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COUNCILOR JODI HARRINGTON
COUNCILOR SALLY TIPSON

AGENDA

Monday, May 18, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
Claire Burke Chamber

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
 - a. Important Announcements
- II. Executive Session – Discussion – City Manager Candidates and Collectives Bargain**
- III. Reconvene**
- IV. Public Comment Period**
- V. Regular Agenda Items**

Consent Agenda:
Accounts Payable Warrant as Closed May 14, 2009

1. Appointment of City Manager (possible)
2. Amendments to Collective Bargaining Agreements (possible)
 - Police Department Union
 - Public Works Union
3. O'Brien Community Center "roof bids" – J. Ladd
Action Required: Motion
4. Grant Closeout Agreement "Phase II" – J. Ladd
Action Required: Motion
5. Reappointments
 - CCMPO – Michael O'Brien, Tom Buckley
 - CSWD – Erick Heikel, Josh NeilsonAction Required: Motion

6. Community Beautification update – S Palmer
Action Required: Update
7. Dog Park – E. Andreoli
Action Required: Discussion

VI. Possible Executive Session

VII. Adjourn, Announce Next Meeting

Meeting called to order by the Mayor at 6:25 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; J. Ladd, Community Dev. Director; Steve Palmer, City Engineer, William O'Brien, City Attorney.

Others Present:

Daniel & Helen MacAndrews, Kim O'Connell, Joshua Baisinger, David Ryan, Katherine R. Decarreau, Marcia Levine, Evan Carr, Fox 44; Matt Sutkowski, BFP; Adam Wahl, Brian Latulippe.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Councilor Tipson seconded by Councilor Mahoney to go into Executive session at 6:27 to discuss City Manager Candidate and Collective Bargaining. Voted and passed 4-0.

The Meeting reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

MOTION by Councilor Heikel seconded by Councilor Harrington to approve the Amendment to the Agreement between City of Winooski and A.F.S.C.M.E – Public Works dated July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010 Voted and passed 4-0. See attached amendment. The Mayor and Council thanked Adam Wahl and the Union for working with the City of Winooski and the dedication to the City.

MOTION by Councilor Mahoney seconded by Councilor Heikel to appoint Katherine Decarreau as our City Manager contingent upon salary negotiations effective July 1, 2009. Voted and passed 4-0.

The Mayor called for a five minute recess.

Meeting reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

The Mayor and Council congratulated Kathy and welcomed her aboard.

Kathy thanked the City Council for their confidence in her. She also thanked George for what he has done for the City.

Consent Agenda:

MOTION by Councilor Heikel seconded by Councilor Mahoney to approve the accounts payable warrant as closed May 14, 2009 as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

3. O'Brien Community Center "roof bids":

Mr. Ladd said the Winooski Community Center is in good shape except for the roof. He said we have received 4 bids ranging from \$126,500 to \$188,200. The low bidder was A.C. Hawthorne coming in at \$126,500. Mr. Ladd had estimated \$164,000. Mr. Ladd said grants would be paying for this project.

MOTION by Councilor Heikel seconded by Councilor Harrington to accept the bid from A.C. Hawthorne and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract. Voted and passed 4-0.

4. Grant Closeout Agreement:

Mr. Ladd said this is the 2nd phase of the grant closeout agreement. A few months ago we closed out the first grant closeout in the amount of 1 million dollars. This phase was \$500,000. This is a mirror image of the 1st closeout between the City and the State of Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

MOTION by Councilor Heikel seconded by Councilor Mahoney to authorize the Mayor to sign the Closeout Agreement between the City and the State of Vermont as presented. Voted and passed 4-0. See attached marked #4.

5. Reappointments:

CCMPO – Michael O'Brien, Tom Buckley

CSWD – Erik Heikel, Josh Neilson

MOTION by Councilor Harrington seconded by Councilor Mahoney to reappointment Michael O'Brien and Tom Buckley to the CCMPO board and Erik Heikel and Josh Neilson to the CSWD board as presented. Voted and passed 3-0-1. Mr. Heikel abstained.

6. Community Beautification Update

Mr. Palmer updated the Mayor and Council on the Beautification of the City. Our goal is to gain community involvement. Mr. Palmer. The following businesses have committed to flowers or tending to the islands. McKee's, Sally's, Seasons Greetings, Quiznos, Sneakers, Downtown Business Assoc., Russell Niquette, Operation Bloom, Key Bank. We will also be hanging flower baskets on the light poles in the downtown area. We are also at Richards Park with the flag lighting. The VFW is raising the money for that. All this is being donated by businesses or people wanting to donate. There are no tax dollars for this at all. The Mayor and Council appreciate your efforts to coordinate this project.

7. Dog Park

Mr. Mahoney read the following letter to the Mayor and Council. See attached letter marked #7. Eileen Andreoli was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

This Saturday May 22 at 12:00 p.m. we will have a Memorial Day Parade starting at the High School and ending at Richards Park. There will be a BBQ following the parade.

MOTION by Councilor Tipson seconded by Councilor Heikel to adjourn City Council meeting at 7:20 p.m. and to also schedule the next City Council meeting for June 1, 2009. Voted and passed 4-0.

ATTEST: _____
Asst. City Clerk

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