

CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023

Present were Council President Jankowski and Councilmembers Twichell, Canale, McGinnis, Briggs, Schmidt, Bialkowski and Richmond. Councilmember Viele was absent.

In attendance from the City were Chief Heubusch, Erik Fix, Brett Frank, Dawn Fairbanks, Lisa Neary, and Krista Galdun.

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

None.

Council Response to Public Comments

None.

Communications

The Memorial Day parade is scheduled for Monday, May 29th at 9:30am on Main St from Eastown Plaza to Alva parking lot. Council approved.

GLOW OUT submitted an application for a parade and festival on Friday, June 9th from 4-10pm in the City Centre parking lot. The parade would be on Washington, Ellicott Ave, Richmond and Bank St. Council approved.

UMMC/RRH Foundation requested to hold a lemonade stand on Thursday, June 15th from 5:30-7pm in Centennial Park. Council approved.

GO ART submitted an application for a music and art festival on Saturday, July 1st from 10am – 10pm in Jackson Square and on Jackson and School streets. There will be two stages and several bands, artists, vendors and food. Council approved.

Kiwanis requested to hold a 5K road race on Tuesday, July 4th from 9-11am starting and ending at Centennial Park. Council approved.

GLOW YMCA requested to hold their annual 5K Corporate Cup on Thursday, August 3rd at 6pm in Centennial Park. Council approved.

Council President Report

Council President Jankowski announced the next City Council meeting to be held on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the City Hall Council Board Room, 2nd Floor, City Centre.

Presentations

- a. Healthy Neighborhoods Program – Genesee County Health Department
 - Karen Schmidt, Environmental Health Specialist with the Genesee County Health Department, explained the healthy neighborhoods program that offers home inspections for health hazards. She noted that the target areas are the City and Town of Batavia and they conduct a survey while in the home to identify agencies to assist with health issues or provide free supplies for repairs. She explained that their focus will be going door-to-door in Wards 2 and 5 right now but anyone can reach out for assistance.
- b. Privacy Shields Donation – David Culver
 - Chief Heubusch noted that Mr. Culver was making a generous donation to the City and turned it over to him for more details. Mr. Culver noted that there was an incident at his house and there was no privacy keeping the public from viewing the assistance being provided by emergency personnel. He donated two privacy shields to the police department and two to the fire department and was providing some to other companies as well. He noted that there would also be bungees donated along with the shields to help keep the public from watching. He also explained the logo on the shields was a memorial to his wife who passed away and prompted the donation.

Appointment of Councilmember Bialkowski and Richmond to the Audit Committee

Councilmembers Bialkowski and Richmond would be appointed to the audit committee which meets one time with the auditors, usually in August, to discuss the previous audit. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Re-appointment of Patti Pacino to the Batavia Business Improvement District Board

Former Councilmember Patti Pacino wished to continue to serve on the BID board so this would be a resolution appointing her to that board. Mrs. Pacino noted that on July 29th there would be an Italian Festival in the City and the event application would be coming forward soon. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Purchase and Sale Agreement of 11 City Centre

Mr. Fix noted that Derek Geib wanted to buy 11A and 11 B City Centre which used to be Valle's Jewelers. He noted that the purchase price is \$60,000 which is fair market value and the property would then go back on the tax roll. Councilmember Bialkowski asked when it would close and Mr. Van Nest said it would be after the survey was done which would mean approximately a month. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Residency Waiver – Fire Chief

Mrs. Tabelski noted that this was a request for a residency waiver for the fire chief. Councilmember Bialkowski asked if the fire chief would be commuting with a city-owned vehicle as that would be quite a commute. Mrs. Tabelski noted that the fire chief would have a city-owned vehicle. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Surplus of Police Vehicles

Chief Heubusch noted that this was to surplus one police vehicle at a future meeting when the vehicle is ready to go. Council agreed to move the item forward to a future business meeting once the vehicle is ready for surplus.

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MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion of Councilperson Briggs

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 Schmidt and on roll call approved 8-0. Council entered executive session at 7:26 PM and exited at 7:36 PM.

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Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**