

CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017

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

Call to Order

Council President Jankowski called the meeting to order immediately following the special business meeting at 7:40 PM.

Public Comments

None.

Council Response to Public Comments

None.

Communications

None.

Council President Report

Council President Jankowski announced that the next regular City Council Business meeting would be held on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall Council Board Room, 2nd Floor, City Centre.

Public Hearing

- a. A Public Hearing to Introduce 2017/2018 Budget Ordinance

Motion by Councilperson Viele to open the public hearing, seconded by Councilperson Pacino and on roll call approved 9-0. There were no speakers who signed up in advance or from the audience who wanted to speak. Motion by Councilperson Tabelski to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilperson Bialkowski and on roll call approved 9-0.

- b. A Public Hearing to Propose Local Law No 2 of the year 2017 Amending Section 184-41 (A), (B), (C), and (O) of the Batavia Municipal Code to Establish New Water Rates, Meter Fees and a Capital Improvement Fee

Motion by Councilperson McGinnis to open the public hearing, seconded by Councilperson Briggs and on roll call approved 9-0. There were no speakers who signed up in advance or from the audience who wanted to speak. Motion by Councilperson Viele to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilperson Tabelski and on roll call approved 9-0.

- c. A Public Hearing to Propose Local Law No 3 of the year 2017 Entitled Amending the Business Improvement District Plan

Motion by Councilperson Pacino to open the public hearing, seconded by Councilperson McGinnis and on roll call approved 9-0. There were no speakers who signed up in advance or from the audience who wanted to speak. Motion by Councilperson McGinnis to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilperson Pacino and on roll call approved 9-0.

- d. A Public Hearing to Provide Information to the Public on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Motion by Councilperson Briggs to open the public hearing, seconded by Councilperson Bialkowski and on roll call approved 9-0. There were no speakers who signed up in advance or from the audience who wanted to speak. Motion by Councilperson Christian to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilperson Canale and on roll call approved 9-0.

Appointment of Members to Various City Committees/Boards

Council President Jankowski noted that there was a recommended appointment to the Youth Board. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

Annual Financial Audit Request for Proposal

Mr. Molino noted that the finance department did an RFP for audit services, five firms submitted proposals, and he recommended Freed Maxick for a 5-year agreement as they had the lowest price. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

Summit Street Final Change Orders and Cost

Matt Worth, Director of Public Works, noted that the Summit St project was completed at the end of summer and there was a large change order at the end for a net change of approximately \$90,000. He noted that the project was still significantly under budget and still less than the second lowest bidder and felt it was a successful project. Council President Jankowski asked if Council could see a map of the Big Ditch. Councilperson Pacino thanked Mr. Worth and stated that it was beautiful. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

Year-End Close Out Resolutions

Mr. Molino noted that there are always a few resolutions at the end of the year to close out that year and suggested they be moved forward to the March meeting. Council approved moving the item forward to the next business meeting.

Lime Sludge

Mr. Worth noted that there were two bids – one for sludge removal and one for chemicals. He noted that he would come to Council with recommendations and both bids were lower than prior years. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

New York State Liberty Act

Mr. Molino noted that Council has asked for some information and provided a summary and some sponsors of the New York State Liberty Act. Councilperson Christian asked for a resolution opposing our state being a sanctuary state. Councilperson Bialkowski noted that Assemblyman Hawley voted against it. Council President Jankowski stated that the Senate wasn't even considering the bill so it shouldn't go anywhere. Councilperson Christian still wanted a resolution sent to the state officials. Councilperson Tabelski stated that he wouldn't be opposed to such a resolution.

Councilperson Christian made a motion to have a resolution opposing the New York State Liberty Act on the next business meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Viele and on roll call approved 9-0.

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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...".

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 9-0.

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Councilperson Christian asked for someone to look into the underpasses on Ellicott St because they are crumbling.

Conference Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**

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