



## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL

100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511

City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 6, 2015

Presiding: Mark Spreitzer  
Present: Sheila De Forest, Charles M. Haynes, Regina Hendrix, Ana Kelly, Chuck Kincaid, and David F. Luebke  
Absent: None

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Forum at Beloit City Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a. Vice President Haynes presented a proclamation recognizing **National Library Week** April 12-18, 2015, to Beloit Public Library Director Nick Dimassis. Mr. Dimassis thanked the Council on behalf of the Library Board and Staff. He encouraged the Council and the public to attend the upcoming events at the Library. File 7148
  - b. Vice President Haynes presented a proclamation recognizing **April as Fair Housing Month** to Equal Opportunity Commission Chairperson Marilyn Sloniker and Community and Housing Services Director Teri Downing. Ms. Sloniker thanked the Council for the proclamation; the Commissioners for their dedication to fair housing; and staff in the Community and Housing Services Division for their work. File 7148
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
  - a. Community Development Director Julie Christensen presented an ordinance amending the Future Land Use Map of the City of Beloit **Comprehensive Plan** to change the future land use designation of the property located at 1715 Elmwood Avenue from Planned Neighborhood to Mixed Residential, for a second reading. It was noted that the Plan Commission recommended approval 5-0. Ms. Christensen presented the history of the property and referenced four letters from residents in opposition to the land use change. Councilor Spreitzer opened the public hearing:
    - Phillip Picket, Jr., 2713 Iva Court, spoke in opposition to the proposed land use and zoning changes on the property. He said that there is enough apartment housing in Beloit and that the City should dedicate the property to green space.
    - Les Jacobson, 2508 Robinson Drive, spoke in opposition to the proposed land use and zoning changes. He said that all of the traffic for the existing apartments goes on Robinson Drive and that low-cost housing negatively impacts the neighborhood.
    - Ellen Page, 1798 Post Road, spoke in opposition to the ordinance changes. She said that there are over 200 rental units in the neighborhood now and that is enough. She said that the entrance on Elmwood would move some traffic out of the neighborhood but not all of it. She presented pictures of the garbage and debris on West Hart Road to the Council.
    - Steve Stuessy, 1792 Post Road, spoke in opposition to the ordinance changes. He said he has seen problems such as speeding, traffic accidents, and noise increase since apartment complexes have been built in the area.
    - Brian Dygart, 2525 Robinson Drive, spoke in opposition to the ordinance changes. He said that he is concerned about home values in the neighborhood due to the increase in rental units.

- Frank McKearn, R.H. Batterman, represented the property owner, Jack Meyers. He said that if the property was developed, the connection of Kadlec Drive to Elmwood Avenue would alleviate the traffic issues. Councilor Spreitzer closed the public hearing.

Councilor Luebke said that many people use the single-family neighborhood to get to the apartment complexes and one of the solutions is to build Kadlec Drive. Councilor De Forest said that the road extension may alleviate the traffic but that it does not solve the issue of rental density in the area. Councilor Haynes made a motion to enact the ordinance, and Councilor Hendrix seconded. The motion failed by a vote of 0-7. File 5913

- b. Ms. Christensen presented an ordinance amending the City of Beloit **Zoning District Map** to change the zoning district classification of the property located at 1715 Elmwood Avenue from R-2, Two-family Residential District, to R-3, Low Density Multi-family Residential, for a second reading. It was noted that the Plan Commission recommended approval 5-0. Ms. Christensen indicated that a change in the zoning for this property would not be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan because the amendment was just denied by the Council. Councilor Spreitzer opened and closed the public hearing without participation. Councilor Haynes made a motion to enact the ordinance, and Councilor Luebke seconded. The motion failed by a vote of 0-7. File 5913

## 5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- Walter Knight, 2028 Masters Street, spoke regarding the condition of the railroad crossing at the 1400 block of Wisconsin Avenue and requested that the City look into fixing this and other crossings in the area that are in bad shape.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor De Forest requested that item 6.d. be removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consists of items 6.a. through 6.c. and 6.e. through 6.g. Councilor Kelly seconded, and the motion carried that the Consent Agenda be accepted, approved, adopted, or referred and acted upon as required by state and local codes by a vote of 7-0.

