

MINUTES  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017 4:30 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BERLIN CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR

Mayor Schramer called the special Common Council meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call present: Ald. Lehr, Erdmann, Secora and Harke. Absent: Ald. Eastling and Page. Staff present: Jodie Olson, Scott Zabel, Lenny Langkau, Laura Fultz, Karen Neuman, Dennis Plantz, Lindsey Kemnitz, and Gary Podoll.

Department heads reviewed their departmental proposed 2018 budgets. Budget discussion included that due to the extremely low numbers for Saturday morning brush drop-off at the City Garage, this service will be held once a month in the summer instead of every Saturday. If necessary, it will be reviewed again in the future. Also, due to building maintenance issues for the Berlin Area Historical Society, it was proposed to increase the donation to \$3,000 for 2018.

Ald. Secora moved to seat Ald. Page at 5:07 p.m. Ald. Lehr seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next, Lindsey provided an update on the hotel study update. Three quotes had been secured which were \$7,000-Core Distinction Group, \$4,000-IDM, and \$4,550 Hospitality Marketers International. Ald. Erdmann moved to direct staff to contract with Hospitality Marketers International to update the hotel study. Ald. Harke seconded the motion. Ald. Secora asked for clarification on why the City is doing this update and not the developer. Kemnitz explained that the study would remain private if the developer did it and the City would not have access to the information or be able to use it. With the city doing the study, the city can ensure there is no bias with the information, city retains control of the information and can share the study and information with other developers. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next Council reviewed a proposed non-binding resolution regarding funding commercial development at 169 E. Huron Street, which is located in TID#15. Ald. Erdmann moved to approve Resolution #17-06 to Fund a Commercial Development Project at 169 E. Huron Street. Ald. Page seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent.

At 6:13 p.m. Ald. Secora moved to convene into closed session pursuant to WI SS. 19.85(1)(e) for purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (1) *Post-retirement health insurance benefits for specific non-union retired personnel* & (2) *Discuss potential litigation and action relative to 107 W. Huron Street*). Ald. Page seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent. Ald. Erdmann moved to seat Scott Zabel and Lindsey Kemnitz for item 2 (107 W Huron Street) discussion. Ald. Lehr seconded the motion which carried by voice vote. Discussion continued in closed session.

Ald. Secora moved to reconvene into open session at 6:35 p.m. Ald. Lehr seconded the motion which carried by voice vote. Ald. Secora moved to direct city staff to allow Jackie Silva to go on

COBRA health insurance without losing the ability to receive post-retirement health insurance benefits. Ald. Page seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Ald. Page moved to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. Ald. Secora seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

*Jodie Olson, City Clerk*