

Meeting of: **COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON**
Date/Time: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers at the Public Safety Building
Members: Mayor Donna Olson, Tim Swadley, Sid Boersma Michael Engelberger, Regina Hirsch, Greg Jenson, Kathleen Johnson, Dennis Kittleson, Paul Lawrence, Tom Majewski, Pat O'Connor, Tom Selsor, Scott Truehl

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call, Communications, and Presentations:

Clerk Kropf called the roll and noted that ten alderpersons were present, with Selsor and Majewski being absent & excused.

Boersma explained that Memorial Day is May 30, 2016 and that the parade will be held at 10 a.m. along with various other community events to celebrate the service given by many.

Selsor joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Hirsch invited all to the Sustainable Stoughton event at the Public Library on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss pesticide safety and management.

2016 National Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation

Mayor Olson proclaimed that the week of May 15 through May 21, 2016 as 2016 National Emergency Medical Services Week.

Kettle Park West Update

Planning Director Scheel explained that construction of public infrastructure continues at the site along with temporary traffic signals.

Minutes and Reports: The following minutes and reports were entered into the record:

- Redevelopment Authority (2/10/2016), Library Board (3/16/2016), and Utilities Committee (4/12/2016)
- April Treasurer's Report
- Utilities Financial Reports

Public Comment Period:

Linda Muller; 208 N Gjertson St; Spoke in favor of approval of R-65-2016.

Kay Davis; 1021 Riverview Dr; Spoke in favor of approval of R-65-2016.

John Morgan; 101 S Fifth St; Spoke in favor of approval of O-6-2016.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the May 10, 2016 Council Minutes
- B. Approval of the May 10, 2016 Committee of the Whole Minutes

Motion by Lawrence, to approve the consent agenda, second by Engelberger. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0.

Opened the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m. for public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING: to consider special assessments for curb and gutter, retaining walls, sidewalks, driveway aprons, carriage walks, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water system improvements for the following projects:

2016 Street Reconstruction Project that includes work on Kings Lynn Road from Jackson Street to the north end of the street north of Felland Street; Brewer Court; Industrial Circle; and King Street from W. South Street to Kvamme Lane

Van Buren Street Reconstruction from Main Street to Harding Street; Clyde Street – full length; Wilson Street from Van Buren Street to Page Street; Jackson Street from Van Buren Street to Harrison Street

David Butts; 126 N Van Buren; Spoke in opposition of the special assessment resolution for Council consideration.

Terry Watkins; 127 N Van Buren; Spoke in opposition of the special assessment resolution for Council consideration.

Bonnie Nielson; 324 N Van Buren St; Spoke in opposition of the special assessment resolution for Council consideration.

Steve Qualheim; 524 N Van Buren St; Spoke in opposition of the special assessment resolution for Council consideration.

Camille Jimenez; 601 Clyde St; Spoke in opposition of the special assessment resolution for Council consideration.

Janice Wagner; 525 N Van Buren St; Spoke in opposition of the special assessment resolution for Council consideration.

Ron Flower; 313 W Wilson St; Spoke in opposition of the special assessment resolution for Council consideration.

Tracie Brietzman; 117 S Van Buren St; Spoke in opposition of the special assessment resolution for Council consideration.

Planning Director Scheel explained that an open house was held to discuss this matter and explained the project intended for the special assessment resolution. He explained that three of the affected streets are complete reconstruction. He stated that no citizen would be invoiced before the work is completed, to ensure that the only work done to their property is being billed to the property owner.

Lawrence stated that he would like to see owners be notified of a payment option when the notice of special assessment is initially sent to the home owners. He also asked that property owners be notified with ample time prior to any curb, gutter, or aprons being poured for that location.

Council discussion encompassed what the home owners would be responsible for, monetarily, regarding any improvements to their property.

Closed the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

O-6-2016- Amending Chapter 70-195 of the City of Stoughton Municipal Code; relating to parking restrictions on the 200 Block of East Main Street

Motion by Engelberger, to approve O-6-2016, second by O'Connor. Engelberger explained that this has been discussed at the committee level since November and feels that passing the ordinance will help a struggling business.

Motion to amend by Engelberger, to change the ordinance language to have three thirty minute spaces changed to two thirty minute spaces and to remove the 10 minutes space, second by Boersma.

Council discussion encompassed the hours of parking enforcement and to possibly make the entire block thirty minute stalls.

O'Connor stated that how the ordinance is drafted implies that this parking restriction would be applicable all day without a time constraint.

Jenson wants to see this sunset clause on the ordinance after one year and then complete a study of the parking situation in the 200 block of East Main.

Engelberger withdrew his amendment, second by Boersma.

Motion to amend by Truehl, to add a time limit to the current parking restriction ordinance of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., second by Selsor.

Motion to amend the amended motion by Hirsch to extend the hours until 7 p.m., no second to the motion was offered. Motion failed for a lack of a second.

Lawrence stated that maybe better signage would allow for better enforcement.

Amendment to the motion was read to the Council. Motion carried 10-0, with Kittleson abstaining.

Original motion was reread. Motion carried 10-0, with Kittleson abstaining.

Mayor Olson called for a recess at 8:20 p.m.

Mayor Olson reconvened the meeting of the Common Council at 8:27 p.m.

Motion by Hirsch, to reconsider O-6-2016, second by Lawrence. Motion was tied by a roll call vote 5-5, with Engelberger, Jenson, Truehl, O'Connor, and Selsor voting no and with Kittleson abstaining. Mayor Olson broke the tie by voting no. The ordinance as amended was not reconsidered and was adopted.

O-7-2016- To amend Section 10-2 Construction Standards- Chapter 10-2(d) Street Tree Installation related to *the planting of parkrow trees by developers.*

Motion by Boersma, to approve O-7-2016, second by O'Connor. Planning Director Scheel explained the ordinance as presented and explained that the property owner would be responsible of tree installation in the terrace.

Council discussion encompassed the ordinance relating to tree selection and placement for home owners. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0.

O-8-2016- To remove Section 66-904 (13) from the City of Stoughton Municipal Code relating to the installation of Street Trees.

Motion by Boersma, to approve O-8-2016, second by Lawrence. Planning Director Scheel explained that this ordinance would remove the responsibility of tree planting off of the developer and on to the home owner. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0.

NEW BUSINESS

R-65-2016- Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to assist local efforts to establish an emergency family housing center by contributing \$6,000 to the Housing Advocacy Team of Stoughton to purchase consulting services for the 2016 Dane County Housing Grant application using 2016 contingency funds.

Motion by Lawrence, to approve R-65-2016, second by Engelberger. Gary Becker, from GWB

Professional Services, explained that resolution would allow him to be hired to draft the grant application for the Housing Advocacy Team of Stoughton. The team would then use that grant money to purchase a property in the City designed to help homeless citizens to have housing and counseling to help those move into their own housing.

Motion to amend by Boersma, to approve the contract between GWB Professional Services and the City of Stoughton for grant writing services and authorize the expenditure of up to \$6,000 of contingency funds to pay for the fees under the contract, second by Lawrence. Amendment to the motion carried 11-0.

Motion carried by a roll call vote 11-0.

O-9-2016- Amending the City of Stoughton Municipal Zoning Ordinance Section 78-105(5)(a)2b and Appendix C, allowing Outdoor Commercial Entertainment as a conditional use within the Planned Industrial District.

Truehl offered O-9-2016 as a first reading that this ordinance will be available for Council consideration at the next meeting.

R-64-2016- Resolution authorizing improvements and levying special assessments against benefited property in the City of Stoughton for the improvement of curb and gutter, retaining walls, sidewalks, driveway aprons, carriage walks, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water system improvements for the 2016 Street Reconstruction project.

Motion by Lawrence, to approve R-64-2016, second by Engelberger. Council discussion encompassed the need to notify citizens of the special assessments and the scope of the projects that will result in the special assessments. Motion carried by a roll call vote 11-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lawrence, to adjourn the meeting or the Common Council, second by Engelberger. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 11-0. The meeting of the Common Council adjourned at 9:21 p.m.