

CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021

Present were Council President Jankowski and Councilmembers Bialkowski, Pacino, Briggs, Canale, Christian, and Viele. Councilmembers McGinnis and Karas were absent.

Call to Order

Council President Jankowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Pacino read a Memorial Day poem and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

Phil Boyd, 4 Hart St, wanted to bring the idea of a 9-hole disc golf course into one of the city parks. He noted that many other municipalities have them and asked why the City of Batavia shouldn't be one of them. He noted that all of the courses are sponsored by a business so there is no cost. Mr. Boyd stated that he just needed permission from the City to put in the course and felt it would take, at most, three weeks to install. He also felt that Centennial Park could hold an 18-hole course.

Council Response to Public Comments

Council President Jankowski suggested he contact the City Manager and present the specifics and then Council could consider the project as a whole. Councilmember Bialkowski asked what would be the cost of insurance. Mr. Boyd noted that he would have to look into it. Councilmember Canale noted that it was like having a playground in the park with regards to the insurance. He also felt it was a great idea.

Communications

Just Kings submitted an application for a chicken BBQ on Saturday, May 29th at 1:00pm in Williams Park. Council approved.

Blue Pearl Yoga submitted an application for one hour yoga classes in Centennial Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:00pm from June 1 to September 30th. They were made aware that August 5th was not available because of the Corporate Cup event there that same evening. Council approved.

An application was received for GLOW OUT 5K on Thursday, June 10th from 6:30 – 8:30pm. The race would begin and end at Centennial Park and follow the same route as the Corporate Cup. Council approved.

An application was received for GLOW OUT parade on Saturday, June 12th from 10:00 – 11:00am. The parade would start at Alva Place and end at Dwyer Stadium. Council approved.

An application was received for Home to Home Concert Series on Saturday, July 3rd from

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1:00 – 5:00pm in Jackson Square. This is part 1 of a series of concerts sponsored by the McDonalds, Chamber of Commerce, and Go Art. Council approved.

The Genesee Symphony Orchestra submitted an application for their 75th anniversary kickoff and logo reveal on Saturday, July 17th from 4:00 – 7:00pm in Austin Park. Council approved.

Councilmember Bialkowski noted that the RSVPs for the parade have been poor but the parade is all set and Ray Tourt had received permission from the state.

Council President's Report

Council President Jankowski announced the next regular City Council Business meeting to be held on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:00pm at the City Hall Council Board Room, 2nd Floor, City Centre.

Budget Amendments for Parking Lot Projects

Mrs. Tabelski requested \$70,000 from parking lot reserves to pave certain parking lots in the City. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Casella Waste Management of NY – Collect Trash from City Parks and Downtown

Mrs. Tabelski noted that she had received an offer from Mr. Pero to have Casella service the parks and downtown trash as a free service to the City. Councilmember Canale asked if we enter into this agreement would we be discontinuing the carry in/carry out policy. Mrs. Tabelski said that would still continue in the pavilions. Councilmember Canale noted that Casella wants to label the garbage cans and he didn't want to set a precedent to advertise organizations who want to donate a service to the City. He didn't want to turn the City into a billboard and asked if there was a way to get out of the agreement if it didn't work out. Mrs. Tabelski noted there was an out clause in the agreement. Councilmember Christian noted that she had received some calls about this and residents were very upset about it since Mr. Pero's company never put a fence up, trash was often not picked up, and odors occurred. Councilmember Pacino noted that she received three calls from people who said not to do this. Councilmember Viele noted that Casella owns the business, Mr. Pero just works for them, and it's not just his business with a new name. He didn't think we should judge the new company based on the old. Councilmember Canale thought it was a great gesture and the City can get out of it at any time. Councilmember Bialkowski noted that we would need to spell things out and asked what color the receptacles would be and how often they would be emptied on Main St. Mr. Tourt noted that they would be painted dark blue and they would be emptied weekly. He also noted that the receptacles in the parks during summer would be emptied daily by DPW. Council President Jankowski didn't want other companies to get mad because they aren't getting publicity but thought this was worth a try. Other councilmembers noted that no one else had offered. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Audit Committee – Appoint Members to Various City Committees/Boards

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this was done annually to appoint the committee. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Executive Session ... Employment Matters

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion of Councilmember Pacino

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 105(1)(f), of the Public Officer's Law permits the legislative body of a municipality to enter into Executive Session to discuss "...the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation..."and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Batavia, that upon approval of this Motion, the City Council does hereby enter into Executive Session.

Seconded by Councilmember Christian and on roll call approved 7-0. Council entered executive session at 7:22 PM and ended at 8:13 PM.

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Conference Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J. Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**