

CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

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

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

None

Communications

None

Council Response to Public Comments

None

Council President's Report

Council President Jankowski announced that the Genesee County Economic Development Agency would be conducting a public hearing regarding the Amada North America, Inc. project on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 4:00 pm, at Batavia City Hall, Community Room. He also announced that he had received documents from Sprint for modifications to the local cellular tower, which he was turning over to Interim City Manager, Matt Worth. He then announced the next regular City Council Business meeting would be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the City Hall Council Board Room, 2nd Floor, City Centre.

Councilperson Briggs presented a proclamation to the Fire Department declaring Oct 7-13 as Fire Prevention Week. Lt. Greg Ireland, Batavia Fire Department, thanked Council for their support in the department's efforts to promote Fire Prevention in all the area schools.

YMCA Collaboration – Teen City

Jocelyn Sikorski, Executive Director gave a brief overview of the Youth Bureau's joint venture with the United Way of Genesee County and Genesee County YMCA's efforts to expand the afterschool based program serving youth 9-16 years of age. She noted that they had chosen St. Anthony's School located on Liberty Street as the future site of Teen City. She indicated that the site is currently owned by City Church of Batavia. She also noted that the site itself provided many opportunities including additional space with access to classroom/tech room, rec. room, gaming room, cafeteria, commercial kitchen, and full gymnasium. The youth bureau would also maintain offices on the third floor of this

location. She indicated that the joint venture had secured \$110,000 in funding to date. She then noted a timeline including the re-zoning in process by City Church, modifications to the current facility, IT and Security updates, and an Operating Agreement all to be in place for a site opening in January 2019, with Council approval. Councilperson Christian said that the facility would be good for large groups of kids. Councilperson Canale asked if the Batavia City School District would be interested the current MacArthur Drive facility. Jocelyn indicated that Christopher Dailey had looked at the facility. Councilperson Bialkowski indicated that the current facility on MacArthur is owned by the City. Jocelyn said that they were looking into an agreement with the School District, and that the community gardens would remain at the MacArthur Drive facility. Councilperson Tabelski said that a Lease Agreement with City Church would have a cost associated with it. Interim Manager Matt Worth said that the groups would be looking to net out agreements at zero. Councilperson Bialkowski asked if three months was doable. Matt said that it was an aggressive timeline but that City Church was looking to move forward. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

Surplus Equipment Disposal – DPW

Jim Ficarella, Superintendent of Water & Wastewater, said that the Department was looking to trade-in a 2009 Ford E-250 Van used by the SMIC crew on a 2019 F350 Pick-up truck. The equipment is being replaced as part of the 2018/19 budget. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

Stipend Extension

Matt Worth, Interim City Manager, noted that the new City Manager would be starting three weeks from today, which is a critical period in the City calendar. He noted that October is the starting point for staff and management to complete six-month projections of the current budget, and to begin the budgeting process for the next fiscal year. He said that extending the stipend thru December, 2018 would recognize the effort that will be required to assist the new City Manager through the budgeting process and other transitions. Councilperson Bialkowski said that he applauded City staff on a great job. Councilperson Christian said that stipends should stop at the end of October when the new Manager takes his position. She noted that the six month reviews and budgeting process are in his job description. Councilperson Briggs said that she thought the stipends should be extended thru January. Councilperson McGinnis agreed with Councilperson Briggs. Council President Jankowski noted that continuing the stipends thru year end would allow staff to help the new Manager as he becomes acclimated to his new position. Councilperson Viele said that Matt and the other Department Heads had stepped up to the plate during this transition. Council President Jankowski said that Councilperson Christian's disagreement to the continuation of the stipend would be noted in the minutes. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

City Fire Department External EMS 2018 Program Offering

Chief Napolitano said that he was requesting to amend the 2018/19 budget increasing the revenue and expense accounts by \$15,000 for EMT classes, as a community outreach public training program. There is a current demand for a class of 27 students allowing staff

to maintain their NYS mandated credentials. Council agreed to move the item forward.

City Fire Department Child Safety Program – Amend the 2018/19 Budget

Chief Napolitano said that the Fire Department needed to amend the 2018/19 budget to reflect the receipt of a grant from the NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee. He noted that the award is for the Child Safety Seat Program and is in the amount of \$1,500.00. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Refuses, Licensing, Pick-up Zones

Matt Worth said at the request of Councilperson Bialkowski staff had been looking into the refuse collection issues. He noted that there are currently four primary refuse collection vendors operating in the City. He said that the City had been in contact with three of the four to determine their collection schedules in the City. He indicated that one of the concerns identified is that streets where refuse pick-up occurs on several days of the week, which impacts the city’s ability to manage enforcement. He noted that staff could identify these issues once they received the information, and often the problem properties re-occur as tenants change. He then noted that moving forward he would recommend that staff meet with the vendors to set-up timeframe to get consensus of timing. Councilperson Bialkowski said that he would like to go to a four-day pick-up with no pick-up City wide on Monday. He said that he would like to limit pickup days with a licensing fee for the collection company. Councilperson Pacino said that in her ward the problem is people setting items out three days before their pick-up day. Council President Jankowski suggested creating zones for pick-up with the organizations. Councilperson Briggs said that she would like to look at four-day collection plan. George Van Nest said that he would continue to review any possible legal restrictions and issues that would affect enforcement by the City as the hauling industry is already regulated by the DEC. Council agreed to move the item forward.

City Centre Roof Replacement

Matt Worth said that as part of the settlement agreement with the Mall Merchants the City has engaged the architecture firm of Architecture Unlimited, PLLC to prepare specs which are being prepared for bidding for the roof replacement. He noted that the project would be advertised for bid on September 26th and bids would be opened on October 17th with recommendations for award presented to Council at a meeting on October 22nd. Council agreed to move the item forward.

Executive Session...Real Property and Litigation

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...”.

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 105(1)(d), of the Public Officer’s Law permits the legislative body of a municipality to enter into Executive Session to discuss “...proposed, pending or current litigation...”.

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 Christian and on roll call approved unanimously 9-0.

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Conference Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimslee M. Cassidy
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer