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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BURLINGTON, IOWA CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting No. 7
March 9, 2015

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

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE ACKNOWLEDGED

PRESENTATION: Division Street RISE Grant (Ryne Thornburg & David Toyer)

DISCUSSION: The City Manager stated that the City Council held a special meeting

on February 12, 2015 and approved the preliminary design cost estimate for Revise Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Immediate Opportunity Grant Application. He stated that the final design cost estimate is now designed. He stated that a group was going to the Iowa Department of Transportation in Ames, Iowa as the IDOT will be considering the RISE grant application tomorrow. He stated that the City's match was \$400,000.00 and would be funded with TIF financing if IDOT

awards the grant. David Toyer, Economic Development Director for Greater Burlington Partnership, stated both Silgan Containers Manufacturing Corporation and the Public Works, Engineering Division had traffic concerns as Silgan Containers Manufacturing Corporation will have 70 trucks a day entering in and out of their site. He stated that Silgan Containers Manufacturing Corporation was also concerned about their employee parking lot entrance and exit off of Division Street as they want to be sure their employees will be safe. The City Engineer reviewed with Council and the viewing audience the map showing the final design for the RISE grant project. He stated that there were some concerns by Council about the proposed roundabout at West Avenue and West Burlington Avenue that will also include a slip lane. He stated that the City of Coralville presently had nine roundabouts and plan to have 15 roundabouts. He stated that a roundabout is safer than a four-way stop intersection. Mayor McCampbell had many questions about the roundabout. He questioned what the benefit was of a roundabout. The City Engineer stated that the benefit of the roundabout was that it keeps traffic moving and there were no traffic lights. Mayor McCampbell asked if there would be a problem for snow plows in the winter and also asked the Fire Chief if he was okay with the roundabout. The City Engineer stated that he was not aware of any problem. The Fire Chief stated that he did not have a problem with the roundabout. Council Member Anderson stated that personally she was intimidated by roundabouts. She stated that she would get use to it and she saw the benefits of constructing a roundabout. Council Member Fleming asked if Silgan Containers Manufacturing Corporation was fine with the construction of a roundabout. David Toyer stated that Silgan Containers Manufacturing Corporation was fine with the roundabout. Council Member Scott asked if the roundabout would be the same size as the roundabout on

the Winegard property. The City Engineer stated that the roundabout would be much larger, approximately 120-feet in diameter. Council Member Davidson stated

that roundabouts are terrific and it was a big step forward for the City. Council Member Scott stated that he did not mind roundabouts if they are

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

RESOLUTION:

Introduced By: Anderson

Seconded By: Scott

1. Resolution Approving Submittal of Final Design Cost Estimate for Revised Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Immediate Opportunity Grant Application

DISCUSSION: Larry Williams of 1567 Mason Lane stated that the roundabout will save the City the cost of traffic signals. He asked how the slip lanes would work as he felt there would need to be four-lanes. The City Engineer stated that there would be a transition area that traffic would be diverging from the main flow into the slip lane and a merging distance to be constructed. It will not be full four-lanes for very long, but more like merging onto the interstate but much slower speed limit. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - AYES)

ADOPTED

ADJOURNMENT: 5:06 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.)