

Meeting of: **MEETING OF COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
STOUGHTON**

Date//Time: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Location: **The meeting of the Common Council was conducted virtually due to COVID-19.**

Members: Mayor Tim Swadley, Phil Caravello, Ozzie Doom, Ben Heili, Regina Hirsch, Fred Hundt, Greg Jenson, Jean Ligocki, Tom Majewski, Lisa Reeves, Brett Schumacher, Joyce Tikalsky, and Rachel Venegas

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call:

Friedl called roll and noted there were 12 alders present.

Minutes and Reports:

Utilities (7/26/21, 6/14/21), Finance (6/22/21, 7/13/21), PSC (5/26/21,), CACP (5/5/21, 7/6/21)
Plan Comm. (6/14/21), Public Works (6/17/21), Tree Comm. (3/11/21)

Public Comment Period:

None

Communications and Presentations

- A. Building and Zoning Activity
- B. Ligocki thanked everyone who attended the last racial equity listening session and informed the attendees that another session will be held on 8/26 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- C. Swadley informed the Council that long-time Dunn Board Member, Ed Minihan recently passed away.

Consent Agenda

- A. July 27, 2021 Council Minutes
- B. Stoughton Utilities June Payments Due List Report, Stoughton Utilities May Financial Summary, Stoughton Utilities May Statistical Report
- C. **R-116-2021**- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to issue Operator Licenses to various applicants.
- D. **R-117-2021** Confirming the Mayor's Committee Appointment of Rich Morris, Gwen Drury, John Hallinan, Donelle Scaffifi, Stephen Jackson, Yvonne Meichtry, Denise Duranczyk, Brady Troeller to the Stoughton Sustainability Committee
- E. **R-118-2021** Confirming the Mayor's Committee Appointment of Sharon Meilhan-Bartlett to the Stoughton Public Library Board of Trustees

Motion by Jenson, second by Doom to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 12-0, with Tikalsky abstaining on Item D.

Motion by Jenson, second by Reeves to add Heili and Venegas to the Stoughton Sustainability Committee. Motion carried 12-0.

OLD BUSINESS

R-102-2021- Resolution Approving Rules for Virtual Meetings Attendance

Motion by Heili, second by Jenson to approve R-102-2021 approving the Rules for Virtual Meetings Attendance as amended. Motion carried 12-0.

Motion by Hirsch, second by Hundt to delete the first sentence in Item N. 2. and replace it with “closed session items shall be placed at the end of the published agendas.” Motion carried 12-0.

NEW BUSINESS

R-119-2021- Resolution authorizing the Amendment of a Platted Sanitary Sewer Easement on Lot 2 of Mrs. Sarah E. Turners Addition

Motion by Venegas, second by Hirsch to approve R-119-2021 authorizing the Amendment of a Platted Sanitary Sewer Easement on Lot 2 of Mrs. Sarah E. Turners Addition. Motion carried 12-0.

R-120-2021- Approving Facility Use Agreement with the Opera House

Motion by Doom, second by Reeves to approve R-120-2021 approving the Facility Use Agreement with the Opera House. Motion carried 12-0.

R-121-2021- Resolution to adopt the Racetrack Park Master Plan

Daniel Schmitt from MSA gave a brief presentation of the Racetrack Park Master Plan.

A brief question and answer period followed.

Majewski raised some concerns related to the cost of this plan for what he believes amounts to a single-use park. Hirsch noted this park has many multi-use amenities and trails and that it also addresses a number of the needs the community has identified. She also noted other parks are planned throughout the community as well.

Hundt raised additional concerns about the cost of the plan in general. Venegas also indicated more information regarding the forecasted usage and economic impact is needed before she feels she can make a final decision on this. Jenson noted that this is simply a plan and additional information will be provided in the future as the phases are brought forth for execution.

Motion by Caravello, second by Jenson to approve R-121-2021 adopting the Racetrack Park Master Plan. Motion carried 11-1 with Venegas voting No.

R-122-2021- Approving a Temp Class B and Special Event License for 10/14/21 Wine Walk

Motion by Jenson, second by Doom to approve R-122-2021 approving a Temp Class B and Special Event License for 10/14/21 Wine Walk. Motion carried 12-0.

R-123-2021- Resolution authorizing City official(s) to amend the 2021 CIP Budget utilizing \$55,906 Technology Funds and \$25,000 in Contingency Funds to upgrade the City's Storage Area Network (SAN)

Motion by Schumacher, second by Reeves to approve R-123-2021 authorizing City official(s) to amend the 2021 CIP Budget utilizing \$55,906 Technology Funds and \$25,000 in Contingency Funds to upgrade the City's Storage Area Network (SAN). Motion carried 12-0.

R-124-2021- Approving an Operator License for Amelia Carr

Motion by Jenson, second by Ligoeki to approve R-124-2021 approving an Operator License for Amelia Carr. Motion carried 12-0.

R-125-2021- Approving an Operator License for Mahreana Patrinos

Motion by Jenson, second by Hundt to approve R-125-2021 approving an Operator License for Mahreana Patrinos. Motion carried 0-12.

R-126-2021- Approving a Liquor License for Pamela Kosanovich

Attorney Schneider provided additional background on the circumstances surrounding this particular license. She also noted the options in front of the Council are to approve, deny or send back to Public Safety.

Chief Leck raised some concerns regarding the premises description in the application and Attorney Schneider agreed with those concerns.

Motion by Jenson, second by Ligoeki to table this item and send back to Public Safety to obtain a more precise premises description. Motion carried 12-0.

R-127-2021- Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to approve the COVID Pandemic Policy

Motion by Reeves, second by Doom to approve R-127-2021 adopting the COVID Pandemic Policy as amended. Motion carried 12-0

Motion by Reeves, second by Schumacher to replace the second bullet point under “Steps to take” with “Follow the Dane County recommended steps for exposure to, or a positive test result” and strike all remaining bullet points and verbiage under that section. Motion carried 12-0.

R-128-2021- Approval to Hire Utilities Finance Director

Motion by Reeves, second by Schumacher to approve R-128-2021 approving the hiring of new Utilities Finance Director. Motion carried 12-0.

R-129-2021- Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve Candee Christen, the existing Deputy Clerk and Interim City Clerk, to fill the full time vacancy of City Clerk

Motion by Reeves, second by Jenson to approve R-129-2021 approving Candee Christen, the existing Deputy Clerk and Interim City Clerk, to fill the full time vacancy of City Clerk. Motion carried 12-0.

R-130-2021- Approval of Work Rules and Policies Procedures Forms Manuals

Reeves introduced R-130-2021 and clarified this is a first reading for this item.

Director Gillingham expanded on the documents included with the packet.

Hirsch requested that language be added to address sexual harassment and identify social media as a medium where harassment/violence can occur on page 25 of the Work Rules.

O-19-2021- Amending Section 70-176 (83) no parking anytime west side of 8th Street.

Jenson introduced O-19-2021. This item will be brought back for a second reading at the August 24, 2021 meeting.

Discussion possible action when to return to hybrid/in person meetings and the possible implementation of a mask requirement.

The general consensus among the Council is to remain 100% virtual until further notice.

ADJORNMENT

Motion by Jenson, second by Venegas to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. Motion carried 12-0.