- a. The **Minutes** of the regular meeting of March 16, 2015, and the special meetings of March 19<sup>th</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 30<sup>th</sup>, and March 31, 2015, were approved.
- b. The application for **Class "B" Beer and "Class C" Wine License** for Little Mexico of Beloit LLC, 2787 Milwaukee Road, Adrian Cortes Pichardo, Owner/Agent, was referred to the ABLCC. File 8645
- c. The resolution awarding **Public Works Contract C15-12**, Fourth Street Island Repairs, was adopted. File 8681
- e. The resolution awarding **Public Works Contract C15-02**, Bayliss Avenue Rehabilitation, Nelson to Railroad, was adopted. File 8683
- f. The request for a release of Platted Utility **Easements** relating to the property 1405 Gateway Boulevard, was referred to the Plan Commission. File 8670
- g. The application for an AT&T Utility **Easement** at 540 Colby Street was referred to the Plan Commission. File 6667
- d. Public Works Director Greg Boysen presented a resolution awarding **Public Works Contract C15-16**, amending the 2013 Capital Improvements Budget, and appropriating additional funds for the Gateway Boulevard Street Lighting Project. He said that this project will be paid for through Tax Increment District #10. Councilor De Forest asked how many feet are between the lights, and Mr. Boysen responded that they are 130 feet apart and that a number of the lights positioned in medians to provide light for both lanes of traffic. Councilor Luebke made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Haynes seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8570/8682

## 7. ORDINANCES – none

## 8. APPOINTMENTS – none

## 9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Councilor De Forest thanked City Clerk Rebecca Houseman LeMire for her service to Beloit. She encouraged the public to attend the upcoming City Manager candidate community forum on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Beloit Public Library and the Rise and Shine event for the Friends of the Riverfront.
- Councilor Luebke said that it was a pleasure to work with Ms. LeMire. He said he attended the Mushing for Meals event to benefit Meals on Wheels, the Tony Scodwell concert at Eaton Chapel, and the Hometown Heroes event at the Angle Museum that honored two Beloit Police Officers.
- Councilor Hendrix thanked Ms. LeMire for her assistance. She said that she just returned from Alabama and Georgia where she took a group of 28 high school students to visit colleges. She said that the students represented Beloit and Wisconsin very well. She also encouraged everyone to vote in the April 7<sup>th</sup> Spring Election.
- Councilor Kincaid said that he enjoyed celebrating April Fool's Day, Passover, and Easter and family and friends.
- Councilor Kelly wished Ms. LeMire good luck at her new job.
- Councilor Haynes encouraged the public to attend the community forum for the City Manager candidates on April 9<sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to vote on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Councilor Spreitzer said that he served pancakes for the annual Maple Syrup Festival and led the Council and members of the audience in a round of applause for Ms. LeMire's last meeting as City Clerk.

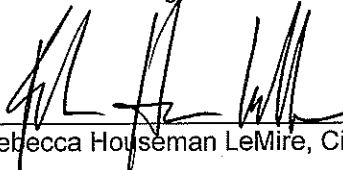
## 10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Police Chief Norm Jacobs and Captain Dan Molland presented information on the **Community Oriented Policing** program in the Beloit Police Department. They discussed efforts regarding community engagement, the Adopt a COP program, and problem-solving using the SARA method (Scan, Analysis, Respond, Assessment).
- b. Mr. Boysen presented the City of Beloit's **Spring Yard Waste** Program. He said that the spring program will run April 6<sup>th</sup> through April 17<sup>th</sup> and summer curbside collection of yard waste will be the second week of each month from May through October.

## 11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Mr. Boysen presented a resolution amending the **2015 Capital Improvements Budget** to include a project for intersection improvements at Cranston Road and Gateway Boulevard. Councilor De Forest asked how this project will be funded, and Mr. Boysen said that TID #10 will fund the project. Councilor Haynes made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor De Forest seconded. The motion carried 7-0. File 8649
- b. City Manager Larry Arft presented a resolution approving a Second Amendment to the **Land Contract Purchase Agreement** between the City of Beloit and the Ho-Chunk Nation. He said that this is an amendment to the existing agreement to exclude a one-acre parcel that contains a billboard. City Attorney Elizabeth Krueger said that there will be a \$50,000 reduction in the price of the land due to the removal of the one-acre parcel. She also said that the Nation will pay \$20,000 for the right of first refusal for the parcel. Councilor De Forest asked if the billboard will continue to be there regardless of the parcel owner, and Attorney Krueger said that yes, the billboard would remain. Councilor De Forest made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Haynes seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1, with Councilor Kincaid abstaining. File 8525

12. At 8:18 p.m., Councilor Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilor De Forest seconded, and the motion carried.

  
Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk