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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BURLINGTON, IOWA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting No. 29
March 2, 2015

The Burlington City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall with Mayor McCampbell, Council Members Anderson, Davidson and Fleming present. Council Member Scott was absent.

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

PROCLAMATION:

2014 Officer of the Year, Officer Chris Chiprez

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: Anderson 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. He removed the Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on March 16, 2015 for Consideration of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreements in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$2,400,000.00 from the consent agenda for discussion at the close of the meeting. Council Member Anderson 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.

(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

CARRIED

HEARINGS:

1. Statement: Consideration of Plans and Specifications for the 2015 Division Street HMA Resurfacing Project, STP Funding

COMMENTS: The Public Works Director reviewed the plans and specifications for the 2015

Division Street HMA Resurfacing Project, STP Funding with City Council and the viewing audience. He stated that the project would consist of resurfacing 175 feet from Leebrick Street to Marshall Street and 145 feet from Central Avenue to 6th Street. He stated that the bid opening was March 17, 2015 by the Iowa Department of Transportation. The City Manager stated that the total cost of the project was \$564,000.00 with \$396,000.00 funded with STP funds and the remainder will be funded with bond proceeds. Leon Shahan of 1821 Mt. Pleasant Street stated that the area that was going to be resurfaced had to be more than 175 feet as a City block is 600 feet long. The Public Works Director stated that the numbers were incorrect and it was actually six blocks of resurfacing. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Anderson Seconded By: Davidson
Motion to Close

CARRIED

Introduced By: Anderson Seconded By: Fleming
Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications for the 2015 Division Street HMA
Resurfacing Project, STP Funding

DISCUSSION: None.
(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

ADOPTED

2. Statement: Consideration of Budget FY 2015-2016

COMMENTS: The City Manager read his cover letter to the Mayor and City Council dated March 2, 2015 regarding the budget for fiscal year 2015-2016. The Director of Administrative Services stated that since the notice of hearing was published showing the budget the valuation has changed. She stated that there was a valuation increase of \$128,823.00 and a decrease in TIF valuation of \$693,379.00 and an overall debt valuation decrease of \$564,556.00. She stated that with the new valuations the City will receive \$513.00 less in property tax and will keep the property tax rate the same. She stated that the change was very insignificant. She reviewed the following items of the proposed fiscal year 2015-2016 budget: comparison of revenue by fund; total revenues \$47,090,372.00 (OpenGov); comparison of expenditures by program; total expenses \$47,055,173.00 (OpenGov); proposed property tax rate (\$15.93632, no increase); property tax rate calculated; how Burlington compares to other cities in Iowa with populations over 20,000; factors impacting the budget; taxable valuation; total property taxes (an increase of \$107,307.00); health insurance premiums projected to increase 2.9%, budgeted at 5%; general fund revenues by source; general fund expenditures by department; sewer fund (3.0% increase in sewer user fees as of July 1, 2015); solid waste fund (\$.25 increase (1.9%) in solid waste fee for July 1, 2015, \$13.50 per month from \$13.25); capital projects; hotel/motel tax fund \$770,000.00 budgeted in hotel/motel tax revenue (65/35 split between City and Convention and Visitors Bureau up to \$600,000.00, then 80% City and 20% Convention and Visitors Bureau); sales tax fund (local option sales tax revenue \$3,993.832.00, budget increase of \$65,518.00) and elimination of existing account deficits. Leon Shahan of 1821 Mt. Pleasant Street asked what the

City's plans were with the funds for the increased gasoline tax. The City Manager stated that there were no plans to make any changes to the present budget. He stated that the Public Works Department has requested maintenance work to be done, and that the fiscal year 2016-2017 budget there would be approximately \$350,000.00 more funds for capital projects. Leon Shahan asked what was the decreased in TIF. The City Manager stated that there was a property tax valuation decrease for Burlington Apartments (Hotel Burlington) and the former Ryan's Steak House. Mayor McCampbell stated that some communities are privatizing services. He stated that these were things the City may look at a later date. Larry Williams of 1567 Mason Lane stated that the Council worked together nicely on the City's budget. He stated that the building that is used by the Police Department was unsafe and there was an urgency to find the funds for the Police Department. Council Member Anderson stated that she was happy with the final budget. Council Member Davidson thanked the City Manager and the Director of Administrative Services for their work on the budget. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Fleming Seconded By: Davidson
Motion to Close

