

Meeting of: **COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON**
Date/Time: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers (2nd Floor of Public Safety Building)
321 South Fourth Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin
Members: Mayor Donna Olson, Tim Swadley, Matt Bartlett, Sid Boersma, Michael Engelberger, Regina Hirsch, Greg Jenson, Kathleen Johnson, Dennis Kittleson, Paul Lawrence, Tom Majewski, Pat O'Connor, and Scott Truehl

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call, Communications, and Presentations:

Clerk Kropf called the roll and noted that all twelve alderpersons were present.

Majewski explained that even though Council has the ability to go into closed session regarding the Kettle Park West TIF application, he feels that it should not be done in closed session. He feels that the discussion should be in open session to offer transparency to the citizens of Stoughton.

Hirsch reminded us all that the Sustainable Stoughton group is holding a green Thursday event on March 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Stoughton Fire Department Training Room.

Mayor Olson noted that Carl Sampson had passed away. At this year's Memorial Day Celebration WSTO will play a video of Carl reciting the Gettysburg Address, as he had done for years.

Engelberger stated that Council members have signed a letter requesting that the Mayor, as the Chair of the Planning Commission, hold another Public Open House be held to discuss the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Johnson concurred with Alderperson Majewski that the Council should not go into Closed Session at tonight's meeting.

Swadley stated that there will possibly be a joint meeting of the Committee of the Whole and Stoughton School Board in late April.

Boersma stated that he would like to see the towns involved with the Comprehensive Plan Open House.

Cummins Community Involvement Team Recognition and Award

Director of Public Work, Brett Hebert, welcomed the Cummins Community Involvement Team comprised of Tyler Lorenz and Mark Mentik. He thanked them for their effort towards the City's Parks and noted that they donated approximately 720 hours to the department.

Mentik explained that the Cummins team entered a competition that recognizes sites for outstanding environmental impact. He explained that their effort not only won the local award, with a grant of \$5,000, but they also won the global award, with a grant of \$10,000. Lorenz then gave a detailed overview of the different beautification efforts made by the Cummins volunteers throughout the City. Mentik and Lorenz presented the City of Stoughton with a \$15,000 check to be used toward the City's upcoming projects.

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

- Personnel Committee (8/22/2016, 9/12/2016, 12/15/2016, & 1/5/2017), Commission on Aging (11/1/2017), Library Board (2/15/2017), Business Park North Committee (8/8/2016), Landmarks Commission (1/12/2017), Planning Commission (1/9/2017), and Planning Commission Open House (1/9/2017)

Public Comment Period:

Cheryl Trow; 960 US HWY 51; Spoke to concerns with the Casey's General Store.
Richard Klade; 948 HWY 51; Spoke to concerns with the Casey's General Store.
Joe Keller; 940 HWY 51; Spoke to concerns with the Casey's General Store

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. February 14, 2017 Council Minutes
- B. **R-17-2017**- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the updated position descriptions for Utilities Wastewater Operator, Utilities Basic Certified Wastewater Operator, Utilities Advanced Certified Wastewater Operator, Utilities Advanced Certified Wastewater Operator/Laboratory Technician, and Wastewater Systems Supervisor.

Motion by Boersma, to approve the consent agenda, second by O'Connor. Motion carried 12-0.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

O-2-2017- An ordinance amending the zoning classification of certain lands located at 1640 E. Main Street in the City of Stoughton from RH – Rural Holding to PB – Planned Business.

Aldersperson Truehl explained that this ordinance is at Council for a first reading and that the Council may consider it again at the next Council meeting.

O-3-2017- Amending Portions of the Erosion Control and Stormwater Management Code Sections within Sec. 10-122, 10-127, 10-129, 10-130 and 10-131 of the Stoughton Municipal Code.

Aldersperson Majewski explained that this ordinance is at Council for a first reading and that the Council may consider it again at the next Council meeting.

R-8-2017- Preliminary Resolution declaring intent to exercise Special Assessment Powers for 2017 Street Projects.

Motion by Lawrence, to approve R-8-2017, second by Engelberger. Planning Director Scheel offered a clarification to exhibit A's language relating to Harrison Street. He noted that it should read Harrison Street between Hamilton Street to Main Street. Scheel explained that there will be a public hearing in approximately six to eight weeks and that a public hearing must occur before the final Special Assessment can be considered. Motion carried by a roll call vote 12-0.

R-10-2017- Resolution by the Common Council of the City of Stoughton approving the Park Place Condominium Plat.

Motion by Truehl, to approve R-10-2017, second by Jenson. Planning Director Scheel explained that the plat would create two separate spaces with common element areas identified as a new type of "condo". These two would places of business as opposed to residential homes. Motion carried 12-0.

R-9-2017- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to continue using the professional services of Angus Young & Associates in 2017 and 2018 for engineering and architecture design, construction document development, as well as construction oversight for the proposed Public Works Facility.

