

MINUTES
September 28, 2021
Committee of the Whole – Hybrid Meeting
City of Batavia

Please **NOTE:** These minutes are not a word-for-word transcription of the statements made at the meeting, nor intended to be a comprehensive review of all discussions. They are intended to make an official record of the actions taken by the Committee/City Council, and to include some description of discussion points as understood by the minute-taker. They may not reference some of the individual attendee's comments, nor the complete comments if referenced.

Chair Wolff called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Chair Wolff; Ald. Miller, Russotto, Beck (remote), Knopp, Chanzit, Solfa, Baerren, Leman (remote-joined at 7:25pm), Ajazi (remote), Uher and Vogelsinger (remote-joined at 7:04pm)

Members Absent: Ald. Cerone and Malay

Also Present: Mayor Schielke; Laura Newman, City Administrator; Wendy Bednarek, Director of Human Resources (remote); Peggy Colby, Director of Finance (remote); Gary Holm, Director of Public Works; Scott Buening, Director of Community and Economic Development (remote); Anthony Isom, Assistant to the City Administrator (remote); and Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary (remote)

2. Reminder: Please speak into the microphone for BATV recording

3. Items Removed/Added/Changed

There were no items to be removed, added or changed.

4. Matters From the Public (For Items NOT on the Agenda)

There were no matters from the public

5. Consent Agenda

a. Approval: COW Executive Session Minutes from June 15, 2021

Motion: To approve the COW Executive Session Minutes from June 15, 2021

Maker: Wolff

Second: Knopp

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Wolff, Baerren, Leman, Ajazi, Uher, Vogelsinger, Miller, Russotto, Beck, Knopp, Chanzit, Solfa

Nay:

12-0 Vote, 2 Absent, Motion carried.

6. Presentation: Water Treatment Plant Monthly Construction Update

Steve Denneson presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Water Treatment Plant that included the following information:

- Project Scope
- Overview of Facility Improvements
 - Brine Management
- Facility Rendering
- Construction Overview
- Funding
- Construction Progress and photos
- Anticipated Construction Schedule
- American Iron and Steel (AIS) Requirements
- AIS Virtual Meeting

Chair Wolff asked about the sand separator on well 11. Denneson stated that the sand separator decoupled and fell to the bottom of the well. It is not necessary to retrieve it but they are investigating options to get the old sand separator out and put in a new sand separator in the future. The well has been working well without the sand separator for a number of years. They will throttle back the flow to minimize the sand and manage it that way and put in a better option for a new sand separator at the time the well is rehabilitated.

7. Ordinance 21-50: Annexing 915-1005 (Odd) Main Street (Involuntary)(SCB 9/9/21) CD
Buening reviewed the memo with the Committee.

Motion: To recommend approval of Ordinance 21-50: Annexing 915-1005 (Odd) Main Street (Involuntary)
Maker: Wolff
Second: Knopp
Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Wolff, Baerren, Leman, Ajazi, Uher, Vogelsinger, Miller, Russotto, Beck, Knopp, Chanzit, Solfa
Nay:
12-0 Vote, 2 Absent, Motion carried.

8. Ordinance 21-51: Vacation of North Harrison Street Right-Of-Way (SCB 9/15/21) CD
Buening stated that this area is considered a paper street because there is no road there. We are proposing to vacate this and the land would revert to the Park District because they own property on all three sides of the right of way.

Motion: To recommend approval of Ordinance 21-51: Vacation of North Harrison Street Right-Of-Way
Maker: Wolff
Second: Knopp
Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Wolff, Baerren, Leman, Ajazi, Uher, Vogelsinger, Miller, Russotto, Beck, Knopp, Chanzit, Solfa
Nay:
12-0 Vote, 2 Absent, Motion carried.

Ald. Beck exited the meeting at 7:34pm.

