

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**July 19, 2016**

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

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

Also present: Mayor Rosas, City Treasurer Woods, Fiscal Affairs Officer Halas, Public Works Director Bennice, Personnel Administrator Heyden, Building Inspector Zurawski, Clerk, Board of Assessors Mleczko, Deputy Director of Development Waite, Festivals and Special Events Coordinator Rosas and Police Chief Ortolano.

Excused: Councilman Williams, City Attorney Brautigam and Fire Chief Edwards

Certification of Tuesday, July 05, 2016 meeting was read by City Clerk Divine.

RESOLVED: That the reading of the minutes of Tuesday, July 5th, 2016 be dispensed with.

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

Carried, all voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Richard Makuch, 1st Vice Commander of the Dunkirk Joint Veterans Council, spoke in regards to the recent article published in the Observer about the last Personnel Committee Meeting and how he believes the City should make it a priority to hire Veterans as they are already qualified and that lowering hiring standards is demeaning.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR INCLUDING DISAPPROVAL MESSAGES:

Mayor Rosas advised that the Marina deal has closed with Charles Pringle taking ownership, Mr. Pringle is already starting some upgrades and that the City will come out winning after this long process.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PETITIONS:

Request from Chautauqua Opportunities Inc. to use a pavilion at Wright Park 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM Thursdays from July 21st 2016 through September 8th, 2016 for a Personal Enrichment series.

Received and filed.

Request from "Variety" the Children's Charity for 4-6 police personnel on September 17th at the Fairgrounds from 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

Councilwoman Szukala made a motion to refer to the PBA. Seconded by Councilman Gonzalez.

Carried, all voting aye.

Request from James Muscato II, on behalf of the Dunkirk Fire Department and Dunkirk Exempts Club, to hold a Firemen's Hose Race on Friday, August 12th as well as the use of barricades to close Central Avenue between Second and Third Street from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn advised a motion is needed to refer to the appropriate departments due to the road closure.

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

Carried, all voting aye.

Notice of Claim from Vivian Rosado Valentin for alleged damages to her vehicle from a City Garbage Truck.

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

Carried, all voting aye.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Councilman Bamonto inquired to Building Inspector Zurawski for an update on the Al Tech site, Public Works Director Bennice for an update on the tear-down of Lucas Avenue building and thanked the First Ward Falcons Club, Scott Herdzik, Tim Wdowiasz and all volunteers for a great fast-pitch softball tournament.

Building Inspector Zurawski advised that he has received drawings and that they have obtained both building and electrical permits.

Public Works Director Bennice advised contracts were just signed, demolition should be starting within 2 weeks and that there is an undetermined completion date.

Councilman Gonzalez asked Deputy Director of Development Waite to explain what was discussed regarding Grants at his Economic Development Meeting held earlier in the day, Festivals and Special Events Coordinator Rosas for Air Show information update and thanked Public Works Director Bennice for adding the truck signs.

Deputy Director of Development Waite advised details of the Wright Parks Amenities Grant, the reasoning for increase in funding for the Grant and an estimated timeline of completion.

Festivals and Special Events Coordinator Rosas advised that the Air Show set a record for attendance, the economy was significantly impacted in a positive manner, thanked Public Works, Police and Fire for their hard work and advised that the next event is the Beach Bash scheduled for August 6th and 7th.

Councilwoman Szukala explained to Mr. Makuch that the article he spoke in regards to were thoughts from one Council Member, do not represent the Council as a whole and that she would prefer to not be a part of the hiring process.

Councilwoman Szukala inquired to Deputy Director of Development Waite for an update on the 4th Ward Playground, Building Inspector Zurawski for a Colburn Block update and Public Works Director Bennice for an update on Hoyt Street as well as the Benton Water Tank project.

Deputy Director of Development Waite advised that that projects funds are in conjunction with the 2016 CDBG Action Plan, the contract from HUD has yet to be received and that no work can be done until it has been.

Building Inspector Zurawski advised that the process is slow as there are legal issues going on but hopes for it to be cleared up before winter.

Public Works Director Bennice advised that the Hoyt Street project is also waiting on the CDBG Funds and described work that needs to be done at the Benton Street Tank.

Councilman Bamonto asked Festivals and Special Events Coordinator Rosas to provide details about the upcoming Beach Bash.

Festivals and Special Events Coordinator Rosas provided details of the upcoming Beach Bash, acknowledged Sponsors for the event and advised that details are available on the City of Dunkirk's website as well as Dunkirk Festivals Facebook page.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn invited Dan McGill, representative of the Citizens Advisory Committee, to step forward and speak on behalf of the organization.

Mr. McGill presented a brief history of the CAC, provided a "Regulation of Rental Properties" form that he as well as the group would like to see the City implement to help with the absentee landlord problem in the area and advised that he would like City Leaders attend the monthly meetings.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn advised that, until he came into office, he did not realize the intricacies involved to get roads paved and playgrounds built and now understands why the timelines are not always as ideal as people would like as the arrival of grant monies impact when the projects can be completed.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn thanked the Development Department and Mayor Rosas for soliciting the sponsors for the City events in light of the loss of how many Corporate Sponsors have left the area.

PRE-FILED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #68-2016

July 19, 2016

BY: ENTIRE COUNCIL

**AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION
NYSDOS LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Dunkirk is applying to the New York State Department of State ("NYSDOS") for a project grant under the Local Waterfront

Revitalization Program for a comprehensive planning project to be located within the territorial jurisdiction of the City; and,

WHEREAS, as a requirement of these programs, the City must obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Dunkirk Common Council does hereby approve and endorse the City’s application for a grant under the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program through the New York State Department of State for a project located within this community, and authorizes and directs such application be made to the NYSDOS.

Carried, all voting aye.

RESOLUTION #69-2016
July 19, 2016

BY: ENTIRE COUNCIL

**AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION
NYSOPRHP ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND GRANTS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Dunkirk is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (“NYSOPRHP”) for a project grant under the Environmental Protection Fund Grants Program for a project to be located within the territorial jurisdiction of the City; and,

WHEREAS, as a requirement of these programs, the City must obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Dunkirk Common Council does hereby approve and endorse the City’s application for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund Grants Program through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation for a project located within this community, and authorizes and directs such application be made to the NYSOPRHP.

Carried, all voting aye.

RESOLUTION #70-2016
JULY 19, 2016

BY: COUNCILWOMAN SZUKALA

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE FOR
FIRST AUGUST 2016 COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to change the date of their first meeting in August, and

WHEREAS, the Tuesday, August 2nd meeting will be changed to Monday, August 1st in order to enable participation in the **National Night Out** program, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the August 2, 2016 Common Council Meeting shall be re-scheduled to August 1, 2016, in order to enable participation in the **National Night Out** program, with the pre-file date to be Wednesday, July 27, 2016.

Carried, all voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilwoman Szukala moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Gonzalez.

Carried, all voting aye.

Adjourned at 6:03 PM

Lillian Divine, City Clerk