Motion by Lawrence, to approve R-9-2017, second by Engelberger. Director of Public Works, Brett Hebert explained that the City started the process with Angus Young and Associates in 2013. He is requesting that the City continue to work with them as the project progresses. He explained that to start over with a new firm would take the City back to the beginning of the process and would cost the City more money. He stated that the total cost associated with using this firm over the course of the project would be approximately \$359,000. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 10-2, with Boersma and Johnson voting no.

R-11-2017- Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan – Public Works Facility.

Motion by Majewski, to approve R-11-2017, second by Engelberger. Scheel stated that this plan is more detailed than the current one on record and would include the new public works facility. Motion carried 12-0.

R-12-2017- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve a contribution up to \$450 from the Park Development Fund for assistance in having a new lighted flag pole installed in Norse Park by Matt Krema as an Eagle Scout project.

Motion by Hirsch, to approve R-12-2017, second by Truehl. Hirsch explained that this project is coming from Matthew Krcma as an Eagle Scout project to update the landscaping and flag pole in Norse Park. Motion carried 12-0.

R-13-2017- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the Stoughton Bike Transportation Plan.

Motion by Hirsch, to approve R-13-2017, second by Engelberger. Parks & Recreation Director Tom Lynch presented the proposed bike route plan for the City. He explained that this resolution would also ask for the funds to purchase signs to notate the new bike routes. Motion carried 12-0.

R-14-2017- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve using Park Development Funds to pay for a site feasibility study for a building to be located in Mandt Park.

Motion by Hirsch, to approve R-14-2017, second by Lawrence. Parks & Recreation Director along with the assistant director, Dan Glynn explained the plan for Mandt Park, which could possibly have a whitewater park. This would allow people to utilize the river for tubing or kayaking. This resolution would allow for a feasibility study to be conducted to possibly place a building in Mandt Park. He explained that this building would allow for public restrooms and public gathering areas. He also noted that there would be a pedestrian bridge to connect over the river as well. He further explained the other possibilities that the site could bring. Lawrence explained that Mandt Park is currently underutilized and that this plan could bring useful opportunities to the space. Majewski explained that he feels that it is a good vision for the park, but he would like to see it extend to the whole park versus just portions. Motion carried by a roll call vote 12-0.

The Council took a recess at 8:36 p.m.

The Council reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

*** *The Council may meet in closed session per State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) considering employment and compensation of a new Finance Director, and compensation for Police Department Sergeants. The Council may reconvene in open session and proceed to consider the remaining items on the agenda.*

Motion by O'Connor, to move into closed session, second by Lawrence. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 11-1, with Kittleson voting noe. The Council convened in closed session at 8:47 p.m.

The Council reconvened into open session at 9:47 p.m.

*****R-15-2017**- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the compensation change for the Police Department Sergeants as outlined in the hiring packet.

Motion by O'Connor, to approve R-15-2017 and also add "not exceed \$7,000", second by Engelberger. Motion carried on a roll call vote 12-0.

*****R-16-2017**- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve retro pay in the amount of \$6367.14 to be paid to the Police Department Sergeants.

Motion by O'Connor, to approve R-16-2017, second by Engelberger. Motion carried on a roll call vote 12-0. Motion carried on a roll call vote 12-0.

*****R-18-2017**- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the appointment and hiring of the City of Stoughton Finance Director.

Motion by Majewski, to approve the appointment and hiring of the City of Stoughton Director of Finance and Economic Development salaried at \$91,718.9, second by Lawrence.

Motion by Hirsch, to change the current Director of Finance and Economic Development title and job description by eliminating the title and duties of the position relating to economic development and creating the position of Finance Director, second by Boersma. Motion failed by a tied vote of 6-6, with Majewski, Truehl, Lawrence, O'Connor, Jenson, and Bartlett voting no.

Original motion was re-read.

Motion carried on a roll call vote 10-2, with Hirsch and Kittleson voting no.

***Discussion and possible action regarding an updated Tax Incremental Financing request by Forward Development Group relating to the Kettle Park West Phase II Development.

Ron Henschu gave an overview of an updated presentation relating to the TIF request for phase II of the development. He also explained how the increase in the increment within the TID could pay for various projects over time without any upfront City borrowing. Majewski thanked Forward Development Group for the presentation, but maintained that he was against the approval of TIF overall.

Motion by Swadley, that the Common Council will not have any further discussions or take any further action on Kettle Park West Phase II TIF application until the developer has a plan that has been approved by the WI DOT regarding the HWY 138 connection, second by Majewski. Johnson would like to see this to go to referendum. Clerk Kropf explained that the deadline had passed to add a referendum question to the April 2017 ballot. Motion carried on a roll call vote 10-2, with Truehl and O'Connor voting no.

*** *The council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis Stat sec 19.85(1)(e), to consider strategy to be adopted in connection with negotiating an agreement to purchase certain property, and to consider strategy to be adopted in negotiating a development*

agreement relating to Kettle Park West Phase II. The Council may reconvene in open session and take action regarding Forward Development Group's Tax Incremental Financing Request.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hirsch, to adjourn the meeting of the Common Council, second by O'Connor. Motion carried 12-0. The meeting of the Common Council adjourned at 10:54 p.m.