9. Ordinance 21-52: Conditional Use Permit for Brewery with a Tap Room, Over 5,000 Square Feet in the DMU Downtown Mixed-Use District, 10 South Shumway Avenue Frank Mercadante, Sturdy Shelter Brewing, LLC, Applicant (JLS 9/23/21) CD

Frank Mercadante, Sturdy Shelter Brewing, stated that they are a taproom-orientated facility with the brew house taking only 1,200 square feet of the structure. They would like a variance from fourteen feet to twelve and a half feet for the deck. Strassman discussed the ordinance with the Committee.

Motion: To recommend approval of Ordinance 21-52: Conditional Use Permit for Brewery with a Tap Room, Over 5,000 Square Feet in the DMU Downtown Mixed-Use District, 10 South Shumway Avenue Frank Mercadante, Sturdy Shelter Brewing, LLC, Applicant

Maker: Wolff

Second: Uher

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Wolff, Baerren, Leman, Ajazi, Uher, Vogelsinger, Miller, Russotto, Knopp, Chanzit, Solfa

Nay:

11-0 Vote, 3 Absent, Motion carried.

Ald. Beck returned to the meeting at 7:48pm.

10. Resolution 21-093-R: Authorizing a Contract with TranSystems Corporation Perform Batavia Avenue Road Diet Feasibility Study for an Amount Not to Exceed \$82,778 (RB 9/23/21) CD

Bari discussed the memo with the Committee. IDOT indicated that the City would have to prove to them that the road diet would work which resulted in the need for a road diet feasibility study. The Committee discussed speed reduction, traffic counts, accepting current conditions and taking into account working from home versus commuting, economic development, safe passage of pedestrians/bicyclists, new configurations, Geneva's road diet. Leman asked staff to collect Geneva's opinion on how their road diet is working.

Motion: To recommend approval of Resolution 21-093-R: Authorizing a Contract with TranSystems Corporation Perform Batavia Avenue Road Diet Feasibility Study for an Amount Not to Exceed \$82,778

Maker: Russotto

Second: Uher

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Russotto, Beck, Knopp, Chanzit, Solfa, Wolff, Baerren, Leman, Ajazi, Uher, Vogelsinger, Miller

Nay:

12-0 Vote, 2 Absent, Motion carried.

11. Resolution 21-094-R: Authorizing Resolution to Designate Raddant Road, Douglas Road, Hubbard Ave, Hunter Road, Lathem Street, Pierson Dr., Louis Bork Dr., and Paramount Parkway as Class II Truck Route (RB 9/23/21) CS

Bari discussed the resolution with the Committee.

Motion: To recommend approval of Resolution 21-094-R: Authorizing Resolution to Designate Raddant Road, Douglas Road, Hubbard Ave, Hunter Road, Lathem Street, Pierson Dr., Louis Bork Dr., and Paramount Parkway as Class II Truck Route

Maker: Russotto

Second: Knopp

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Russotto, Beck, Knopp, Chanzit, Solfa, Wolff, Baerren, Leman, Ajazi, Uher, Vogelsinger, Miller

Nay:

12-0 Vote, 2 Absent, Motion carried.

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12. Project Status

Newman reported on the following:

- There are over 500 responses to the dam removal options survey.
- The Fire Department met with Shodeen regarding fire safety with One Washington Place project. Public Works to meet with them on Thursday.
- An onsite meeting at Hudson Crossing in Oswego will be on October 14, 2021 at 2pm. Staff will be reviewing complete set of plans from Public Works, Fire, and Utilities. Reach out to Newman if you would like to attend. Shodeen would like to demonstrate the quality of workmanship done there.

13. Other

Miller asked about the sidewalk on Millview and how it dead-ends. He suggested that in the future we do not install a sidewalk where it just leads to a dead end or try to figure out how to complete. Chair Wolff stated that the intent was to keep children off of the street and onto a sidewalk. Beck suggested a curb cut off and placing a crosswalk.

Chair Wolff announced that this is Alderman Knopp's last meeting.

14. Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Wolff asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:43pm; Made by Knopp; Seconded by Solfa. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary