

MINUTES
CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 7:30 P.M., City Hall

1. **ROLL CALL-** A duly convened meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Martin Becker. Members present were Alderpersons Deborah Postl, Paul Neumyer, Michael Gasper, Dan Benning, Jonathan Pleitner, Patrick Tearney (joined the meeting by telephone) and John Sigwart. Also present: City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven, City Planner Bob Harris, City Attorney Eric Eberhardt, City Administrator Mark Grams and City Clerk Susan Westerbeke.

2. **PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG-** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting

B. Approve Original Operator License Applications

MOTION MADE BY ALD. PLEITNER, SECONDED BY ALD. BENNING TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AS PRESENTED AND ORIGINAL OPERATOR LICENSES FOR STEVEN MOTTA AND PRISCILLA WOODS AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

A. Review And Consider RFP's For New Satellite Fire Station And Renovation Of Existing

Fire Station- Ald. Benning reported on the two RFP's that were distributed for review. Discussions were held with the County and they are not interested in the station being located other than the Justice Center site any longer. The Task Force feels that they are prepared to seek RFP's even though the exact site has not been determined. There are five firms that specialize in building fire stations. Discussion was held on the two RFP's, including whether there was ample time for the council to review the current drafts. MOTION MADE BY ALD. BENNING, SECONDED BY ALD. POSTL TO ISSUE THE RFP'S FOR BOTH THE EXISTING FIRE STATION RENOVATION AND THE NEW FIRE STATION. Discussion was held and an AMENDED MOTION WAS MADE BY ALD. GASPER, SECONDED BY ALD. SIGWART TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION AND ACTION OF THIS ITEM TO THE NOVEMBER 5TH COMMON COUNCIL MEETING. VOTE TAKEN ON THE AMENDED MOTION, AYE: 7. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORT**

A. Project Update – Grant Street Improvements- The City Engineer reported on the completion of the underground and concrete work on Grant Street. Asphalt will be completed next week, weather permitting. The 2019 street improvements are complete. Possibility Playground new mat is being completed.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES**

Your comments are welcome. Please limit your discussion to 3 minutes. If you need more time, please contact the City Administrator and request that your topic be placed on the City Council Agenda.- None.

7. **COMMITTEES**

A. FINANCE AND LICENSE COMMITTEE

1. Approve Amendment To The Offer To Purchase Between The City And Horizon

Development For City Land On S. Spring Street- Ald. Pleitner reported on the amendment to address the change of closing date from November 1, 2019 to April 1, 2020 due to delays. Finance and License Committee recommends approval of this amendment. MOTION MADE BY ALD. PLEITNER, SECONDED BY ALD. BENNING TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE OFFER TO PURCHASE AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve License Agreement Between The City And Horizon Development To

Allow Site Work On City Land On S. Spring Street- The City Administrator reported that the agreement is still being drafted at this time. The City Attorney reviewed the items being included in the draft. This agreement would allow the developer to complete some site preparation work before they take over ownership of the land. This would allow them to start the building earlier next year. Mr. Rutherford was present to update the Council on the project. The developer is concerned about freezing temperatures and the current water table. Work needs to be done at this time because the water will just be higher in spring. Mr. Rutherford asked for the agreement to be considered at the next meeting, when the draft will be complete. MOTION MADE BY ALD.

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BENNING, SECONDED BY ALD. NEUMYER TO AUTHORIZE CITY STAFF TO WORK WITH HORIZON DEVELOPMENTS ATTORNEY TO DRAFT THE LICENSE AGREEMENT. Motion carried unanimously.

8. BOARDS/COMMISSIONS- None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Grant Application Through Coastal Management Program- The City Engineer reported these grants in the past have funded Coal Dock Park, Rotary Park and Port Exploreum. This grant application will be submitted to assist in the Port Washington Main Street project of developing a pedestrian plaza at the east end of Main Street at the location of the former cul de sac, before it was shifted 60 feet to the west. Because of its location on the Lake Michigan shoreline, staff would like to submit this project for a Wisconsin Coastal Management grant by November 1st. MOTION MADE BY ALD. PLEITNER, SECONDED BY ALD. TEARNEY TO APPROVE THE GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. Motion carried unanimously.

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS- Various events were mentioned.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES- City Administrator Mark Grams announced his retirement after 33 years of service to the City of Port Washington. He anticipates his retirement to occur in early February 2020.

13. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT. §19.85(1)(e) FOR PURPOSES OF DELIBERATING OR NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASE, SALE OR EXCHANGE OF PUBLIC PROPERTIES OR CONDUCTING OTHER SPECIFIED PUBLIC BUSINESS, WHERE COMPETITIVE OR BARGAINING REASONS REQUIRE A CLOSED SESSION, TO-WIT: TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF, APPROACHES TO, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF, AND FORMULATE NEGOTIATING STRATEGIES FOR, THE POTENTIAL TRANSFER OF SANITARY SEWER SERVICE AREA BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF SAUKVILLE AND THE CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON.- The Mayor read both No. 13 and No.

14 items on the agenda.

14. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION ACCORDING TO WISCONSIN STATE STATUTE 19.85 (1)(C) TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, COMPENSATION OR EMPLOYEE EVALUATION OF ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OVER WHICH THE GOVERNMENT BODY HAS JURISDICTION OR EXERCISES RESPONSIBILITY. – MOTION MADE BY ALD. PLEITNER,

SECONDED BY ALD. POSTL TO GO INTO CLOSSES SESSION FOR THE REASONS STATED ON THE AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 AND NO. 14. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN: AYE: POSTL, NEUMYER, GASPER, BENNING, PLEITNER, TEARNEY AND SIGWART. Motion carried unanimously.

15. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION- The Council reconvened into open session at 9:23 p.m.

16. POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY ITEM DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION- No action was taken.

17. ADJOURNMENT- Motion made by Ald. Neumyer, seconded by Ald. Postl to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Susan L. Westerbeke, City Clerk