

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 07, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Councilman-at-large Woloszyn followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councilmen Williams, Bamonto, Gonzalez, Councilwoman Szukala and Councilman-at-large Woloszyn.

Also present: Mayor Rosas, City Attorney Connolly, City Engineer Woodbury, City Treasurer Woods, Fiscal Affairs Officer Pinkoski, Clerk, Board of Assessors Mleczeko, Personnel Administrator Heyden, Director of Development Yanus, Building Inspector Zurawski, Festivals and Special Events Coordinator Rosas, Fire Chief Edwards and Police Chief Ortolano.

Excused: Public Works Director Bankoski.

Certification of Tuesday, February 21st, 2017 Common Council Meeting was read by City Clerk Ramos.

RESOLVED: That the reading of Tuesday, February 21st, 2017 Common Council Meeting be dispensed with.

Motion by Councilman Williams to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Councilman Gonzalez.

Carried, all voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one spoke.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR INCLUDING DISAPPROVAL MESSAGES:

Mayor Rosas advised that there will be some upcoming Planning & Development Department public meetings for any interested individuals with dates and times to be determined.

Mayor Rosas provided details of the contest titled "If I were Mayor I would..." that 8th Grade students will be able to participate in.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PETITIONS:

Petition from South Ocelot property owners to install curbing along the East and West sides between Middle Road and Lakeshore Drive and North and South sides of East Chestnut Street west of South Serval Street to South Ocelot Street.

Councilwoman Szukala advised that this was discussed at the last Public Works Committee meeting and will leave this to the Public Works Department to come up with plan to address the drainage issues residents are having.

Councilman Williams advised that he has received multiple phone calls from residents and property owners, the City does not have the money to pay up front for the work needed to be done

and that he would like to see the Public Works Department come up with ideas to address the issues on the street.

Councilman Williams made a motion to refer this to the Public Works Department. Seconded by Councilman Bamonto.

Request from Dunkirk Lakefront 5K Committee to host the annual “Dunkirk Lakefront 5K Road Race” on August 5th beginning at 8:00 AM.

Councilwoman Szukala advised that City Clerk Ramos should get in touch with the petitioner to inform of the route designated by the City’s Public Safety Committee.

Councilman Williams advised he would like to see something on paper to give to the petitioners who come into the Clerk’s Office to request a race.

Police Chief Ortolano suggested that City Engineer Woodbury draw up a map to be handed out as the designated route for 5k races within the City.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn advised a motion was needed to refer to appropriate departments as well as approve subject to appropriate insurances and usual conditions contingent upon the agreement of the appropriate designated race route.

Councilman Gonzalez made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilwoman Szukala.

Carried, all voting aye.

Notice of Summons and Verified Complaint.

Notice of Claim from Jose Reyes-Collazo for alleged damages to his vehicle due to a pothole while driving on Willow Road on February 21st, 2017.

Councilwoman Szukala made a motion to refer to the Law Department. Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Carried, all voting aye.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Councilman Williams advised that at his last Public Works Committee Meeting discussion was held on the City Recyclable calendars and it was decided that it would be too costly to mail to every resident but that there would be a full page advertisement of the calendars in the Penny Saver either this weekend or the next.

Councilman Bamonto advised that the next Personnel Committee Meeting is being held on Wednesday, March 15th at 4:00 PM in the Mayor’s Conference Room and at that time they will be judging the winners from the “If I were Mayor I would...” Contest.

Councilman Gonzalez advised that there will be a presentation from Chautauqua Striders at the next Economic Development Committee Meeting that will be held on Tuesday, March 21st at 4:00 PM in the Mayor’s Conference Room.

Councilwoman Szukala inquired to City Engineer Woodbury for an update on the Benton Street Water tank and also informed him of a raised manhole cover on Lincoln and Doughty Streets.

City Engineer Woodbury advised that the tank is currently being filled and will need to be tested with expectations that the water quality tests will come back great.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn advised that his next Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23rd at 4:00 PM in the Mayor’s Conference Room and inquired to Councilman Gonzalez as to when the Rose Floramo Agreement would be discussed at the Economic Development Committee Meeting.

Councilman Gonzalez advised that there will be a presentation on that agreement during the April Economic Development Meeting.

PRE-FILED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION # 11-2017
MARCH 7, 2017

BY: COUNCILMAN BAMONTO

**AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR
BRIDGE NY ENGINEERING TO REPLACE WEST HOWARD AVENUE
CULVERT**

WHEREAS, the qualified and licensed professional services engineering firm of Greenman-Pederson, Inc. (GPI) is pre-approved by the New York State Department of Transportation to design and bid and supervise building of Governor Cuomo’s Bridge NY Program, for which the City of Dunkirk has received a \$750,000 grant, through the efforts of Mayor Rosas and the engineering division of the Department of Public Works, to replace the deteriorated culvert over Crooked Brook on West Howard Avenue; and

WHEREAS, GPI submitted one of several proposals to as rapidly-as-possible perform this design and bid and build supervision engineering to replace the deteriorated culvert over Crooked Brook on West Howard Avenue, and which proposal was rated best by Mayor Rosas and by the Director of Public Works based on GPI’s extensive experience with regional NYS DOT bridge projects, lists impressive references with its proposal, and proposes a fee schedule acceptable to and in accord with the Bridge NY Program; and

WHEREAS, GPI fees would not exceed \$200,000 and would be fully funded within the total Bridge NY project grant received by the City to replace the deteriorated culvert over Crooked Brook on West Howard Avenue, and would be billed according to the hourly rate tables supplied by GPI in its proposal; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized to execute a contract, on behalf of the City of Dunkirk, with Greenman-Pederson, Inc., 4950 Buffalo NY 14225, to perform all engineering services for the West Howard Avenue culvert replacement under the City-received Bridge NY grant, for total fees not to exceed \$200,000.

Councilman Williams advised that this Project was long overdue.

Councilman Bamonto inquired to City Engineer Woodbury for project details.

City Engineer Woodbury provided details of process taken to secure the grant, how the Engineer Firm was acquired and advised that it would be a wonderful replacement at no additional cost to the City.

Councilman Bamonto thanked Mayor Rosas, City Engineer Woodbury and everyone else involved for making this happen as this was a long time coming.

Carried, all voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilwoman Szukala moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Gonzalez.

Carried, all voting aye.

Adjourned at 5:45 PM

Edwin Ramos, City Clerk
