



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL**  
**100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511**  
**City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Monday, November 16, 2015**

Presiding: Charles M. Haynes  
Present: Sheila De Forest, Regina Hendrix, Ana Kelly, Marilyn Sloniker  
Absent: Chuck Kincaid, David F. Luebke

1. President Haynes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum at Beloit City Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a. Public Works Director Greg Boysen presented the Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association 2015 **Silver Star Award** to the Parks & Leisure Services Division for Beloit Dirty Dash to Director of Parks & Leisure Services Brian Ramsey and staff members Spencer Waite, Recreation Supervisor and Sonja Baden. Mr. Boysen shared that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row that the Park and Recreation Division has received this award. This year's event had 340 participants and nearly 1,000 visitors to Big Hill Park. He congratulated the staff for outstanding accomplishments in this event. They presented a short video and announced the 2016 date. It can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NzgRLZ9xIUy>
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
  - a. Community Development Director Julie Christensen presented a proposed Ordinance amending the Future Land Use Map of the City of Beloit **Comprehensive Plan** to change the future land use designation for the property located at 1633 Keeler Avenue from Institutional & Community Services to Mixed Residential. The Plan Commission recommended denial of this item on a vote of 6-0. This is a required first reading. File 8697
  - b. Community Development Director Julie Christensen presented a resolution authorizing a **Planned Unit Development (PUD)** - Master Land Use Plan, for property located at 1633 Keeler Avenue (Kolak Education Center). The Plan Commission recommended denial of this item on a vote of 6-0. File 8697
  - c. Community Development Director Julie Christensen presented a proposed Ordinance amending the **Zoning District Map** to change the zoning district classification from PLI, Public Lands & Institutions District to PUD, Planned Unit Development District, for property located at 1633 Keeler Avenue (Kolak Education Center). The Plan Commission recommended denial of this item on a vote of 6-0. This is a required first reading. File 8697

President Haynes asked Ms. Christensen to present the items together. Commonwealth Development has submitted an application requesting an amendment to the Future Land Use Map (Map 10) of the City of Beloit Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Christensen explained that the Commonwealth Development has submitted an application for review and consideration of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) - Master Land Use Plan and an application for a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district classification from PLI, Public Lands & Institutions District to PUD, Planned Unit Development District for the Kolak Education Center property located at 1633 Keeler Avenue. Both of these

were also reviewed by the Plan Commission and voted unanimously (6-0) to recommend denial of the requested items.

After the deadline to submit items for council action, the Commonwealth Development came forward with an amended plan and seeks to withdraw this current proposal. The council has the opportunity tonight to hold the public hearings and then refer the items back to the Plan Commission to take up the amended plan. Because this plan has changed so much, she is recommending that the Council refer these three steps back to the Plan Commission who will review at their December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and will return to the Council for consideration at their December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. She did explain that because these were on the agenda for a Public hearing we do need to hold them this evening even if the desire is to refer back to Plan.

President Haynes explained to the audience that while he is glad people have come out to express their opinions about this matter, it is likely that this plan will be referred back to the Plan Commission and that the items will return in December for new Public Hearings. He hopes that people will come at that time to express themselves but he offered the floor to those wishing to speak this evening.

President Haynes opened the Public Hearing on item 4.a. The following people spoke in opposition of the Plan:

- Tom Brooks, 1221 LaSalle Street
- Carol Allen, 1230 Partridge
- Peter Harrer, 1210 Evergreen
- Judy Felder, 1223 Partridge
- Michael Kearney, 1226 Evergreen

President Haynes closed the Public Hearing on item 4.a. Councilors Sloniker and Hendrix made a motion to refer item 4.a back to the Plan Commission. Motion carried, voice vote 5-0.

President Haynes opened the Public Hearing on item 4.b. No one else spoke on items 4.b. President Haynes closed the Public Hearing on item 4.b. Councilors Hendrix and De Forest made a motion to refer item 4.b. back to the Plan Commission. Motion carried, voice vote 5-0.

President Haynes opened the Public Hearing on item 4.c. No one else spoke on items 4.c. President Haynes closed the Public Hearing on item 4.c. Councilors Kelly and Sloniker made a motion to refer item 4.c. back to the Plan Commission. Motion carried, voice vote 5-0.

City Manager Lori Luther stated that as a matter of public record, she wanted the public to know that there is a valid protest petition on this matter and because of that a super majority vote would have been necessary had the Council acted on the matter this evening.

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION-None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Sloniker asked to remove item 6.d from the consent agenda. Councilors De Forest and Hendrix made a motion to adopt the consent agenda including all items except 6.d. Motion carried, voice vote 5-0.

