

**CITY OF BATAVIA – SPECIAL CONFERENCE
MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019**

Present were Council President Jankowski and Councilpersons Bialkowski, Briggs, Pacino, McGinnis, Tabelski, and Christian. Councilperson Canale arrived at 7:05 PM and Councilperson Viele arrived at 7:10 PM.

Call to Order

Council President Jankowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilperson Tabelski led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Session – Collective Bargaining

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion of Councilperson Pacino

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 105(1)(e), of the Public Officer’s Law permits the legislative body of a municipality to enter into Executive Session to discuss “...collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law...” 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 Councilperson Bialkowski and on roll call approved 7-0.

Council voted in executive session to close the meeting and resumed the open business meeting at 7:16 PM.

Schedule Public Hearing – Community Block Development Grant (CDBG)

Mr. Moore noted that this item would move to the business meeting immediately following so a public hearing for the CDBG Grants could be held on April 22nd. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

Foreclosure Property Auction

Mr. Moore noted that the City auctioned five properties and they were vetted for unpaid taxes and code violations. He noted that no issues or concerns were found from the Clerk’s office, Inspection, or the Police department. In order to close as soon as possible on the properties, Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

Transfer of Reserve Funds

Mr. Moore explained that this was a transfer of payment for retirement contribution and there were sufficient funds in the reserves to cover the payment. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

IAFF Collective Bargaining Agreement

Mr. Moore noted that the City came to a tentative agreement for this agreement with the fire department, the IAFF ratified the agreement and it would provide a 2.65% raise for the next five years amongst other items. Mr. Moore noted that also included was the addition of two more firefighters to the staff by the end of the agreement and he recommended approval. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement

Mr. Moore explained that this was a one year agreement with a 3% increase, a better scheduling plan for vacations and extra bereavement day. Mr. Moore noted that they have more to work on which is why it's only a one year agreement for now. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

Genesee County Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative (PAARI) Program

Chief Heubusch noted that we are in an opioid epidemic and to try to assist with getting a handle on it learned about the PAARI program. He noted the police department is looking to partner with GCASA to assist with getting someone help if they come into the police department and ask for help with their addiction. John Bennett, GCASA, explained how the program started, provided statistics, and noted that the unique part about their program was the involvement of the fire department as well. Mr. Bennett noted that he wrote a grant to help support this program. The program director from GCASA, Rosalie, noted that they got \$75,000 from the Genesee County Health Department for this year and have five other grants they are trying to pull fund from for some of the other costs like transportation. She did note that overtime can be reimbursed and that whenever the police or fire call, someone from GCASA would come within 1 – 2 hours to pick up the person and get them the help they want. Mr. Bennett noted there are two places in Rochester and Buffalo where the people can be taken. Chief Heubusch noted that this is for people who really want to get help because they are coming in on their own and it's not a get out of jail free card. He was asking Council for a business agreement to allow the City to share private information with GCASA in hopes of reducing crime and create healthy habits. Chief Napolitano felt it would enhance the quality of our community and the quality of life for the person seeking help and their families. He noted he was working with Rosalie for some funding for fire department modifications and though people may feel more comfortable coming there because they don't have arresting powers. Councilperson Canale asked if there was only one phone call the City departments had to make – to GCASA – and the answer was yes. Chief Heubusch noted that the City doesn't have to find beds and that is all handled by GCASA. Councilperson Bialkowski confirmed that the police officer would be out of service until GCASA comes to pick up the person. Chief Heubusch noted that that was correct but they are out of service for any call they receive so it would be no different.

Councilperson Bialkowski asked about the fire department personnel being out of service. Chief Napolitano noted that was why they would need modifications for a vestibule and waiting area. Councilperson Christian asked what if the person is out of control as she was concerned for the safety of the City's police and fire staff. Chief Napolitano noted they would then call the police for assistance as they would in any situation. Chief Heubusch noted that these people would be coming in on their own free will and if they want to leave then they can leave. He noted that his staff was trained to handle all types of people and if they get out of hand they may be arrested and dealt with as a law enforcement matter. Chief Napolitano stated that using Narcan is more dangerous since those people are coming out of an overdose. Councilperson Tabelski felt it was a great collaboration and wondered how long it would take to get the word out to the public. Rosalie noted that they have a marketing plan to spread the word. Councilperson Canale felt this was an effective way to make the City a safer place to live. Council President Jankowski asked what the time frame was and why the push to move this forward. Rosalie noted that the funding ends in June and they need to show that they are making progress. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

Repayments from Revolving Loan Funds

Mr. Moore noted that, regarding the small cities fund, the state would take back any repayments unless we have a resolution in place each year indicating the projects the funds will be spent on. He noted that the projects must be CDBG eligible. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

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Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J. Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**