

# **CITY OF BATAVIA – SPECIAL CONFERENCE MINUTES MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021**

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

In attendance from the City of Batavia were Raymond Tourt, Captain Herberger, and Assistant Chief Camp.

## **Call to Order**

Council President Jankowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

## **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Council President Jankowski led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Communications**

Batavia Brewing Co / Eli Fish Brewing Co submitted an application for Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 4:00 PM in Jackson Square. There will be food, drinks, and live music. Council approved.

Council President Jankowski noted that he and other councilmembers had received several e-mails regarding disc golf. He wasn't sure what the misunderstanding was because there had been no decisions made yet. He noted that all correspondence and information was supposed to be given to the City Manager to be vetted and make sure any decisions were a good fit for the City and that process has not yet started. He stated that Centennial Park would be taken off the list as a location consideration. Mrs. Tabelski noted that there hasn't even been a review yet, Mr. Boyd understood that Centennial Park wasn't a good fit, but maybe a park outside the City but still in the County was a better option. Councilmember Christian noted that she didn't want Farrall Park considered as a location either. Councilmember Canale noted that his constituents usually are quiet and he thanked them for weighing in. He noted that the gentleman who was proposing the idea, Mr. Boyd, was an upstanding guy and agreed to pull Centennial off the table. Councilmember Canale hoped the City could help Mr. Boyd find a spot for disc golf to be played.

## **Council President Report**

Council President Jankowski announced that the next City Council Conference and Business Meeting would be held on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Centre.

## **Public Hearing to Provide Information to the Public on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program**

Mrs. Tabelski explained that the project was to upgrade water lines on Jackson Street and grants like this help keep rates low.

Councilmember Bialkowski made a motion to open the public hearing, the motion was seconded by Councilmember McGinnis, and on roll call, approved 8-0.

There were no speakers.

Councilmember Karas made a motion to close the public hearing, the motion was seconded by Councilmember Canale, and on roll call, approved 8-0.

## **Public Comments**

Carl DeLuca, 25 Ellicott Ave, noted that most of the speakers were there to address an issue already taken off the table but proceeded to give facts about Centennial Park. He noted that disc golf would occupy 2/3 of the park and would be a permanent impediment.

Linda Daviau, 16 Park Ave, noted that she didn't use the park much but enjoyed seeing it used by so many. She stated that she was surprised to hear from so many Councilmembers and received very thoughtful responses from them. She felt it was important to keep Centennial Park a green space and thanked Council for all that they do for the citizens.

Judy Sikora, 32 Park Ave, echoed Linda's comments and she also appreciated Council's responses to them. She noted that she didn't anticipate being listened to like they have been and then gave a petition to Mrs. Tabelski signed by those in support of keeping the entire park free and open and able to be used by all. She noted that Centennial Park was a life saver for many of them especially during COVID and felt the disc golf course should be a dedicated course in a non-residential area. She noted that Mr. Boyd was very bright and enthusiastic and that she wasn't opposed to disc golf but was in support of a park she loved. She also thanked the grounds keepers of the parks.

Judy DeLuca, 25 Ellicott Ave, read a couple of articles about the use of green space to help reduce stress. She noted that there were so many connections between health and green space.

Karen Vasser, 15 Lincoln Ave, noted that she grew up in Centennial Park, her and her family love it and felt it deserved to continue to be as pristine as it is today.

John Roach, 116 Grandview Ter, noted that Matt Worth had said the City was getting money to repave Richmond Ave and Harvester Ave and wondered if that was still moving forward. He also asked if anyone had talked to the County about possibly getting rid of the old Brisbane mansion and the jail together since the County is being required to build a new jail.

### **Council Response to Public Comments**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that the Harvester and Richmond projects were still moving forward. Mr. Tourt noted that they were under design now and construction would be in 2022. Councilmember Bialkowski thanked everyone for showing up as it was nice to hear good feedback from the public. Council President Jankowski noted that they hadn't even begun the process of the disc golf idea so wasn't sure how it got so out of control but the Centennial Park issue was addressed.

### **Submission of A Community Development Block Grant – Consolidated Funding Application for Jackson Street**

Mrs. Tabelski explained that there had been a public hearing so asking Council to move the resolution to the business agenda immediate following. Council agreed.

### **Introduce an Ordinance Amending Chapter 190 Entitled Zoning of the City of Batavia Municipal Code to Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Batavia and to Schedule a Public Hearing**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this was to rezone 211 and 211 ½ East Main Street from P2 to C3 and set the public hearing. She noted that it was approved by the County with no comments. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

### **Amend the 2020-2021 Police Department Budget to Reflect STOP-DWI Grant in the Amount of \$32,981**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this was a grant from the County and this would reflect the receipt of this grant in the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

### **Amend the 2021-2022 Police Department Budget to Reflect Additional STOP-DWI Grant Funds in the Amount of \$2,400**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this was for additional funds for enforcement. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

### **NYS Main Street Technical Assistance Grant Application – Brisbane Mansion**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that discussing the disposition of the Brisbane building with the County was a great idea and reiterated that the Brisbane building was dated and operations were very difficult. She noted they needed to find a re-use for it and wanted to put out an RFP but wanted to make sure it is attractive to the marketplace. She wants to preserve it as an historical building. She noted that the BDC would submit the application but it needs municipal approval which this resolution would accomplish. She noted that this grant would determine if there are enough elements to qualify as historical. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

### **Police Station Flat Roof Replacement**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that a resolution was needed to award the bid for the flat roof replacement. She noted that no bids had been received yet but wanted to have the resolution ready when they did come in so they could act quickly on the replacement. This will move to the business agenda once a bid has been selected.

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**Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Heidi J Parker  
Clerk-Treasurer**