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AGENDA

Monday October 20, 2008 at 6:00 P.M.
CLAIRE BURKE CHAMBER

- I. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
 - a. Important Announcement

- II. Public Comment Period

- III. Regular Agenda Items
 1. 6:05 Consent Agenda:
Minutes of October 6, 2008
Accounts Payable Warrant as closed October 16, 2008
YMCA "5K Fun Run"
Ray Clavelle
Action Required: Motion
 2. 6:10 Housing Vermont "120 WC proposal" – Andy Broderick, J. Ladd
Action Required: Discussion/Approval
 3. 6:25 Governor's reception 10/21 at Champlain Mill
Action Required: Approval
 4. 6:30 Budget Workshop with Department Heads
Action Required: Discussion
 5. Council's Roundtable Discussion (New Business, Announcements, Discussion)

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

V. Adjourn; Announce Next Meeting and Potential Agenda Items.

Meeting called to order by the Mayor at 6:05 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Michael O'Brien

Council Members: Katherine Picard, Michael Mahoney, Erik Heikel, Jodi Harrington.

Officers Present:

Carol J. Barrett, Asst. City Clerk; Amanda Perry, Librarian; James C. Trzepacz, City Assessor; J. Ladd, Director of Community Development; Steven McQueen, Police Chief; David Bergeron, Fire Chief; Steven Palmer, City Engineer; Pauline K. Schmoll, City Clerk/Treasurer.

Others Present:

Erika Gadbois, Susan Hathaway, Sally Tipson, Michael Moran, David Bowers, Tammy Cusson, Matt Sutkowski, BFP; Andy Broderick, Housing VT; Colin Robinson, Mark Bouffard, Jim Ticehurst, Amy Booher, Scott Picard, Rita Markley, COTS.

Public Comment:

Sally Tipson from Season's Greetings is asking for pumpkin carvers for the Festival of Pumpkins. We will be carving at the Senior Center on Tuesday starting at 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday starting at noon. We are also looking for donations of candy and candles. The Festival is going to be held on October 30 and 31 at Smith Park.

Mr. Moran said he emailed the Mayor regarding the Public's safety on Bellevue St. Mr. O'Brien said he had received it.

Ms. Cusson said the Boys and Girls basketball team is having a Calcutta at McKee's on October 26, 2008.

1. Regular Agenda Items:

Minutes – Move them off the consent agenda. There are corrections to be made to the minutes and will be approved at the next City Council meeting.

Accounts Payable Warrant & YMCA "5K Fun Run".

MOTION by Councilor Heikel seconded by Councilor Harrington to approve the Warrants that closed on October 16, 2008 and to accept application for the 5K Fun Run to be held on October 31, 2008 starting and ending at the Winooski Community Center. Voted and passed 4-0.

Mr. O'Brien said we have received a letter from Mr. Clavelle resigning as the delinquent tax collector. See attached letter marked #1.

MOTION by Councilor Picard seconded by Councilor Mahoney to accept the letter of resignation from Mr. Clavelle. Voted and passed 4-0. Councilor Picard thanked Mr. Clavelle for years of service and that he was a very valuable to this community.

2. Housing Vermont “120 WC proposal” – Andy Broderick, J. Ladd.

Mr. Andy Broderick of Housing VT is presenting a proposal to apply with the City to the VT Development Program for \$600,000.00 to support the construction of a new 28 apartment building at 120 W. Canal St. for Veterans. See attached letter marked #2A.

Discussion ensued concerning the building, city services, assessment and taxes. Ms. Rita Markley, COTS said that there will be a resident manager who will have their own apartment there. They will also have a 40 hour case manager, job skills training and Vet to Vet programs. The Veterans Advisory Board has been meeting with Veterans and COTS for the past year. Mr. Marty Martinez, veteran and resident manager of the Allen House has been working with grant writers for over a year. Chief McQueen stated that when they have a resident manager there full time, it is not as much of a burden to the Police. Chief Bergeron applauds COTS for this program. He supports the new complex. Mr. Trzepakz said there will be a DRB meeting on November 6, 2008 to discuss the change to the exterior of the building. Mr. Broderick said the State of Vermont passed a law that the value should be based on the cash flow that they are receiving. Mr. Trzepakz also said it will be an actual assessment/tax bill. Property is determined on what rents are charged.

MOTION by Councilor Harrington seconded by Councilor Mahoney to approve the Resolution for VCDP Grant Application Authority as presented. Voted and passed 4-0. See attached marked #2B.

3. Governor’s reception 10/21 at Champlain Mill

Mrs. Schmoll said the Mayor and Council need to formally approve a Caterer’s Permit from Sodexo Vermont, Inc dba Champlain College for the Governor’s Reception on October 21, at the Champlain Mill. See attached marked #5.

MOTION by Councilor Harrington seconded by Councilor Heikel to approve the Caterer’s Permit for Sodexo Vermont, Inc dba Champlain College for the Governor’s Reception to be held on October 21, 2008 at the Champlain Mill. Voted and passed 4-0.

4. Budget Workshop with Department Heads.

5. Council’s Roundtable Discussion (New Business, Announcements, Discussion)

Councilor Picard stated that the stuffer sent with the sewer/water bills was very good and had good explanations.

There is a resolution from VLCT opposing the \$4M loss from the highway funds for local roads.

She also stated that there was a good article about retiring in Burlington entitled “Small City, Big Charms”. The City Clerk stated that she would post it on the bulletin board.

She also stated that any media coverage should be coordinated through the Mayor because the Council wants to be informed and in the loop. The City Clerk apologized because she had spoken with the Burlington Free Press and had not given notice to the Mayor and Council and it would not happen again.

Councilor Mahoney had nothing.

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Discussion ensued between the Council and various Department Heads concerning the various cuts and revisions in the 2008-09 Budget.

Suggestions made included having community people involved in the budget process, giving the Senior Citizens a stipend instead of paying all expenses, 1% sales tax, fewer street lights.

Councilor Harrington wanted a list of non-contractual commitments.

Cost savings concerning bi-weekly payroll. The City Clerk stated that she would email any information she could produce.

The next meeting is November 10th and everyone is to come back with ideas.

Executive Session: MOTION by Council Heikel to go into Executive Session to discuss a contract issue and that Chief McQueen be invited, seconded by Councilor Mahoney at 9 pm. Voted and passed 4-0.

Meeting reconvened. MOTION by Councilor Heikel seconded by Councilor Harrington to approve the addendum to the contract. Voted and passed 4-0.

MOTION by Councilor Mahoney seconded by Councilor Heikel to adjourn at 9:18 pm. Voted and passed 4-0.

ATTEST: _____
Asst. City Clerk