

COMMON COUNCIL
March 2, 2021

A meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Ward. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Bacon, Statz, Williams, Gustafson, Nault, Wiederanders and Reeths were present. Ald. Bacon, Statz, Williams, Gustafson, Nault and Mayor Ward appeared in person. Ald. Wiederanders and Reeths appeared virtually via Zoom.

Williams/Gustafson to adopt agenda. Carried.

The following persons spoke during public comment: David Allen, 3541 North Duluth Avenue; Margaret LeBrun, 3541 North Duluth Avenue.

Fire Chief Dietman presented the 2020 Annual Fire Department Report.

Bacon/Nault to approve following bills: General Fund - \$6,690,706.04, Capital Fund - \$10,511.98, Cable TV - \$5,295.82, TID #2 - \$56,705.85, Solid Waste Enterprise Fund - \$5,146.88 and Compost Site Enterprise Fun - \$88.24 for a grand total of \$6,768,454.81. Roll call: All voted aye. Carried.

Wiederanders/Gustafson to approve consent agenda:

- a. Approval of 2/16/21 regular Common Council minutes.
- b. Place the following minutes of file:
 1. Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee – 2/9/21
 2. City Plan Commission – 2/17/21
- c. Place the following reports on file:
 1. Inspection Department – January 2021
 2. Police Department – January 2021
 3. Fire Department – January 2021
- d. Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee recommendation re: Approve the purchase of a Largo HD-6800-3 System from the Power Wash Store Milwaukee in the amount of \$16,543.79.
- e. Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee recommendation re: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ice Age Trail Alliance and the City of Sturgeon Bay.
- f. Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee recommendation re: Approve the intergovernmental agreement as drafted for the Joint City-County Revolving Loan Fund.

Carried.

There were no mayoral appointments.

Williams/Nault to establish the Council meeting time at 6:00 p.m. year round. Carried.

Bacon/Williams to adopt the resolution to increase large item pick up fees. Carried.

RECOMMENDATION

We, the Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee, hereby recommend to support going forward with the room tax increase from 5.5% to 8%, the 70/30% revenue allocation and not to support the permit fees.

FINANCE/PURCHASING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

By: Helen Bacon, Chr.

Gustafson/Bacon to adopt. This item was postponed at the February 16 Council meeting until the March 2 Council meeting. Discussion took place regarding that although lodging establishments appear to not be in favor of this it is a better option than alternatives, that this is the best option to

move forward, that it likely won't cause visitors not to travel to Door County, concerns over how the money is being split up and the formula presented, that this is an entire County issue, and ability to invest in City infrastructure. Carried with Statz voting no.

RECOMMENDATION

We, the Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee, hereby recommend to approve the exclusivity agreement with WWP Development, LLC for the development of the West Waterfront, Lot 100, Site B, for a period of 90 days with a 30 day extension if need be.

FINANCE/PURCHASING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

By: Helen Bacon, Chr.

Introduced by Olejniczak. Bacon/Wiederanders to adopt. It was noted that this type of use fits the Comprehensive Plan and Waterfront Plan, that they are requesting the City let them work on the project (since they are investing time and money) exclusively so they can explore further and the City won't seek other developers, at this time, for Site B. Discussion took place regarding that it is a reasonable request, the use of the green space, that the idea fits into the waterfront, and the increased value to the TIF district. Carried.

RECOMMENDATION

We, the Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee, hereby recommend to approve the request for \$10,000 toward the support of a preliminary planning study for the Sturgeon Bay athletic fields.

FINANCE/PURCHASING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

By: Helen Bacon, Chr.

Introduced by Bacon. Bacon/Williams to adopt. Dan Lenius summarized the history of the planning process and noted that this would be a partnership with the school on the property. Carried.

RECOMMENDATION

We, the Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee, hereby recommend approve proceeding with the eminent domain process with the assistance of special counsel and executing the process as soon as possible.

FINANCE/PURCHASING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

By: Helen Bacon, Chr.

Introduced by Bacon. Bacon/Wiederanders to adopt. It was noted that this area was included in a WDOT agreement years ago that at some point there would need to be a connection between the State Highway using Grant Avenue to Sawyer Drive. With the recent approval of the mini golf course, the City reached out to the WDOT and was informed that it was time to proceed with the connection. The City has been working with the property owner but did not come to an agreement. It was noted that the property being sought is just the right of way. Discussion took place regarding the narrow width of Sawyer Drive, that the property owner has the right to contest, that with development in the area and increased traffic a road is necessary, that it is a safety concern, that the property owner was aware of the impending connection when he purchased the property, and that this connection has been talked about for many years. It was noted that there is a statutory process for eminent domain which would likely take 3 – 6 months. Carried.

RECOMMENDATION

We, the Joint Parks & Recreation Committee/Board, hereby recommend to approve the Otumba Beach Plan.

JOINT PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE/BOARD

By: Helen Bacon, Chr.

Bacon/Gustafson to adopt. Municipal Services Director Barker noted that the beach would double in depth and the width would be the same, there would be lighting to the sidewalk, a curved wall would double as seating, picnic tables would be ADA accessible, the kayak launch would be improved. Discussion took place regarding the excitement around the project, that this solves beach damage issues and storm damage problems, and the ADA beach area. Carried.

City Administrator VanLieshout gave his report.

Mayor Ward gave his report.

Nault/Williams to adjourn. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie L. Reinhardt
City Clerk/HR Director