

CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014

Present were Council President Hawley and Councilpersons Canale, Doeringer, Briggs, Pacino, Deleo and Cipollone. Councilpersons Jankowski and Christian were absent.

Call to Order

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

Public Hearing

- a. Ordinance #2-2014 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 190 Entitled “Zoning” of the City of Batavia Municipal Code to Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Batavia.

Councilperson Briggs made a motion to open the public hearing, the motion was seconded by Councilperson Deleo and on roll call, approved 7-0. There were no speakers. Councilperson Doeringer made a motion to close the public hearing, the motion was seconded by Councilperson Deleo and on roll call, approved 7-0.

Public Comments

Sam Barone, 156 State St, was concerned about the timing of the Memorial Day parade because there were other service organizations having ceremonies taking place at the same time as the parade. He noted that he would like to participate in both and suggested changing the time of the parade to a later time to give the residents a chance to attend both events.

Council Response to Public Comments

Councilperson Pacino noted that she had tried very hard to coordinate the times and that Memorial Day activities used to be amazing. She noted that they would try to change the times and the other organizers would change their times to be right in the middle of the parade. She explained that she would love to have people go to both if they could. She asked Mr. Barone to talk to whoever he could to see if that could happen.

Communications

The First Presbyterian Church applied to have a Crop Walk on Saturday, April 26, 2014 that would begin at 9:30am at the church at 300 East Main St. Council approved.

Councilpersons Pacino and Cipollone submitted an application for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2014 on Main Street from East Town Plaza to Summit Street. The parade would begin at 10:00am. Councilperson Pacino encouraged all to attend and noted that she wanted the kids to understand why they were not in school that day. Council approved.

Living Waters Apostolic Ministries was looking to hold Christian worship and sermons, family activities and food at Austin Park on Sunday, July 27, 2014 from 9:00am – 8:00pm. Council approved.

Council President Hawley noted that the Youth Recognition Banquet was being held on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at Terry Hills. He noted that if anyone was interested in attending they could see him or any member of the Youth Board.

Committee & Board Appointments

Mr. Molino noted that they would need Council volunteers for the audit advisory committee and that whoever was interested should see Councilperson Briggs. He noted that there was also a need to appoint a member to the BID board and Larry Barnes to be reappointed to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Transfer from Employee Accrued Liability Reserve

Mr. Molino noted that the transfer would account for the compensated absence payouts at year end and recommended taking the funds from reserves so it didn't affect the bottom line. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

Auction Properties

Mr. Molino noted that on March 15, 2014, four properties were sold and that code enforcement was looking into any violations on other properties owned by the potential buyers. Councilperson Deleo asked if the City could take title on the foreclosure properties sooner. Mr. Molino noted that they were looking into increasing the timeline with vacant homes but there was a strict guideline to follow for foreclosed homes. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

Surplus Vehicles & Equipment

Mr. Molino noted that they had equipment to be declared surplus and provided a list. Councilperson Cipollone asked if the vehicles would be the first to be sold through the online auction. Mr. Molino noted that there had been online sales before and that the staff tries to decide what will get the best exposure. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

Business Improvement District Agreement

Mr. Molino noted that the BID had a district assessment that got relieved onto the properties within the BID district. He noted that the City collected the assessment and remitted it to them annually. He noted that the BID didn't get their money until three months into their fiscal year and asked if the City could remit the funds on May 1st instead of July 1st. He noted that there was no financial concern from the City with regards to cash flow. Councilperson Canale asked if a whole new agreement had to be done or if we could just amend the old one. Councilperson Doeringer asked if the 60/40 split would change. Mr. Molino noted that it was recommended to do a new agreement

and that the split was a separate issue and would not change. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

Executive Session ... Litigation and Employment Matters

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion of Councilperson Pacino

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 105(1)(d), of the Public Officer's Law permits the legislative body of a municipality to enter into Executive Session to discuss "...proposed, pending or current litigation...".

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...".

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 Briggs and on roll call approved 7-0.

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Councilperson Pacino commented that when you are appointed to a committee to please attend and report back to Council. She also noted that the BID was interested in having more people aware of what was going on and invited other Council and the public to join her at their meetings.

Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J. Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**