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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE BURLINGTON, IOWA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting No. 2  
January 21, 2020

The Burlington City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall with Mayor Billups, Council Members Graham-Murray, Maupin and Rinker present. Council Member Critser arrived at 5:32 p.m.

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

PROCLAMATION OF RETIREMENT:

\* Terri Norton, Records Clerk

PROCLAMATION:

\* Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Former Mayor Shane A. McCampbell

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: Maupin

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

DISCUSSION: Mayor Billups reviewed the items listed on the consent agenda to the viewing audience. Council Member Graham-Murray announced those individuals appointed to various City commissions and boards. Chris Roepke of 2228 Madison Avenue requested the removal of the Resolution Approving an Agreement with Snyder and Associates for Engineering Services Related to Design of Traffic Signal Improvements for the Roosevelt Corridor 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

ORDINANCE:

Introduced By: Rinker

Seconded By: Critser

1. Motion for Preliminary Adoption of the Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Mayor and Council Compensation Provisions of the City of Burlington, Iowa, Code of Ordinances

DISCUSSION: The City Manager reviewed the proposed Ordinance Amending the Mayor and Council Compensation Provisions of the City of Burlington, Iowa, Code of Ordinances with the City Council and the viewing audience. He stated that presently the Mayor receives \$550.00 monthly and the City Council members receive \$500.00 monthly. He stated that the proposed Ordinance would provide for the compensation of \$10,000.00 yearly for the Mayor and \$9,000.00 yearly for a City Council member. He stated that at the beginning of each fiscal year following the effective date of the Ordinance, the compensation for the Mayor and City Council Members would be adjusted by a percentage equal to the increase, if any, in the consumer price index for all urban consumers for the Midwest region as determined by the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. He stated that such increases shall be calculated by the change in the consumer price index for the twelve-month period beginning eighteen months prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year and ending six months prior the beginning of the new fiscal year, however, the adjustment shall not exceed 3%. He stated that the proposed Ordinance would be effective at the beginning of the term of the City Council members elected at the 2021 regular City election (January 2022). Chris Roepke of 2228 Madison Avenue spoke against the proposed Ordinance amending the Mayor and City Council's compensation. He stated that it is a service position and felt it would be better if the Mayor and City Council were paid for mileage reimbursement. Council Member Rinker stated that Chris Roepke made some good points, but mileage reimbursement would take a lot more time to figure out. He stated that the reason for the increase was for those that have to leave work to attend meetings. Council Member Critser stated that he gives up both his time and income to serve on the City Council. He stated that \$500.00 in the 1990's would be \$1,000.00 now. Council Member Graham-Murray stated that she liked that Chris Roepke was thinking out of the box. Mayor Billups stated that the Ordinance was last amended in 1981 and 1997. He stated that former Mayor Shane A. McCampbell had brought up the issue after serving on the City Council for 8-years. He stated that he would support the proposed Ordinance. Council Member Maupin stated that he has spoken with several people in the community and they were in favor of the proposed Ordinance. He stated that he has gone back and forth on the proposed Ordinance. He stated that he was unsure at this point how he will vote on the final adoption. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 3 - "AYES" Rinker, Billups and Critser  
2 - "NAYS" Graham-Murray and Maupin)

CARRIED

RESOLUTION:

Introduced By: Critser                      Seconded By: Graham-Murray

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

DISCUSSION: The Assistant City Manager for Public Works stated that the City operates and maintains infrastructure on Stonegate Center Drive, but were not maintained by Alliant Energy and, therefore, privately operated. He stated that Alliant has installed the street lights and will maintain the street lights. He stated that he recommends approving the two street lights for all night lighting service. Council Member Rinker asked what would be the benefit of accepting the street lights. The City Manager stated that the street lights now meets the City’s specifications. Mayor Billups stated that the old lights made the street dark. Council Member Critser stated that the street was dark. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - “AYES”)

ADOPTED

Introduced By: Billups                      Seconded By: Graham-Murray

2. Resolution Approving an Agreement with Snyder and Associates for Engineering Services Related to Design of Traffic Signal Improvements for the Roosevelt Corridor

DISCUSSION: The Assistant City Manager for Public Works stated that the City applied for and received the Iowa’s Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) funding for the improvement of the traffic signal system and the traffic signal communication system along Roosevelt Avenue. He stated that the agreement with Snyder and Associates was for engineering services for the improvements. He stated that the project costs was \$171,000.00. Council Member Graham-Murray stated that she was for saving gas and emissions. Chris Roepke of 2228 Madison Avenue stated that he was against using TIF monies for the project. He also asked who controls the signals on Roosevelt Avenue at Division Street. The Assistant City Manager for Public Works stated that the IDOT has oversight as they own the roadway. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - “AYES”)

ADOPTED

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: Chris Roepke of 2228 Madison Avenue submitted a letter concerning the bike lanes on Madison Avenue stating his concern for the safety of children using the bike lane on Madison Avenue. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Adjournment: 6:23 p.m.

Approved: February 3, 2020

Kathleen P. Salisbury, MMC  
City Clerk

Jon Billups  
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 Demolition and Nuisance Abatements for Various Properties
2. Resolution Approving Final Acceptance, Final Payment and Release of Retention Monies for the 2018 Front Street Hawkeye Arch Sewer Repair Project
3. Resolution Approving an Agreement Between the City of Burlington, Iowa and Alliant Energy Incorporated for All Night Lighting Service on the 700 Block of Maple Street Between South 7<sup>th</sup> Street and South 8<sup>th</sup> Street
4. Resolution Awarding Contract for the 2020 Auditorium Electrical Repairs - First Floor and Two Lower Levels Including the Tunnels
5. Resolution Awarding Contract for the 2020 Auditorium Interior Repairs - First Floor and Lower Two Levels Including the Tunnels
6. Resolution Approving the City of Burlington to Financially Support an Application to the Iowa Finance Authority for the Purpose of a Homebuyer Subrecipient Program
7. Resolution Approving Development Agreement with Partners, Inc. for the Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program Project at 300 Washington Street, Burlington, Iowa

APPOINTMENTS:

Low Rent Housing Agency: Jeff Burkhart, Ann March and Rachel Lindeen

Riverfront Advisory Committee: Sid Carter and Doug Smith