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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BURLINGTON, IOWA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting No. 47
December 2, 2019

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 Billups and Graham-Murray present. Council Member Wilson was absent. Council Member Rinker arrived to the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR'S AWARDS:

- * Cheryl "Sharon" Hopkins
- * Nicolette Rose Dunn-Critser

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: Graham-Murray Seconded By: Billups

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

(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

CARRIED

HEARING:

1. Statement: Consideration of Sale of Vacated Portion of Former Alley Right-of-Way Located North of the Property at 2408-2410 Flint Hills Drive, City of Burlington, Iowa with Conditions

COMMENTS: The Development and Parks Director stated that the City had vacated the alley on March 19, 1984 by Ordinance No. 2758. He stated that the owner of 2408-2410 Flint Hills Drive has trees that are difficult to reach to trim and would like to purchase the vacated alley for \$1.00.

He stated that the City has limited access and it is a liability for the City, so he recommended approval of the sale. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Billups
Motion to Close

Seconded By: Graham-Murray

CARRIED

Introduced By: Billups Seconded By: Graham-Murray
Resolution Approving the Sale of a Vacated Portion of Former Alley Right-of-Way
Located North of the Property at 2408-2410 Flint Hills Drive, City of Burlington, Iowa
with Conditions

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

ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS:

Introduced By: Rinker Seconded By: Billups

1. Resolution Approving an Agreement Between the City of Burlington, Iowa and Alliant Energy Incorporated for All Night Lighting Service on Highland Avenue

DISCUSSION: The Assistant City Manager for Public Works stated that a property owner has requested the installation of a new street light on Highland Avenue. He stated that the street light would be a mid-block street light installed on an existing pole. He stated that initially he was not recommending approval of the installation of the all night lighting service, but he has recently spoken with the Police Chief who felt that the area is quite dark at night. He stated that was now not opposed to the all night lighting service on Highland Avenue. Council Member Graham-Murray stated that she lives on Highland Avenue and without a light it is very dark. Council Member Billups stated that Alliant told him once the older light bulbs burn out Alliant will replace the old lights with new LED lights. He stated that he would be voting in favor of the all night lighting service on Highland Avenue. Council Member Rinker stated that his only concern was setting a precedence for other streets. He stated that he would love to light up the entire community, but financially it was not feasible. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

ADOPTED

Introduced By: Rinker Seconded By: Graham-Murray

2. Resolution Approving Finishing the Former Grier's Restaurant for a New Senior Center

DISCUSSION: The Assistant City Manager for Public Works stated that proposed Resolution provides up to \$35,000.00 to be spent to bring the former Grier's Restaurant to be useable space by the Senior Center. He stated that the following work would be performed: concrete work to raise lower floor level to the rest of the room; raise the swinging door between the back and front rooms; build counter walls and install casework; painting and add sink using existing

penetrations with floor work. He stated that there was an existing stove at the Senior Center that will be used at the depot for the seniors. He stated that the City will be taking quotes for the work. Council Member Graham-Murray stated that the space may not be a long term space for the senior center and felt they could be moved to the other end of the depot once it is remodeled. Mayor McCampbell stated that the former Grier's Restaurant was a great long term location for the Senior Center and he urged the seniors to not let anyone push you out. He further stated that parking was good for the seniors at the depot. Council Member Billups stated that he was recently at the depot and it was nice and warm with lots of room. He stated that Burlington Riverfront Entertainment (BRE) was willing to work with the seniors if they need to ever use their space. Council Member Rinker stated that he plans to vote no on the issue, but he was excited for a couple of reasons, helping the seniors with their high utility bill and not having to replace the roof at the present location. He stated that he would be voting no on the Resolution for the following reasons: when the City Council invested money in the depot they originally told the public that the Council that they were going to be doing something different with that space and that he feels the City Council needed to follow through with it; the City Council needed to find a better long term situation, looked at future budgets and better situations. Mayor McCampbell stated that when the City Council decided to whitebox Grier's it was not whiteboxed for a specific restaurant, but to get it back in action. He stated that there was no guarantee there was going to be a restaurant in Griers. Council Member Rinker stated that he felt it was the City Council's intent that a restaurant would be in the depot. Council Member Graham-Murray stated that the depot was worth saving. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 3 - "AYES" Billups, Graham-Murray and McCampbell
1 - "NAY" Rinker)

ADOPTED

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: Pat Abel of Quail Ridge Drive stated that she appreciated the City Council working with the seniors on finding a place for them to meet. Helen Rawlings, President of the Senior Center stated her appreciation to the City Council for their hard work with the seniors and she stated that the seniors enjoy having a senior center. She asked if the seniors are still able to use their parking passes downtown prior to moving to the depot. Mayor McCampbell and Council Member Billups stated that the City Council had decided to let the seniors use their parking passes until their move to the depot. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Adjournment: 6:06 p.m.

Approved: December 16, 2019

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 Approving Purchase of Replacement 6,000 lb. Fork Lift for Public Works
3. Resolution Amending Fees and Charge Schedule at Flint Hills Municipal Golf Course
4. Resolution Authorizing Assignment and Assumption of Lease Associated with Purchase of Real Property Locally Known as 123 North 5th Street, Burlington, Iowa

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS: DECEMBER 16, 2019

1. Consideration of an Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located at 313 North Roosevelt Avenue, Zoned C-2, General Commercial, to Also Include R-4, Multi-Family Residential and a Planned Unit Development Overlay Zone as Allowed by the Zoning Code of the City of Burlington, Iowa
2. Consideration of General Obligation Loan Agreement in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$4,855,000.00