

CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2014

The conference meeting of the City Council was held Monday, July 14, 2014 at 7:40 PM immediately following the business meeting in the Council Chambers, One Batavia City Centre, Batavia, New York, with Council President Hawley presiding.

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

Call to Order

Council President Hawley called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Public Comments

None.

Council Response to Public Comments

None.

Department of Public Works Projects

Sally Kuzon, Director of Public Works, explained that they were demolishing the salt barn, salt was being stored at the County, and they were building a new barn. She noted that the bids for the construction were due back by August 1st. She also noted there were three water projects – valve replacement, re-roofing of the water plant, and reinforcement of pipe gallery in the basement of the water plant. She explained that specs were being developed to go out to bid and she would have an update in September.

Water Rescue Grant

Jim Maxwell, Fire Chief, wanted to submit a grant for throw bags for emergency response vehicles, inflatable boats, suits, etc. He noted they would be requesting \$100,000 from NYS and there was no match requirement from the City. Councilperson Doeringer asked what the money was that was in the budget already. Chief Maxwell noted that the budgeted funds were for training. Councilperson Cipollone asked how many water rescues they performed and Chief Maxwell noted there were eight in the County and four that were in the City.

Housing Grant Consultants

Mr. Molino noted that they received a housing grant in April, two RFP's were out, and they would have recommendations at the August 11th meeting.

Cable Television Advisory Board

Mr. Molino noted that there was going to be a transfer from Time Warner to Comcast and that a new franchise agreement would have to be prepared to update the language and definitions within the current agreement. Mr. Molino wanted to advertise for volunteers on the Cable Television Advisory Board and noted that Comcast wasn't in compliance with the current agreement which was 10 years expired. Councilperson Jankowski asked if there was anything in the terms about a public access channel so there was the ability to have a studio for the public to air information. Mr. Molino noted there was a public access, educational and governmental channel. Councilperson Christian asked if the City was owed any franchise fee. Mr. Molino wasn't aware of any outstanding amount due and that the cable franchise fee was received annually. He noted that he wanted to identify what constituted the term revenue so the City could maximize what it received. Councilperson Doeringer asked if the City could entertain other cable companies and if the City could regulate what channels were available. Mr. Molino noted there would be a franchise agreement with any cable company that would come in and that no company could be exclusive. He also noted that the City could not determine channel packages.

Executive Session ... Litigation

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...".

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 Cipollone and on roll call approved 8-0.

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Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J. Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**

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