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Minutes of Monday, July 7, 2008
City Council Chambers

Members Present: Mayor Michael O'Brien
Deputy Mayor Katherine Picard
Councilor Michael Mahoney
Councilor Erik Heikel
Councilor Jodi Harrington

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Joshua Handverger

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked the Deputy Mayor Katherine Picard to lead the group in the pledge of allegiance.

During the public comment period, Mr. Hebert spoke to the Council about being a golf cart City. The council asked the City manager to inquire with the police department about the feasibility of allowing them.

A resident expressed her disappointment with how the McQueen hearings ended and was disappointed that the police chief was never able to speak under oath.

Councilor Heikel moves for acceptance of the consent agenda. Councilor Harrington seconds the motion. Motion passes 4-0-0.

Mr. Ladd presented the slate of candidates for appointment to the Winooski Community Center advisory board. The Council requested that Mr. Ladd start the process again. Councilor Picard requested that as a policy, the City open up all board positions to the City.

Ms. Elston presented the logo design depicting the leek. The Mayor agreed to have this logo finalized for the next City Council meeting.

1 Councilor Heikel moves for approval of the 8th Amendment of the DDA contingent upon approval by TD
2 BankNorth. Councilor Harrington seconds the motion. Motion passes 4-0-0.

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4 Mr. Donovan and Mr. Kimball from Community College of Vermont presented the final design of the Winooski
5 CCV facility to the Council for approval. Councilor Heikel makes a motion to approve the design as presented.
6 Councilor Harrington seconds the motion. Motion passes 4-0-0.

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8 Michael Loner and J. Ladd presented to the Council an offer to buy the Library by the Dream Program. The
9 Council agreed that Mr. Ladd should proceed with the Phase I environmental and a Lease to Purchase
10 agreement to be resubmitted to the Council.

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12 Mr. Trzepacz presented to the Council the request to set the FY2009 tax rate at \$0.79 per 100 of assessed value.
13 Councilor Mahoney makes a motion to approve the City Tax rates. Councilor Harrington seconds the motion.
14 Motion passes 4-0-0.

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16 Mr. Palmer presented to the Council a street reconstruction proposal.

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18 The City Manager updated the Council on the Downtown Sales Tax reallocation application, the current year
19 COLA, previous year shortfalls, the prior previous year audit, the personnel manual, GASB 34 and the striping
20 of the City Hall parking lot.

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22 Councilor Harrington moves for adoption of the idling ordinance. Councilor Heikel seconds the motion.
23 Motion passes 4-0-0.

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25 The Council agreed to pay the invoice from Frontier Waste. Councilor Harrington moves that the City pays in
26 the invoice from Frontier Waste. Councilor Heikel seconds the motion. Motion passes 4-0-0.

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28 Add sidewalk plowing and regional programs to the agenda.

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30 Councilor Picard makes a motion to pay WVPD \$11,800. Councilor Harrington seconds the motion. Motion
31 fails 1-2-1 (Harrington abstains).

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33 Councilor Heikel makes a motion to not fund the WVPD. (Fy08 and FY09) Councilor Harrington seconds the
34 motion. Motion fails 2-3-0.

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36 Councilor Harrington makes a motion to fund FY2009 \$3000. Councilor Picard seconds the motion. 3-1-0.

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38 The Mayor initiated a conversation over subcommittees. The Council agreed to continue the discussion at our
39 next meeting.

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41 The Council set the date of Saturday, August 23, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. for the retreat.

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43 During the City Manager's update, the City Manager updated the Council on the status of the Downtown Sales
44 Tax Grant application, the FY2009 COLA, the current and previous year shortfalls, GASB 34, the Personnel
45 Manual and the re-striping of the City Hall Parking Lot.

1 During the roundtable, Councilor Picard voiced her appreciation for the Riverwalk Festival, asked about SD
2 Ireland's radio tower, asked for quarterly reports from Department Heads, wanted more details in the minutes
3 and to verify that Bernie Fregeau's request was being looked at. Councilor Mahoney reiterated Councilor
4 Picard's thanks to those that put on the Riverwalk festival. The Mayor informed the group about the tourists
5 that he and the City Manager met with during the previous week.
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7 **At 11:10 p.m., Deputy Mayor Katherine Picard makes a motion to enter into executive session for the**
8 **sole reason of reconvening in open meeting to adjourn. Councilor Michael Mahoney seconds the motion.**
9 **Meeting adjourns 4-0-0.**