

CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016

Present were Council President Jankowski and Councilpersons Canale, Hawley, Viele, Briggs, Pacino, McGinnis, Christian and Tabelski.

Call to Order

Council President Jankowski called the meeting to order immediately following the business meeting at 7:25 PM.

Surplus Equipment Disposal

Matt Worth, Director of Public Works, noted that there was some equipment being replaced so they were getting rid of the old equipment. He noted this was just to declare the old surplus so it can be disposed of through an auction, etc. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

Grants

Mr. Molino noted that there were two grants that he would like to apply for. The first was a CDBG housing rehab grant and the application was due at the end of September. He noted that grant would benefit very low to low income families and would be for up to \$24,000 per house. He noted that the City had been successful in receiving these funds in the past.

The other grant was Restore NY and the City had received funds in the last round of that grant. He explained that there was remaining funds so the grantors created another round and it allowed you to do things that other grants haven't allowed. Mr. Molino noted that the project the City submitted their intent letter for was the Ellicott Station and it fit well into this grant. He stated that the maximum amount of the grant was \$500,000 and that was what the City would apply for. Mr. Molino felt there was a high probability of getting funded for both grants.

Councilperson Hawley asked when the grant winners would be announced. Mr. Molino noted that they didn't really tell you specifically but probably by the end of the year or spring. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

Police Facility

Mr. Molino explained that the City Attorney and he had been working on a strategy to move forward with the police facility and that the property owner wasn't ready to sell yet but he may be ready in a few months. Another option was eminent domain which is the municipalities right to take property but it involved public hearings, appraisals, and possibly the appeals process. Mr. Molino noted that a third option was to move forward with further analysis of other locations. He noted that we have looked at needs, locations, put together a task force and provided recommendations and that a lot of work has already

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been done on this project. Councilperson Christian stated that she was upset over the whole thing and felt it was mind boggling that a couple of people don't know if they want to sell so now we're on hold. Council President Jankowski explained that the owners were notified after the site was selected by the task force and thus Councilperson Christian apologized to the owners. Council President Jankowski noted that the process needed to be opened and should include the committee that worked on it already. Councilperson Pacino suggested checking with the task force to make sure we aren't starting from the ground floor as they may have some insight before we waste time on things they've already done or considered. Mr. Molino noted that he would communicate with the task force by the next meeting and there may need to be a budget adjustment for architects or engineers to do some work. Council President Jankowski noted that he didn't want to sit around and do nothing.

Executive Session...Personnel Matters

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion of Councilperson Pacino

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 Canale and on roll call approved 9-0.

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Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J. Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**

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