

# **CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES**

## **MONDAY, July 10, 2017**

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

### **Call to Order**

Council President Jankowski called the meeting to order at 7:48 PM immediately following the business meeting.

### **Stormwater Capital Plan**

Mr. Molino noted that they were in the process of selecting a consultant and it would probably take a year to develop the capital plan.

### **Draft Comprehensive Plan**

Mr. Molino noted that over the past 18 months the steering committee had been meeting with the consultant to develop the comprehensive plan. He explained that it was last updated in 1997 and there were a lot of meetings to review input from the community and other resources. He noted that this would give guidance as to where the community is going. Councilperson Viele noted that he was concerned with the suggestion of changing the East Main St zoning from industrial to commercial. Mr. Molino suggested a work session with the planning board to explain why they made those recommendations. He reminded Council that the comprehensive plan was all recommendations and they weren't tied to any of the suggestions by approving the plan. Council President Jankowski thought it was a good idea to meet with the planning board as he definitely had some questions about some of the comments as well. Councilperson Bialkowski asked how much public participation had gone into the draft. Mr. Molino stated that there were two open houses, public surveys and meetings with several groups. He felt they probably had the most engagement from the public on this project than any other. Councilperson Briggs noted that a majority of Council didn't want to change the East Main St area to commercial so concerned with their suggestion to do so. Mr. Molino noted that the zoning change recommendation was made well before the De Paul project came forward so recognized that it may be hard to dismiss that project from people's minds when considering a change for that location. Mr. Molino suggested having questions in advance for the planning board so they could prepare answers. Council President Jankowski asked Mr. Molino to pass Council's questions to the planning board so they could prepare for the meeting. Council agreed to move the item forward.

### **NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Grant**

Chief Heubusch noted that they participated in Operation Safeguard and a grant was awarded in June for overtime related to this program. Council agreed to move the item forward.

### **City Manager Compensation**

Council President Jankowski noted that the resolution was to increase the City Manager compensation by 2.75% based on his positive performance evaluation. Councilperson Christian stated that she wasn't in favor of the 2.75 increase during the budget and would rather see a specific dollar amount. Councilperson Bialkowski noted that Council does have a contract that was entered into with Mr. Molino based on performance evaluations and felt it was two-faced to give a good performance evaluation but not give the corresponding raise. He felt Council should meet their obligations and not back out on a contract. Council President Jankowski noted that they were working on other ways to deal with these contracts going forward. Councilperson Canale noted that the raise is included in the budget that was passed and this was not additional money coming out. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting in September.

### **City Council Time Sheets**

Mrs. Difante, Assistant City Manager, noted that NYS law requires those in the NYS Retirement System to provide time sheets and there were two Council members in the system. She noted Council just needed to vote to approve the plan. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

### **Title VI Plan**

Mrs. Difante noted that if the City receives transportation funding they would need to adopt the Title VI plan. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

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**Conference Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM on the motion of Councilperson Bialkowski, second by Councilperson Canale and approval, 8-0, on roll call.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Heidi J. Parker  
Clerk-Treasurer**

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