- a. The **Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of November 2, 2015 were approved.
- b. A resolution approving a **Class "B" Beer and "Class C" Wine** License for The Noodle Shop, Co.-Colorado, Inc., d/b/a Noodles & Company, located at 2900 Milwaukee Road was approved. File 8688
- c. A resolution approving a **Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor** License for Palermo Enterprise, LLC, 648 Fourth Street was approved. File 8688
- e. A resolution authorizing **Final Payment** of Public Works Contract C15-03, Concrete Pavement Repair was approved. File 8674
- f. A resolution authorizing **Final Payment** of Public Works Contract C15-05, Sealcoating was approved. File 8677

- g. A resolution authorizing **Final Payment** of Public Works Contract C14-14, Eagles Ridge Pedestrian Path was approved. File 8657

Councilor Sloniker left the room prior to a vote on item 6.d. President Haynes explained that Councilor Sloniker recused herself from item 6.d. as a matter of conflict of interest as this is an application she has submitted. Community Development Director Julie Christensen presented the staff report on the item. Councilors De Forest and Hendrix made a motion to approve item 6.d. Motion carried, voice vote 4-0.

- d. An application for a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow a religious institution in an R-1B, Single Family Residential District, for the property located at 1230 House Street was referred to Plan Commission. File 8055

## 7. ORDINANCES

- a. City Attorney Elizabeth Krueger presented a proposed Ordinance to amend section 15.06(3)(a) & (b) of the Code of General Ordinances for the City of Beloit relating to **Alcohol Possession and Consumption, but not sale, of fermented malt beverages or wine** for a second reading. Attorney Krueger explained that City ordinance allows the issuance of beer and wine picnic licenses for consumption or possession (and not sale) of beer or wine in the Leeson, Big Hill, Telfer, Wootton, Summit, George Hilliard, and Riverside Parks and the Krueger recreation area. The wine and beer permits are currently issued by the Police Department. Staff believes that it will be better customer service to move those responsibilities to the Division of Parks and Leisure Services. This will provide customers with a "one-stop shop" for renting park shelters and obtaining any desired permits. Parks staff will review and ensure the requirements of the ordinance are met prior to issuance. Councilors Kelly and De Forest made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented. Motion carried, voice vote 5-0. File 5663

## 8. APPOINTMENTS

President Haynes announced the openings and submitted the following appointment to City Committees, Boards, and Commissions for approval. Councilors De Forest and Hendrix made a motion to approve the appointments presented. Motion carried, voice vote 5-0.

- a. **Landmarks Commission:** Incumbents Alex Blazer and Ruth Vater, to terms ending October 31, 2018. File 5860

## 9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Councilor Hendrix welcomed all the students from Beloit Memorial High School in the audience. She invited the public to attend the musical Rent at Beloit College for the final 4 shows this weekend.
- Councilor Sloniker attended her regular meetings.
- Councilor Kelly attended the Visit Beloit press conference today, 3 of the 4 BIF planning meetings, the Reach business advising meeting, the joint Chamber ambassadors meeting and the Diversity ad-hoc meeting at the school district.
- Councilor De Forest welcomed Nora Gard of the Beloit School Board in the audience. She attended the Diversity ad-hoc meeting at the school district and the community leader's breakfast. She highly encouraged the youth in the room to consider filling a youth vacancy on the Parks and Golf Commissions.
- President Haynes had nothing to add.

## 10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- b. Library Director Nick Dimassis and Jeni Schomber presented on the **Library Play & Read Grant** received from Department of Public Instruction. With them were two of the four AmeriCorps interns (Shari-Ann and Meghan) who were helping with grant implementation. They gave a verbal description of the Grant program that seeks to work with families with 3 and 4 year olds with early

reading opportunities through play. There are currently three weekly play groups on Monday from 1-2 pm, Tuesday from 1-2 pm and Wednesday from 3-4 pm and run for 12 weeks. This is a free program. The program is not designed as a hand-off from caregiver to staff member. Instead, the program seeks to involve the caregiver with the child to promote literacy skills at home.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Fire Chief Brad Liggett presented a resolution **approving City Policy** for Grant Application, Notification and Evaluation. He explained that this policy has been in place since 1995 without updates and was in need of updates. This resolution addresses the updates needed to be current. Councilors Sloniker and De Forest made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Motion carried, voice vote 5-0. File 7376
- b. Fire Chief Brad Liggett presented a resolution authorizing Application and Acceptance of a **Community Grant** from the Walmart Foundation for "Shop with a Hero" Program and amending the 2015 General Fund Operating Budget for this Grant Program. This is an annual grant. Councilors Hendrix and Sloniker made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried, voice vote 5-0. File 8703
- c. Fire Chief Brad Liggett presented a resolution **amending the 2015 Capital Improvement Budget** for the Purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Equipment for Technical Rescue. He explained that in 2015 the fire department purchased new self-contained breathing apparatus from a CIP project. We were not able to complete the project with the funds originally appropriated. We need an additional \$21,000 to finish the project. The old SCBA units were collected and sent to two different companies for re-sale by those companies. The fire department projected proceeds from these companies that totaled approximately \$16,000. We have already received \$10,114 and are expecting to receive another check for approximately \$5,900 in the next few weeks. An additional allocation of \$1,764 from other unexpended CIP projects and \$3,236 of fund balance in the capital improvements fund will help us complete the project. Councilors Sloniker and Kelly made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried, voice vote 5-0. File 7947

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Councilors Sloniker and Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.



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Lorena Rae Stottler, City Clerk

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Date approved by City Council: December 7, 2015