

Meeting of: **COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON**  
Date/Time: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Public Safety Building)  
Members: Mayor Donna Olson, Tim Swadley, Sid Boersma, Michael Engelberger, Regina Hirsch, Greg Jenson, Kathleen Johnson, Dennis Kittleson, Paul Lawrence, Tom Majewski, Pat O'Connor, Tom Selsor, Scott Truehl

### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### Roll Call, Communications, and Presentations:

Council President Swadley called the meeting of the Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Kropf called the roll and noted that nine alderpersons present with Boersma, Majewski, Kittleson being absent and excused. Kittleson did notify the clerk that he would be late to the meeting.

Engelberger stated the Boersma is not at the meeting because he is providing help to the flood victims in Louisiana.

Clerk Kropf gave an overview of the August Partisan Primary. She noted that the state had predicted a 16% voter turnout and Stoughton had an almost 20% voter turnout.

Finance Director Sullivan reminded the Council that the next CIP Committee meeting will be held Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fire Department Training Room.

#### Minutes and Reports: The following minutes & reports were entered into the record:

- Commission on Aging (5/3/2016), Utilities Committee (7/18/2016), Business Park North Committee (6/13/2016), & Planning Commission (7/11/2016 & 7/19/2016)
- July Treasurer's Report
- Utilities Financial Reports

#### Public Comment Period:

No persons registered to speak.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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Motion by Lawrence, to approve the consent agenda, second by Jenson. Motion carried 9-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**R-50-2015- Amended-** Resolution relating to the acquisition of property at 433 E South Street (Mill Fab Site) by the Redevelopment Authority

Motion by Lawrence, to approve R-50-2015- Amended, second by Truehl. Finance Director Sullivan explained that this resolution has been amended to reflect the approved purchase price of \$750,000. She also explained that she would be borrowing \$850,000 to cover the purchase price and the cost to conduct environmental testing along with survey work. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 9-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**R-100-2016-** A resolution authorizing the submission of a Dane County BUILD Grant Application and certifying an intent to provide local funding match .

Motion by Lawrence, to approve R-100-2016, second by Truehl.

Kittleson joined the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Gary Becker, from GWB Professional Services, addressed the Council regarding the Dane County BUILD Grant. He explained the project and the need to apply for the grant. He noted that this grant will go to help pay for the costs of a joint City-Developer design charrette to prepare a master plan for the redevelopment area. This process will allow the public to work with a developer's design team to collaborate a master plan for the area. This should help the developer to find a plan that works for all involved. Motion carried 9-0, with Johnson abstaining.

**R-97-2016-** Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to designate all City facilities as "No Hit Zones". And to use this public policy as needed to reduce violence and hitting in the City.

Motion by Engelberger, to approve R-97-2016, second by Lawrence. Engelberger explained that this policy would designate all public areas in the City as "No Hit Zones". Amy Brown, Director of Victim Services from the Wisconsin District Attorney's office spoke to the Council regarding the "No Hit Zone" policy. This would notice the public that violence is not tolerated in public areas and would allow de-escalation of a possible violate situation in empathetic way. This policy would allow signs to be posted in public areas that designate that area as "No Hit Zones". Brown explained that the District Attorney's office had implemented this in October 2014.

Chief Leck explained that the Police Department would be taking the lead to train city staff in de-escalation techniques and that the City of Stoughton is the first community in Dane County to implement the "No Hit Zone" policy. Jenson and Engelberger commented that the school has taken interest in implementing this policy as well. Selsor noted that he didn't like the language that indicated a "zone". Nan Peterson, from the American Family Children's Hospital, noted that the designation is informal, but the actual campaign is "Hitting Hurts". Motion carried 10-0.

**R-101-2016-** Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to approve the compensation and updated descriptions of the Opera House positions of House Manager and Box Office Manager/Volunteer Coordinator

Motion by O'Connor, to approve R-101-2016, second by Lawrence. Bill Brehm, the director of the Stoughton Opera House, addressed the Council about the changes to the job descriptions. He indicated that Springsted did review the position descriptions, gave them a grade for a wage scale and he noted that there would be very little financial costs to the City. He noted that this would eliminate the one part-time position and create another full-time position. Motion carried 10-0.

**R-98-2016-** Approving a Conditional Use Permit for Exclusively Roses to establish an Outdoor Storage use at 221 Business Park Circle, Stoughton, Wisconsin.

Motion by Truehl, to approve R-98-2016, second by Engelberger. Truehl noted that this would allow them to have some outdoor screened storage which is in compliance with the City's conditional use permit policy. Motion carried 10-0.

**R-99-2016-** Recommending the adoption of a Public Participation Plan for the City of Stoughton

Motion by Truehl, to approve R-99-2016, second by Engelberger. Truehl noted that this would allow the public to help with the citizen's community survey regarding the City's comprehensive plan. He explained that the survey would also ask questions on how citizens would like to see the Mill Fab Property and other properties to be used. Planning Director Scheel indicated that the comprehensive plan is to be completed every ten years. He explained how the City's comprehensive plan is used as a guide to steer the City for future land use in and around the City. Motion carried 10-0.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Lawrence, to adjourn the meeting of the Common Council, second by Jenson.

Motion to adjourn was rescinded by Lawrence, second by Jenson after Selsor made a motion to reconsider R-97-2016.

Motion by Jenson, to waive the Council rules to allow a motion to be reconsidered, second by O'Connor. Motion carried 10-0.

Amendment to the original motion by Selsor, to reconsider R-97-2016, second by Johnson. Selsor noted that he is in favor of the policy, but wants to change the wording to say: "Authorizing and directing the proper city official(s) to designate the City as a "No Hit City" and to use this public policy as needed to reduce violence and hitting within the City", second by O'Connor.

Jenson noted that by doing this he fears the policy would include private properties that are not enforceable by officials. Hirsch explained that she doesn't like the word "zone" in the policy and a new word should be designated, but it should not encompass the whole City. Chief Leck noted that the policy is meant to make City facilities seen as a safe zone where violence will not occur.

Amendment to the motion was rescinded by Selsor.

Motion by Lawrence, to approve R-97-2016 as originally discussed, second by Truehl. Motion carried 10-0.

Motion by Lawrence, to adjourn the meeting of the Common Council, second by Jenson. Motion carried 10-0. The meeting of the Common Council adjourned at 8:36 p.m.