

**MINUTES
CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 4, 2007**

A duly convened meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Huebner in the Council Chambers. Council members present: Aldermen Al Haacke, Ed Johnson, Armin Schwanz, Burt Babcock, Tom Hudson, Pete Jushka and Karl Leicht. Also present: City Administrator Mark Grams, City Planner Randy Tetzlaff, City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven, and City Attorney Eric Eberhardt. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting – March 20, 2007
- B. Approve Original Operator's License Applications-Andrew and Sarah A. Risch
- C. Approve Temporary "Class B" Retailer's License (Picnic) Application-VFW Post #7588/Upper Lake Park-Lions Pavilion/July 21, 2007 (Fish Day)
- D. Approve Temporary Bartender's License Applications-VFW Post #7588-Dennis J. Ansay, Daniel S. Pals, Charles J. Ellmauer, Harley I. Pals and Wesley R. Blumenberg

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHWANZ AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HUDSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2007-6 Honoring High School Athletic Teams)-Mayor Huebner read the resolution honoring the Port Washington High School Boys Basketball, Wrestling and Cross Country Teams. Present to receive the framed resolution were Eric Burke, PWHS Athletic Director and Coaches Angelo LaRosa and John Bunyan.

OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORTS

- A. Resolution 2007-7 (Certify Spring General Election Results)-MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHWANZ, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HUDSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2007-7. **Motion carried unanimously.** City Administrator Grams reported that total turnout for the election was 18.8%.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES-None

COMMITTEES

A. Finance & License Committee

- 1. Amend Shared Ride Taxi Operating Assistance Contract With State Of Wisconsin-MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2005 URBAN MASS TRANSIT OPERATING ASSISTANCE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN AND THE CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 2. Amend Liquor License For New Port Shores To Include Outside Dining-MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAACKE TO APPROVE AMENDING THE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR NEW PORT SHORES TO INCLUDE OUTSIDE DINING AS LONG AS IT MEETS THE SITE PLAN FOR FENCING AS APPROVED BY THE PLAN COMMISSION. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Resolution 2007-8 (Carryover of Funds-Fire Department)-MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LEICHT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2007-8. **Motion carried unanimously.**

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

A. Board of Public Works

1. Approve Final Street Design For E. Walters Street-Alderman Babcock said he was glad to see that we are planning ahead for the future by narrowing our roadways. Alderman Jushka questioned the policy for street widths for local roads, which is 31 ft. wide, but the Board also allows streets in new subdivisions to be constructed at 28 ft. However, in this case, it isn't a new subdivision. Why are we going contrary to previous policy? City Engineer Vanden Noven said that he would like to see the Board address more flexibility in our local street policy at a future meeting, which would allow a range for street widths based on the amount of traffic, parking and parkway widths. By narrowing streets you accomplish allowing for a larger parkway for snow storage and street planting. Alderman Hudson said for safety, he appreciates having snow off the sidewalk by having larger parkways. MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHWANZ, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON TO APPROVE A 30' WIDE FACE TO FACE ROADWAY IN THE FINAL STREET DESIGN FOR E. WALTERS STREET AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Traffic Safety Committee

1. Ordinance 2007-2 (Regulating The Use Of School Bus Warning Lights In Residential Or Business Districts And School Zones) **1st Reading**-Several Aldermen asked the City Attorney for clarification of when school buses can use their red warning lights. City Attorney Eberhardt explained that by interpretation of the statutes, the City is limited to adopting an ordinance which requires school bus operators to use red warning lights only for two conditions: (1) no traffic control signal is located at the site at which passengers are to be loaded or unloaded; and (2) the passengers to be loaded or unloaded must have to cross the street or highway at the point the school bus comes to rest for the purpose of either arriving at the stopped bus prior to loading, or proceeding from the stopped bus to a definite destination.
2. Ordinance 2007-3 (No Parking On A Portion Of W. Monroe Street) **1st Reading**
3. Ordinance 2007-4 (No Parking On A Portion Of Bywater Drive) **1st Reading**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS-Alderman Schwanz congratulated his successor, Mr. Vollmar on his new job and thanked the City for having one of the finest staff in the area and he takes his hat off to working with them. He hopes the public understands that we have a staff that takes care of them. He also thanked his many constituents that wrote him thank-you notes for the time he put in. He said he's going to miss the Council very much, but thinks it's time to leave. Mayor Huebner thanked Aldermen Schwanz and Leicht for their years of service. He said it's been a pleasure having served on the Council with them and on behalf of the City, we thank you. City Administrator Grams wished the best to Armin and Karl for working with the City for a long number of years and appreciated the cooperation on various issues. Staff feels very much the same way and wishes Armin and Karl the best of luck.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES-None

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHWANZ, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION According To Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (g) to confer with legal counsel regarding litigation the City may become involved. ROLL CALL: Haacke-aye, Johnson-aye, Schwanz-aye, Babcock-aye, Hudson-aye, Jushka-aye and Leicht-aye. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Open meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.