

CITY OF BATAVIA – SPECIAL CONFERENCE MINUTES MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021

Present were Council President Jankowski and Councilmembers Bialkowski, Briggs, Christian, McGinnis, Pacino, Canale, and Karas. Councilmember Viele was absent.

In attendance from the City of Batavia were Raymond Tourt, Captain Herberger, Lisa Casey, Lisa Neary, and Chief Heubusch.

Call to Order

Council President Jankowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Bialkowski read a prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

Michael Barrett, 204 Richmond Ave, suggested contacting the ambulance service to see if they could just turn their sirens on in higher traffic area and not the whole drive from the airport into the City. He also noted that he owns Batavia Marine Sporting Supplies and has a problem with the Dunkin traffic. He noted that there is no room for his customers due to the line of traffic for Dunkin.

Council Response to Public Comments

Mrs. Tabelski remembered looking into the sirens before and believed they were required to have them on for insurance purposes but would look into the traffic patter with Dunkin. Council President Jankowski thought maybe the ambulance could take a different route instead of route 98 all the time. He noted they would at least be notified that there had been a complaint.

Proclamation

Councilmember Pacino presented a proclamation to a representative from the Batavia Business and Professional Women's Club for their dedication to helping others. She congratulated the group and offered best wishes as they celebrate 100 years of its founding.

Communications

Batavia Players/Main St 56 Theater submitted an application for a downtown holiday event in the City Centre Concourse on December 3rd, 4th, 10th and 11th. The Friday times would be 9:00am – 9:00pm and Saturday from 9:00am – 4:00pm. It would be a holiday craft and gift sale with vendors and musical events on stage. Council approved.

Great Lakes & Attica Central Model Railroad Club was looking to hold their picnic at Farrall Park on Thursday, August 19th from 6:00 – 8:30pm. They would need to contact dispatch to have the restrooms opened. Council approved.

Batavia Police Department submitted an application for a Community Night Out on Tuesday, August 10th from 5:30 – 8:00pm at City Church at St. Anthony's on Liberty St. The event is to enhance relationships between law enforcement and the community. Council approved.

Batavia Players/Main St 56 Theater submitted an application for a summer youth theater performance on Friday and Saturday, August 27 and 28 from 7:00 – 9:00pm and Sunday, August 29 from 2:00 – 4:00pm on the City Centre stage. Council approved.

GO ART! requested to hold an art festival on Saturday, September 11th from 11:00am – 4:00pm in the City Centre parking lot and Bank St. There will be music, vendors, art classes and demonstrations, food trucks and other events. Council approved.

The Batavia Business Improvement District submitted an application for a wine walk on Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 4:00 – 8:00pm around the downtown businesses. Council approved.

Council President Report

Council President Jankowski announced that the next City Council Business Meeting would be held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Board Room, 2nd Floor, City Centre.

Council President Jankowski again reminded everyone of the Community Night Out which would be held August 10th as mentioned above in communications.

Unlocked baseball fields – Mrs. Tabela noted she continues to get complaints of the public baseball fields being locks. She noted that City staff has been contacted at three times to come and unlock the field used by Batavia Youth Baseball. She noted that they and others have done a great job with keeping the fields looking nice but have had to do extra clean up from dogs that have been walked through the fields. She asked that if you take your dog for a walk through the fields to please clean up after them. Council President Jankowski noted that he wants people to be able to use the fields and not have to climb over the fence to get in and was directing the City Manager to continue to keep the parks unlocked so that they are accessible to everyone.

Public Hearing to Provide Information to the Public on An Ordinance Amending Chapter 190 Entitled "Zoning" Of the City of Batavia Municipal Code to Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Batavia

Councilmember Canale made a motion to open the public hearing, the motion was seconded by Councilmember Karas, and on roll call, approved 8-0.

There were no speakers.

Councilmember Canale made a motion to close the public hearing, the motion was seconded by Councilmember McGinnis, and on roll call, approved 8-0.

SEQR for 211 and 211.5 East Main Street

Mrs. Tabelski noted that the rezone will change these parcels from P2 to C3 but prior to that change, the municipality needs to make a SEQR determination. She asked for this to move to the September meeting. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

Zoning Amendment 211 and 211.5 East Main Street

Mr. Van Nest noted that this was the resolution to actually amend the zoning for those parcels. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

SEQR Lead Agency Jackson Square

Mrs. Tabelski recommended approving the City as the lead agency under SEQR as required by the DRI Grant for Jackson Square as this will create an aesthetically pleasing entertainment center. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

SEQR Determination Jackson Square

Mrs. Tabelski noted that after the review is complete, a negative determination will need to be made to move forward. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee – Police Traffic Services Program Grant

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this was a grant amounting to \$12,936 for police traffic safety. Chief Heubusch noted that the City was awarded this grant and it has to be signed by the Council President, not just a department head as in the past. He also noted that this was a reimbursed grant. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

Amend the 2021-2022 Fire Department Budget for Receipt of a Car Seat Grant

Mrs. Tabelski explained that the fire department had received \$3,000 for child safety seats and would do safety seat inspections around Wortzman's parking lot. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

Submission of 2021 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant

Mrs. Tabelski asked Council to support an application for a TAP grant for the Bank St corridor between Main St and Washington Ave. She noted that the City has been successful with these grants in the past. Mr. Tourt noted that this would address the crosswalk issue as well. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

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Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**

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