

# **CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES**

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021**

Present were Council President Jankowski and Councilmembers Bialkowski, McGinnis, Briggs, Viele, and Karas. Councilmember Canale and Pacino were absent. Councilmember Christian has resigned due to change of address on November 15, 2021.

In attendance from the City were Captain Herberger, Lisa Neary, Dawn Fairbanks, Ray Tourt, Chief Heubusch, Assistant Chief Camp, and Jill Wiedrick.

### **Call to Order**

Council President Jankowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Viele led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comments**

None.

### **Council Response to Public Comments**

None.

### **Communications**

None.

### **Council President's Report**

Council President Jankowski announced the next regular City Council Conference and Business meeting to be held on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7:00pm at the City Hall Council Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Centre.

Proclamations for Rose Mary Christian were presented by the County Legislature, Assemblyman Hawley, and Councilmember Briggs.

Representing the County were Legislatures Stein, Clattenburg, Deleo and Maha. Legislature Stein noted that, since 1992, Councilmember Christian had supported ideas her constituents came forward with. She noted that the legislature commended Rose Mary on her loyalty to the City and offered heartfelt wishes in the future. Legislature Clattenburg noted that it had been a privilege to serve with Councilmember Christian and work with her. She noted that she got results and thanked her for her tireless work.

Assemblyman Hawley couldn't remember a time when Councilmember Christian wasn't on Council. He noted that she believed in folks no matter who they were. She noted that it was a great honor to have known her all these years.

Councilmember Briggs noted that on November 15, 2021, Councilmember Christian retired her seat. She noted that Councilmember Christian quickly became a staunch advocate for the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, believed in a neighbor-helping-neighbor way of life, and won eight consecutive elections. Councilmember Briggs presented the proclamation to Councilmember Christian on behalf of the entire City Council and congratulated her on her retirement.

Ms. Christian thanked all of her family, especially Raelene who she said has always been with her and helped her, noted that it was an honor and a privilege to serve the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, and thanked her colleagues. She read her wished for the City and thanked the departments. She also thanked the administration because they have the City in good, working condition. She noted that she respected each colleague and wished them well.

Council President Jankowski presented a proclamation for retiring District Attorney Lawrence Friedman. Council President Jankowski noted that DA Friedman gave 40 years of dedicated service and began as ADA in 1980. He noted that DA Friedman prosecuted many high profile city cases and helped bring about justice for countless victims. Council President Jankowski offered his sincere thanks for DA Friedman's dedicated service to the community. DA Friedman stated that this meant a great deal to him, he noted that he always worked well with the City, City Manager Tabelski, Attorney Van Nest and the police department. He also thanked his staff.

### **Schedule 2022 Council Meetings**

Mrs. Tabelski presented the schedule for the 2022 Council meetings and noted that the three councilmembers could be sworn in at the Clerk's Office before the first meeting of 2022 and would do ceremonial swearing-ins during the meeting. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

### **Bond Authorization for Harvester Richmond Street Improvements**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this was for the Harvester Richmond street projects. She noted they were looking for \$3.6 million with 80% from grant funding and the other 20% from other highway and Marchiselli funds. Mr. Tourt explained the reason for the increase in the bond amount.

### **Bond Authorization for Design, Engineering and Architecture Services for the New Police Facility**

Mrs. Tabelski explained that the City would utilize a BAN for this portion of work and once final cost was known, would bond for 30 years. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

### **Contract with Architecture Unlimited for Project Management / Owners Representative Services Related to the New Police Facility**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this would be the first contract of many and this one was to have Architecture Unlimited for the life of the project. She noted that they completed the

feasibility study as well and the total cost was \$370,000. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

### **Surplus of Police Car**

Chief Heubusch noted that they needed to surplus a 2015 police interceptor utility. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

### **Amend the Budget to Recognize VLT Revenue and Purchase Equipment for Emergency Personnel**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that, with the VLT revenue, the City wanted to purchase equipment for police and fire. The purchases would be eight computers, including installation, and portable radio replacements. Interim Chief Herberger noted that they would replace bail out systems for the fire department as mandated by state law and also replace fire helmets. Council agreed to move the item to next business meeting.

### **Ellicott Trail Easement – Graham Property Creek Park**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this was the final easement to take over from the Town of Batavia from the Ellicott Trail project. Council agreed to move the item forward.

### **BOA Pre-Development Services Contract with LaBella**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that, after review, LaBellas was selected to do BOA pre-development services for sites. She noted this would be used for activities at the City Centre and the entire campus and parking and would include the Harvester project as well. Council agreed to move the item forward.

### **Reclassify Human Resource Position**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that, for several years, the duties and responsibilities of the HR Specialist has increased, including assisting the City Manager with negotiations and civil service. After review of the job, it was determined this was the work of an HR Director, not a specialist, and the change would be effective as soon as passed. Council President Jankowski noted that he has seen this position grow, it is a lot of work, and this is a long time coming. Council agreed to move the item forward.

### **Rezoning of 145 and 147 Pearl Street – referral to City Planning & Development**

Mrs. Wiedrick noted that this proposed rezoning is because the property is not listed as being residential and should be. Councilmember Briggs thanked Mrs. Wiedrick for her quick response on this matter. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

### **Contract with Survey Firm for Bank and Alva Place – New Police Facility**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this is for land survey work at Bank and Alva and would like this

done before the architectural and engineering firm is hired. She noted that they did an RFP and awarded to the lowest bidder. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

**CSEA Contract**

Mrs. Tabelski noted that the last contract expired in March 2021 and the union agreed to this contract. She noted that the budget impact was about \$34,500 each year. Council agreed to move the item to the business meeting immediately following.

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**Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Heidi J. Parker  
Clerk-Treasurer**