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CITY OF WINOOSKI

CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Monday, March 10, 2008
Claire Burke Chamber

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5 **Members Present:** Mayor Michael O'Brien
6 Deputy Mayor Katherine Picard
7 Councilor Michael Mahoney
8 Councilor Erik Heikel
9 Councilor Jodi Harrington

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11 **Members Absent:** None

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13 **Also Present:** City Manager Joshua Handverger
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16 The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked the Deputy Mayor to lead the group in the pledge
17 of allegiance.
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19 **Councilor Heikel and Councilor Harrington were sworn in as newly elected/re-elected City Councilors by**
20 **the Assistant City Clerk.**
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22 The Mayor thanked Darrell Desautels for his service to Winooski and presented him with his name plaque.
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24 There were no important announcements.
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26 During the public comment period, Mr. Bowers informed the Council of his participation in a teleconference in
27 Montpelier on telecommunications.
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29 **Councilor Harrington moves to nominate Councilor Picard as Deputy Mayor. Councilor Mahoney**
30 **seconds the motion. Motion passes 3-0-1.**
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32 **Councilor Picard makes a motion to pass the consent agenda. Councilor Heikel seconds the motion.**
33 **Motion passes 4-0-0.**
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1 Bill Niquette and Jeremy Farkas spoke to the Council in regards to the Winooski Community Development
2 Corporation. Mr. Niquette spoke about the Corporation's remaining land ownership. He continued to discuss
3 the resignation of the three existing members of the Board, and how their resignation is contingent on the
4 disposition of the parcels. Mr. Niquette discussed the note that the WCDC issued the City of Winooski.
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6 **Mr. Mahoney makes a motion to appoint the Mayor and the City Attorney the delegates to move forward**
7 **with the conveying of the note. Councilor Heikel seconds the motion. Motion passes 4-0-0.**
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9 The Council agreed to support and sponsor the Spinner Place Ice Jams.
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11 Mr. Palmer updated the Council on the status of the Route 15 project. The Mayor informed the Council that the
12 northbound ramp is in the State's MPO and on the TIP. The Council agreed to put out a notice to the residents
13 of Roland Court about the City Council's discussion over improving the Route 15 intersection or waiting for the
14 state to complete the work.
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16 Mr. Palmer informed the Council as to the discussion the Traffic Advisory Board had in regards to the Traffic
17 Calming on Weaver Street. Councilor Mahoney makes a motion to purchase speeds bumps and have them
18 installed on Weaver Street. Councilor Picard seconds the motion. Motion passes 4-0-0.
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20 The City Manager and Mr. Palmer introduced Mr. Rick Gaulin as our new Parking Garage Superintendent.
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22 The Council discussed the new City Logo with the Leek. The Council agreed that it needs more activity in the
23 logo than the one presented.
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25 The City Manager updated the Council on the Community Center Update, Downtown/CCV, the Current
26 Year/Next Fiscal Year Budget updates, the Volunteer Recognition Night, the Downtown Sales Tax Grant and
27 Winooski Wednesday.
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29 Councilor Picard brought up the issue of a resident's difficulty in getting to polls. She also brought up the issue
30 of increasing the Veteran's exemption. Both Councilor Picard and Harrington volunteered to serve as the
31 School Board/City Liaison. Councilor Mahoney acknowledged the Winooski residents for their civic duty of
32 voting. He welcomed Ms. Harrington to the Council, and daylight savings. He also congratulated the Winooski
33 High School Boys Basketball team. Councilor Heikel thanked the 803 voters and welcomed Ms. Harrington.
34 He requested that the volunteer boards present to the Council and the City Manager agreed to start that process.
35 The Council requested a monthly update from businesses downtown. Councilor Heikel also discussed the idea
36 of reviewing the success of the rental registry program. Councilor Harrington thanked the voters, especially the
37 youth that voted.
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39 **At 7:55 p.m., Mr. Mahoney makes a motion to enter into executive session with the sole intention of**
40 **reconvening into open meeting just to adjourn. Councilor Heikel seconds the motion. Meeting adjourns**
41 **4-0-0.**