
Meeting of the: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL
Date/Time: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers (2nd Level of Public Safety Building) 321 S Fourth St
Members: Tim Swadley, Matt Bartlett Sid Boersma, Michael Engelberger, Regina Hirsch, Greg Jenson, Kathleen Tass Johnson, Dennis Kittleson, Paul Lawrence, Thomas Majewski, Pat O'Connor, Scott Truehl, and Mayor Donna Olson

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Swadley called the January 10, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Clerk Kropf called the roll and noted that Mayor Olson and 10 alderpersons were present, with Johnson and Majewski being absent.

Resolution by the Common Council of the City of Stoughton Approving configuration for the connection of Oak Opening Drive to Highway 138.

Planning Director Scheel gave a detailed overview of the current plan of Kettle Park West. He explained the current entrances and exits of the development. He also addressed the concerns of the Council, in that, emergency services could use any entrance or exit as they see fit, based on the situation.

Scheel indicated that the access from Highway 138 to Oak Opening Drive is currently planned as a right in- right out. He indicated that a roundabout may not be warranted by the WI DOT until the development of phase III is completed or close to completion. Scheel explained that the DOT would not allow unrestricted traffic flow in that area, due to the risk of accidents.

Ron Hensch, with Forward Development Group, addressed the Committee regarding the price difference between having a right in-right out versus a roundabout. He indicated that a roundabout would cost in excess of \$5 million, but he could not give a definite number. He noted that a portion of land in that area would need to be purchased and was unsure on how much that would cost.

Committee discussion included the need to discuss this issue prior to the discussion of the tax incremental financing application.

Majewski joined the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Olson explained that Forward Development Group wanted to have clear direction from Council on the type of access to Highway 138 from Oak Opening Drive before they brought the concept forward to the DOT.

Swadley explained that when the discussions with the DOT first started, the DOT flat out told the City that there couldn't be anymore accesses. He was excited to see that there was an access possibility. He also noted that the DOT had indicated a possibility of having a roundabout or signal at Star School Road, where there are currently more incidents, as more development occurs.

Planning Director Scheel indicated that there may be cost share with the improvements on Highway 51, but he was not certain if there would be or if there was, how much that would cost.

Motion by Truehl, to recommend to Council the approval of resolution R-129-2016, relating to the configuration of the connection of Oak Opening Drive to Highway 138, second by O'Connor.

Attorney Dregne explained that this resolution only answers one question, that if the design is implemented, it would be to the Council's satisfaction.

Motion by Engelberger, to table the main motion until the City has received approval from the DOT, second by Kittleson. Motion failed 3-9, with Swadley, Boersma, Lawrence, Jenson, Truehl, O'Connor, Bartlett, Olson, and Hirsch voting no.

The original motion was re-read. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 9-3, with Engelberger, Majewski and Kittleson voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lawrence, to adjourn the meeting of the Committee of the Whole, second by Jenson. Motion carried 12-0. The January 10, 2017 meeting of the Committee of the Whole adjourned at 7:51 p.m.