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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BURLINGTON, IOWA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting No. 29
March 7, 2005

The Burlington City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall, Council Chambers with Mayor Edwards, Council Members Baker, Ell, Campbell and King present.

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

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 not separate discussion of these items. If discussion was desired, that item was removed from the Consent Agenda and was considered separately.

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

DISCUSSION: Mayor Edwards 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.
(VOTES: 5 - ?AYES?) CARRIED

HEARINGS:

1. Statement: Consideration of Plans and Specifications for the 2005 ACC Resurfacing Project

COMMENTS: The Public Works Director reviewed the plans and specifications for the 2005 ACC Resurfacing Project with the Council and the viewing audience. He stated that there were approximately 25 blocks of streets that would be resurfaced. He stated that the estimated cost of the project was \$644,700.00 with \$650,500.00 budgeted for the project. Funding for the project would consist of \$415,500.00 in local option sales tax monies and \$235,000.00 in general obligation bonds. He stated that bids would be received on March 23, 2005 and the project would be awarded on April 4, 2005. He further stated that the project could be completed the summer of 2005. Francis Daniel of 705 South Street questioned when South Street from Main Street to Summer Street would be resurfaced. The Public Works Director stated that the project was original planned for the summer of 2004 but the project had to be re-bid due to high bids. He stated that the project would be rebid by the Iowa Department of Transportation on April 22, 2005 and the project awarded in May 2005. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Motion to Close CARRIED
Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications for the 2005 ACC Resurfacing Project

DISCUSSION: None.
(VOTE: 5 - ?AYES?) ADOPTED

2. Statement: Consideration of Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget

COMMENTS: The City Manager reviewed the following items of the proposed fiscal year 2005-2006 budget: who receives your tax dollar; total expenditures \$31,913,235.00; State actions impact the budget; rollback percentages by property category; property valuation increase of \$5,253,480.00 totaling \$556,932,746.00; Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa impact 24.92% to 28.21% or \$171,535.00; use of sales tax offsets rate by \$3.03; emergency management fund \$31,745.00 or \$0.57 per \$1,000 valuation; tax levy rate \$14.83; tax levy rate proposed increase \$0.60; property tax asking; impact of tax increase; impact of rollback; general fund program/service cuts; general fund tax reductions; road use tax fund \$85.50 per capita; local option sales tax distribution; fee increases; proposed CIP for 2005-2006; actual CIP budget for 2005-2006; health insurance rates increase only 2%; and the new proposed tax rate of \$14.75. The Deputy City Manager reviewed how Burlington compares with other communities of similar size; general fund State impacts; general fund revenue changes; historic employment data; historic valuation and tax rate comparison; historical budget allocation; and ?possible? budget reductions. Keith Jacobs of 1412 Pine Street suggested Council look at alternative energy system, or buy-out. Dave Hanrahan of 709 Oak Street questioned if the trolley was considered an abandoned vehicle. The City Manager stated that the trolley

runs and was sitting on private property. He stated that the City has authorized DPI to sell the trolley and pay back the loan with the proceeds. Edward Zeman of 607 South Starr stated that there was a need for City employees and the benefits they receive. He felt the tax increase was needed in order to keep City employees and City services. Leon Shahan of 1821 Mt. Pleasant Street felt the City could quit re-paving Jefferson Street; close the Airport and the bus system; drop the lawsuit with Burlington Northern and quit spending money on economic development. He further spoke regarding health care and prescription drugs. Rod Kellogg of 722 South Garfield stated that he agreed with the comments made by Mr. Zeman. Council Member Baker stated that she hoped she has asked enough questions and has been an asset to the Council. Council Member Ell stated that he was going to vote for the tax increase because if you would cut seven librarian assistants the doors to the library would have to close and he was not interested in closing Memorial Auditorium. He further stated that eliminating five police officers or firefighters would also have a huge effect on the residents of the City. Council Member Campbell questioned how much it would cost to wait on the purchase of a new aerial truck for the Fire Department. The Fire Chief stated that the present aerial truck was a 1976 American LaFrance and that the City was wasting money on repairs to a truck that needs to be replaced. Council Member Campbell stated that there could be further savings in health care cost, pay scales, support staff cuts, operational library increases and the keeping of City vehicles longer than anticipated. Council Member King stated that the library budget increase were wages that were negotiated by the union. Council Member Ell stated that the Library Board had promised no increase in operations, which would exclude personnel costs. Mayor Edwards stated that the City cannot eliminate quality of life issues. He felt things would be better the next one to two years. The Mayor and the entire Council thanked the City Manger, the Deputy City Manger, department heads and the unions for putting together the budget. Upon closing the hearing, Council Member Ell introduced the Resolution adopting the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 with new tax rate of \$14.75. Mayor Edwards seconded the Resolution and the Resolution was unanimously adopted. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Motion to Close CARRIED

Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget With New Tax Rate of \$14.75

DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 5 - ?AYES?) ADOPTED

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: None.

Adjournment: 9:03 p.m. Approved: March 21, 2005

Kathleen P. Salisbury Mike Edwards
City Clerk, C.M.C. Mayor

(See tapes 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 Recognizing the Burlington Sister Cities Organization as the Official Sister Cities International Chapter Representative for the City of Burlington, Iowa
2. Resolution Approving Renewal of Taxi Cab/Vehicle for Hire License for Robyn Canova dba/A2Z Taxi and Delivery Service
3. Resolution Approving Renewal of Taxi Cab/Vehicle for Hire License for Charlie Manes dba/C Yellow Cab
4. Resolution Finding the Amount of Cost to be Assessed Upon Acceptance of the Completion of the Work on the 2004 Alley Reconstruction from Garfield Avenue to 124 Feet West of Perkins Avenue, Between South Street and Pine Street Assessment Project and Providing Notice Thereof

5. Resolution Adopting the Final Assessment Schedule for the 2004 Alley Reconstruction from Garfield Avenue to 124 Feet West of Perkins Avenue, Between South Street and Pine Street Assessment Project and Providing the Number of Installments the Interest Rate of Unpaid Installments, the Time when Such Assessments are Payable and Providing Notice Thereof
6. Resolution Authorizing the Filing of An Application with the State of Iowa and Southeast Iowa Regional Planning for STP Funds for Improvements Along Summer Street on Behalf of the City of Burlington
7. Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a TIP Revision Request for the 2006 Sunnyside Avenue HMA Resurfacing Project to Increase the STP Funds Available for the Project
8. Resolution Approving Purchase of One-Case Model 440 Skid Steer Loader and One-Used Cronkhite Equipment Trailer
9. Resolution Approving and Authorizing A Loan Agreement and Providing for the Issuance of A \$700,000 General Obligation Library Note