



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL**  
**Special Meeting**  
**100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511**  
**Thursday, April 10, 2014**

Presiding: Charles M. Haynes  
Present: Sheila De Forest, Chuck Kincaid, Mark Spreitzer, and James E. Van De Bogart  
Absent: Kevin D. Leavy and David F. Luebke

1. Councilor Haynes called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Manager's Conference Room at City Hall.
2. City Manager Larry Arft led a discussion regarding the preparation of the **2015 City of Beloit Strategic Plan**. Councilor Spreitzer expressed a desire to reach out to the public through focus groups, town hall meetings, or surveys before the strategic planning sessions begin to understand what the public would like to see in the Strategic Plan. Councilor Kincaid said that he would like to see more specific and challenging objectives, especially in the area of neighborhood services. Councilor De Forest said she would like the Council and the public to be more involved in the development of the City's strategic goals and objectives. She said that she would like to see customer service be a larger part of the strategic plan and look for ways the City can support small businesses.
3. Mr. Arft led discussion regarding a possible **Street Connection Project** that would connect Deer Path Way through a vacant parcel. He said that this street construction project would open up the area for the creation of up to 14 new residential lots for semi-custom home development by Acorn Development. Representatives from Acorn Development were present and discussed their request that the City install the street, sidewalks, storm sewer, curb and gutter, and street lights at a cost of roughly \$280,000. Mr. Arft said that there are very few lots in the City where this type of home may be constructed and that this would help Beloit compete with the Rockton/Roscoe area to attract new home construction. Councilor De Forest asked if other street projects would be displaced if the City commits to this project and requested that the City continue all of the other scheduled street projects using fund balance. Mr. Arft said that he would prepare a report regarding the scheduled street projects and the impact of the addition of this project.
4. Councilor Spreitzer made a motion to adjourn into a closed session meeting pursuant to Wis. Stats 19.85(1)(e) to **discuss possible acquisition of real estate**. Councilor Kincaid seconded. The motion carried 5-0, and the Council adjourned into closed session at 7:50 p.m.
5. At 8:10 p.m., Councilor Van De Bogart made a motion to adjourn the closed session meeting. Councilor De Forest seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.



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Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk

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