

make sacrifices. Sandra Fullhart-Snyder stated that she was employed for the City of Burlington for fifteen years and she felt that cuts could be made without making cuts to the Fire Department. She stated that she was okay with combining the City bus with SEIBUS as there was only a handful of people using the bus other than children going to school. She stated that 75% of the people that use the bus receive their bus pass from welfare, SCC purchases bus passes for the work program or the unemployment office provides bus passes for people to find jobs. She further stated that half of the City vehicles do not get repaired by Vehicle Maintenance but are repaired by Centre State or Holtkamp. She further stated that a bus driver should never be paid more than a firefighter or a police officer. Mayor McCampbell stated that it would make sense that those that ride the bus are individuals that cannot afford a vehicle.

He stated that people that are on welfare were not lazy. He stated that most people that are on welfare are only on welfare for three years. He further stated that sometimes people need help. He also stated that he did not want to cut the Fire Department back to a staff of nine. He was hoping that the Fire Department along with other departments could come up with creative ways of making money. Council Member Shockley reminded the viewing audience that their tax bill includes the school district, County and City. She stated that property owners need to look at the big picture and realize when their property tax bill increases, it includes more than just the City. Council Member Anderson stated that the Council has had a lot of debate over the budget and she

felt that the entire Council was not 100% pleased with it. She stated that it was the best the Council could do and that she stated that she would vote in favor of the Resolution. She further stated that she hoped the Council could work on the budget throughout the year. Council Member Fleming stated that he would reluctantly vote aye as the Council needs to work together. He stated that he did not like the budget as he felt the tax levy should have been higher.

He stated that the City Manager had put together a good plan for the City and he felt the Council was moving away from that plan. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Scott
Motion to Close

Seconded By: Anderson

CARRIED

Introduced By: Scott
Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget

Seconded By: Anderson

DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 5 - â AYESâ)

ADOPTED

2. Statement: Consideration of a General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Loan Agreement in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$5,650,000 and Authorizing Use of a Preliminary Official Statement in Connection with the Sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2014A and General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014B

COMMENTS: Travis Squires, Senior Vice President of Piper Jaffray, reviewed with the Council and the viewing audience the following: review of pricing results; impact on fiscal year 2014-2015 budget and 5-year CIP; review of rating report and the next step (Issuance Resolution on March 17, 2014). He stated the City maintained their A2 rating with Moody's Investors Service. The true interest cost for the General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2014A was 3.3222% and the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014B was 1.2862%. He

stated that the overall rates were better than expected. He reminded the City Council that Moody's Investors Services would like the City to see improvements in their fund balances over the next five years. Council Member Shockley stated

that she was happy that the rates were lower than expected. Council Member Anderson stated that she read the Moody's Investor Services report and she felt

good about what they wrote about the management of the City. Council Member Scott praised the previous Council for a good job along with the management team. Leon Shahan of 1821 Mt. Pleasant Street asked what was the life expectancy of the debt. Travis Squires stated that this would shorten the City's debt. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Anderson Seconded By: Fleming
Motion to Close

CARRIED

Introduced By: Anderson Seconded By: Scott
Resolution Expressing Intent to Enter into a Loan Agreement, Approving Bond Purchase Agreement and Providing for the Levy of Taxes

DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 5 - â AYESâ)

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION:

Introduced By: Fleming Seconded By: Scott
1. Resolution Approving Final Plat of Second Addition to Stonegate Village Sunnybrook Addition Subdivision

DISCUSSION: The Development and Parks Director reviewed the final plat of Second Addition to Stonegate Village Sunnybrook Addition Subdivision. He stated that it was a long strip of land located on Indian Hills Drive. He stated that the final plat of First Addition to Stonegate Village Sunnybrook Addition Subdivision was approved by the City Council at the February 18, 2014 City Council Meeting. He stated that the property was owned by Mike Pierson, Incorporated. The property may be used for future expansion of Sunnybrook Assisted Living. 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: Scott

Seconded By: Fleming

2. Motion To Remove Denise Powell from the Human Rights Commission Appointment Consideration and to Approve All Others

DISCUSSION: Council Member Scott stated that he removed the Resolution Approving Appointments as he felt that it was important to mention that one of the people that was going to be appointed to the Human Rights Commission had referred to people that buy trash tags as pigs. He stated that he did not feel this was an appropriate attitude for someone that would be serving on the Human Rights Commission. He further stated that he would like to delay the appointment for future discussion by the City Council. Mayor McCampbell stated that he was fine

with delaying the action. 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: Scott

Seconded By: Shockley

3. Resolution Approving Appointments:

Human Rights Commission: Linda Robinson and Michael Wagner

Low Rent Housing Agency: Whitney Hollenbaugh

DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 5 - â AYESâ)

ADOPTED

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: Leon Shahan of 1821 Mt. Pleasant Street stated that when the water main recently broke in Burlington, it was not announced on the weather radio. The City Manager stated that the Superintendent of the Water Department has never dealt with an issue like this, so he did not contact everyone that was needed. He stated that the issue has been brought up at a recent staff meeting and the need to have a centralized way of notifying the public. He stated that the unfortunate thing is that if it doesnâ t happen in ten years, it may be forgotten again. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Adjournment: 8:07 p.m.

Approved: March 17, 2014

Kathleen P. Salisbury, MMC
City Clerk

Shane McCampbell
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 Amendment to the Agreement with Piper Jaffray and Company to Serve as Dissemination Agent for Secondary Market Disclosure
3. Resolution Approving the Design of the Facade for the Property at 501 Jefferson Street as Part of the Downtown Facade Project

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS: March 17, 2014

1. Consideration of Sale of Property Locally Known as 828 North 3rd Street, City of Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa
2. Consideration of Sale of Property Locally Known as 1405 South 12th Street, City of Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa
3. Consideration of an Ordinance Rezoning the Property at the NE Corner of Roosevelt Avenue and Market Street from R-4 Multi-Family Residential and R-3 Two-Family Residential to C-2, General Commercial with a Planned Unit Development Overlay Zone (Burlington Crossing PUD) as Allowed by the Zoning Code of the City of Burlington, Iowa
4. Consideration of an Ordinance Rezoning the Property at 1621 Dodge Street from R-2 Single Family Residential to R-4, Multi-Family Residential with a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Overlay Zone as Allowed by the Zoning Code of the City of Burlington, Iowa
5. Consideration of an Ordinance Rezoning the Property at 1911 Des Moines Avenue from R-2 Single Family Residential to C-2, General Commercial Zoning District