

CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015

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

Call to Order

Council President Pro Tem Canale called the meeting to order immediately following the business meeting at 7:40 PM.

Youth Board Appointments

Mr. Molino noted that there are two youth appointments to be made to the youth board. All were in favor of moving the item to the next business agenda.

Fire Department Equipment Surplus

Mr. Maxwell, Fire Chief, noted that he wanted to surplus old cameras as new ones had been purchased. Councilperson Deleo made a motion to move the item to the next business meeting, motion seconded by Councilperson Cipollone and all were in favor.

Budget Adjustments

Mr. Molino noted that there were random adjustments to receive revenue that weren't expected, like insurance reimbursements, and this would clean up and take care of those. Councilperson Deleo made a motion to move the item to the next business meeting, motion seconded by Councilperson Cipollone and all were in favor.

Ice Rink Equipment Replacement

Mr. Molino noted that the City was responsible for certain parts of ice rink equipment, the main computer system needs to be replaced, and that is the City's responsibility to replace it. He noted that the computer system was about 10 years old. Councilperson Christian thought it was great that they came in under budget. Councilperson Briggs made a motion to move the item to the next business meeting, motion seconded by Councilperson Doeringer and all were in favor.

Grit Pump Replacement Project

Matt Worth, Director of Public Works, noted that part of the capital improvement program was to replace grit pumps and they were scheduled for replacement. He noted that he expected to have bid results at the next business meeting. Councilperson Deleo made a motion to move the item to the next business meeting, motion seconded by Councilperson Cipollone and all were in favor.

Summit Street Reconstruction Project

Mr. Worth noted that the project continued to move forward, the City takes the lead on these type of projects and this resolution was the latest agreement with New York State to move to the next step of the project. Mr. Worth explained the meetings that had been had with the public to show them their properties and how they would be affected. Councilperson Jankowski thanked Mr. Worth for a good job on his communication to the public regarding this project. Councilperson Deleo made a motion to move the item to the next business meeting, motion seconded by Councilperson Pacino and all were in favor.

Distressed & Abandoned Properties Initiatives

Mr. Molino provided an update and noted that, in October, the Governor signed the City's home rule legislation into law and that it was the first of its kind in the state. He noted that he had met with Rhonda Saulsbury and Gretchen Difante about updating forms for the project. Mr. Molino also noted that he had recently had discussions about regional land banks which allowed not-for-profits to take title to properties without liability and get them back into circulation. He noted there would be more meetings with other counties who already have land banks to see if it was something the City could participate in. Councilperson Deleo asked of land banks offer any teeth to help expedite the process of holding banks accountable. Mr. Molino noted that the Zombie Law would provide the teeth and that a land bank is primarily just a holding company for the properties.

Empire Telephone Corporation Easements

Mr. Molino noted that there had been a request for an easement to lay fiber optic cable and the easement had been reviewed by the attorneys. Councilperson Jankowski noted that he was getting a lot of questions about when the agreement would be resolved and if there was any end in sight. Mr. Molino noted that there was no timetable. Council President Pro Tem stated that he believed the City was still in negotiations with Empire. Mr. Van Nest noted that the same counsel working with Time Warner is working with Empire and there are still unresolved issues. He noted they were not easy negotiations. Councilperson Jankowski noted that he wanted something on the next executive session for an update. Councilperson Deleo made a motion to move the item to the next business meeting, motion seconded by Councilperson Pacino and all were in favor.

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MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion of Councilperson Pacino

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 105(1)(h), of the Public Officer's Law permits the legislative body of a municipality to enter into Executive Session to discuss "...the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof...".

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 City 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 all approved.

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Dan Fischer, WBTA, noted that Joanne Beck of the Daily News was leaving and he wished her luck in her new endeavors.

Conference Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**