CARRIED

Introduced By: Fleming Seconded By: Anderson
Resolution Approving Budget FY 2015-2016

DISCUSSION: None.
(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS:

Introduced By: Davidson Seconded By: Anderson

1. Resolution Supporting the Brownfield/Grayfield Redevelopment Tax Credit Application by Hope Haven Area Development Center Corporation

DISCUSSION: The Development and Parks Director stated the proposed Resolution provides support of the Brownfield/Grayfield Redevelopment Tax Credit Application by Hope Haven Area Development Center Corporation. He stated that Hope Haven Area Development Center Corporation was applying for redevelopment tax credits to aid in the redevelopment of the vacant site at 617 Jefferson Street for the construction of a new Hopefully Yours thrift store. He stated that there was no financial cost to the City. Bob Bartles of Hope Haven Area Development Center Corporation stated that they were building a new thrift store at 617 Jefferson Street and by applying for the redevelopment tax credits they would receive part of their money back on the project. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

ADOPTED

Introduced By: Davidson Seconded By: Fleming

2. Resolution Approving Purchase of a 2015 Ford F-350 with Utility Box and Snow Plow for Public Works, Property Maintenance Division

DISCUSSION: The Public Works Director stated that the proposed Resolution provides for the purchase of a 2015 Ford F-350 with utility box and snow plow for Public Works, Property Maintenance. He stated that the purchase of the vehicle was over budget due to the box that was specified in the bid specifications. He stated that the box specified has a ten-year warranty compared to boxes the City has previously owned. He stated that the vehicle would be funded with road use tax funds. The City Manager stated that there were adequate funds in the road use tax fund to cover the shortfall. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

ADOPTED

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING: MARCH 16, 2015

Introduced By: Anderson Seconded By: Fleming

1. Consideration of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreements in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$2,400,000.00

DISCUSSION: Travis Squires, Senior Vice President of Piper Jaffray, presented the City Council with a handout and reviewed the following: general obligation debt; levy rate summary; abatement of G.O. debt; consolidated TIF valuation summary; consolidated TIF obligation and funding CIP program/G.O. debt. He stated that the proposed Resolution was setting the date for public hearings on March 16, 2015. He explained that the hearing on the general obligation corporate purpose loan agreement in a principal amount of \$1,700,000.00 was for the purpose of financing street improvements and acquiring a pumper truck for the Fire Department. He explained that the hearing on the loan agreement in a principal amount of \$700,000.00 for the general corporate purpose of making repairs to the Police Department. Council Member Anderson stated that she was happy to see that the City's debt was going down. Travis Squires stated that the City Council was executing the City's plan well for getting out of debt and have cash reserves. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

ADOPTED

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: Keith Turrill of 127 Greenwood Drive stated that two weeks ago a police officer came up to him on a public sidewalk screaming at him without addressing who he was and he did not see a badge number. He stated that later he found out it was Police Officer Josh Tripp. He stated that he does not expect that kind of behavior from a Police Officer. Mayor McCampbell stated that everyone had good days and bad days. Marlan McKee of 1121 South 12th Street asked if the City was going to purchase the U.S. Bank building for \$1,500,000.00 and then spend \$6,000,000.00 on renovations. Mayor McCampbell stated that the City was going to renovate the present Police Station. He stated that personally he would still like to purchase the U.S. Bank building. Marlan McKee stated that there was less parking at the

U.S. Bank than where the present Police Station is located. He stated that the City should have purchased the Washington School site, which was recently sold or purchase Perkins School. Council Member Davidson stated that the Council will have to look at options for the Police Station in five years. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Adjournment: 7:09 p.m.

Approved: March 16, 2015

Kathleen P. Salisbury, MMC
City Clerk

Shane A. 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 Establishing Two No Parking Areas in the 1000 Block of Doemland Street
3. Resolution Approving Purchase Agreement Between the City of Burlington and HR Green, Inc. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa for Professional Engineering Services for Belt Filter Press Room Modifications for the Burlington, Iowa Wastewater Treatment Facility

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS: MARCH 16, 2015

1. Consideration of Plans and Specifications for the 2015 Angular Arch Sewer Repair Project
2. Consideration of Plans and Specifications for the 2015 HMA Resurfacing Project
3. Consideration of Plans and Specifications for the 2015 MASL Sewer Separation, Market, Phase I

APPOINTMENTS:

Historic Preservation Commission: Barbara Nelson-Botts, Hal Morton and David Roed