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# CITY OF WINOOSKI

## CITY COUNCIL

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COUNCILOR ERIK HEIKEL  
COUNCILOR SALLY TIPSON

### Agenda

Monday, March 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Claire Burke Chamber

**I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

- a. Important Announcements

**II. Public Comment Period**

**III. Regular Agenda Items**

1. Ceremonial
  - a. Oath of City Councilors
  - b. Selection of Deputy Mayor
2. Consent Agenda:
  - Minutes of February 9th
  - Accounts Payable Warrant as Closed March 4, 2009
3. Channel 17 – Jess Wilson
4. CCTA “resolution” Support for a Regional Transit Authority
5. Winooski Varsity Cheerleaders “Donation” – Darlene Austin
6. Lee Rabidoux “Insurance Claim”
7. Chapter 21 “Snow Removal” – S. Palmer
8. Chapter 21 “Burling Street Parking”- S. Palmer
9. Brookside Village “Sewer Ordinance/Agreement” – S. Palmer
10. City Manager Position
  - ◆ Employment ad
  - ◆ Search process
11. Discussion of process to establish a set of goals for FY’10

**IV. Potential Executive Session (Personnel and/or Contract Issues)**

**V. Adjourn, Announce Next Meeting and Potential Agenda Items**

## MINUTES:

Meeting called to order by the Mayor at 6:00 p.m.

### Members Present:

Mayor Michael O'Brien

### Council Members:

Michael Mahoney, Erik Heikel, Jodi Harrington, Sally Tipson

### Officers Present:

George C. Cross, City Manager; Carol J. Barrett, Asst. City Clerk; Steven Palmer, City Engineer; William O'Brien, City Attorney; Stephen McQueen, Police Chief; Rick Gaulin, Parking Garage Director; James C. Trzepacz, City Assessor

### Others Present:

David Bowers, Robert & Cindy Rabidoux, Lee Rabidoux, David Lefebvre, Sue Hathaway, Paul & Chris Rabidoux, Clement Bissonnette, Tammy Cusson, Erica Gadbois, Shelby Maynard, Richard & Suzan Maynard, Nan Spence, Lauren Glen, Channel 17; Nancy Ward, Michelle Tipson, Kyle Tipson, Sarah Gelin, Mary Bushey, Kathy & Scott Picard, Marc Bouffard, David Ryan, Sue Devoid, Doug Isham Matt Sutkowski, Burlington Free Press.

Meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 1. Ceremonial

Oath of City Council: The Assistant City Clerk administered the oath to Mayor Michael O'Brien and Council Members Michael Mahoney and Sally Tipson.

Selection of Deputy Mayor:

**MOTION** by Councilor Heikel seconded by Councilor Harrington to appoint Michael Mahoney as Deputy Mayor. Voted and passed 4-0.

The Mayor thanked Katherine Picard for her years of service to the City of Winooski.

Ms Picard thanked the Council and the community for the opportunity to serve and expressed her appreciation to all the citizens of the city.

#### 2. Consent Agenda:

**MOTION** by Councilor Harrington seconded by Councilor Heikel to approve the Minutes of February 9<sup>th</sup> and also the Accounts Payable Warrant as closed March 4, 2009 as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

#### 3. Lauren Glenn-Davitian of Channel 17 gave an update on the annual report and what is going at Channel 17. Mrs. Glenn-Davitian asked the Council what kind of local media do you want and what can Channel 17 do to serve you better. The Council suggested, school events, putting the monthly news letter on TV and bringing back Winooski Live. Mrs. Glenn-Davitian said meetings are always the same time slot and other programs float. She also said there is an opening for a representative to Channel 17. Mrs. Glenn-Davitian asked that we keep Channel 17 in our budget and that we appoint a representative to the board. Mayor O'Brien thanked Mrs. Glenn-Davitian for coming.

Mayor O'Brien said he is very grateful to be back as Mayor. Councilor Mahoney thanked everyone and said it was an honor to do this. Councilor Tipson thanked her family and all her supporters. The Mayor also thanked everyone for passing the budgets.

The Mayor asked for a five minute recess at 6:30 p.m.

The Meeting reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

**MOTION** by Councilor Harrington seconded by Mahoney to appoint Bridget Edwards to the Channel 17 board as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

4. CCTA Resolution Support for a Regional Transit Authority

See attached marked 4.

**MOTION** by Councilor Harrington seconded by Councilor Mahoney to approve the CCTA Resolution as written. Voted and passed 4-0.

5. Mayor O'Brien said the Winooski Varsity Cheerleaders are looking for a donation from the City for an upcoming trip to the New England Championship Competition in Durham, NH. The competition takes place on Saturday, March 21.

**MOTION** by Councilor Heikel seconded by Councilor Harrington to allow City Manager to discuss with the Cheerleading Coach the amount of the donation. The donation would be between \$50 and \$100. Voted and passed 4-0.

6. Mr. & Mrs. Rabidoux are requesting time on the agenda concerning the damage that was done to her son Lee's car. He said he was on his way to school driving down Lafountain St and drove over an area that had been excavated and the rough roadway broke off his rear bumper. The excavation was due to a water break that had happened over the weekend. They submitted the claim to our insurance VLCT and they denied the claim. They are coming before the Council tonight. There was some discussion concerning the insurance claim. The Mayor asked for a Motion, Councilor Mahoney abstained because he had conversation with Robert & Cindy Rabidoux. Again, the Mayor asked for a motion. There was no motion. The council apologizes for what happen but also denied the claim. The Council does not want to set a precedent.

7. Snow Removal Chapter 21 "Parking Garage"

Mr. Palmer said on February 23, 2009 we introduced an amendment to the Parking Ordinance that would make it illegal for any person to park on the exposed open portions of decks 4 or 7 between the hours of 11 pm and 7 am. Mr. Palmer would like to include the dates of this Ordinance which will be from December 1, thru March 31. There was some discussion concerning the hours that they should be kept in line with the snow ban for the rest of the City. The hours will be from 11:pm to 6 am. The above has been postponed till the March 23, 2009 meeting.

8. Chapter 21 "Burling Street Parking"

Mr. Palmer said we are here tonight to introduce an amendment to the Parking Ordinance concerning Burling St. There was a lengthy discussion amongst homeowners concerning Burling St. Mr. Palmer said that the TAB met and the decision was to have no parking on the North Side of Burling St. We are bringing you this tonight for an introduction. Mr. Lefebvre is very concerned, because people have to walk in the middle of the street because of the cars that are parked on both sides. Also there is no way an

emergency vehicle could get through. Councilor Harrington introduced the amendment to the Parking Ordinance.

9. Brookside Village “Sewer Ordinance/Agreement” S- Palmer

See attached Sewer Ordinance Marked 9. Mr. Cross read the following resolution.

**MOTION** by Councilor Heikel seconded by Councilor Harrington to approve the Resolution Pertaining to Brookside Village. Voted and passed 4-0.

10. City Manager Position

Mr. Cross presented to the Council a draft of the job description and an outline of the City Manager Search. See attached marked 10. The Mayor and Council agreed with the job description and the timeline and directed Mr. Cross to proceed with the search.

11. Goals for FY’10

We will have a dinner meeting at the end of March at the O’Brien Center to go over the goals for FY’10.

**MOTION** by Councilor Tipson seconded by Councilor Mahoney to adjourn City Council meeting at 8:45 p.m. Voted and passed 4-0.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. City Clerk