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CITY OF WINOOSKI

CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Tuesday, November 13, 2007
Claire Burke Chamber

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

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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 Vermont State Attorney Tim Donovan Jr. expressed his gratitude with the coordinated community response
20 regarding the vandalism at St. Francis.

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22 Chief McQueen also explained how Winooski's specific programs properly functioned during the recent
23 incidents and reduced the impact on the community.

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25 **Councilor Picard makes a motion to accept the items on the consent agenda as presented. Counselor**
26 **Desautels seconds the motion. Motion passes 4-0-0.**
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28 Mr. Palmer re-explained the Audet Street parking ban. He called it a housekeeping item, to re-open parking on
29 the dead-end of the Audet Street stub. **Councilor Picard introduces the Audet Street ordinance change to**
30 **be heard on December 17, 2007.**
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32 Mr. Palmer presented to the Council the update on the RFQ to have the Downtown Association procure snow
33 and ice removal. Mr. Palmer also advised the Council and the public as to the Winter Snow and Ice removal
34 procedures and the parking ordinances in place during the Winter.
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1 The Council heard an update from the City Manager and Mr. Palmer regarding the Brookside Housing Project
2 being built near the Colchester line off of Hikok Street. Mr. Heikel and Mr. Mahoney agreed to represent the
3 Council at future meetings regarding the development.
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5 The City Manager updated the Council on the regional the regional appropriations that have yet to be paid. The
6 Council was not sure as to what occurred at prior meetings and instructed the City Manager to inquire as to
7 what was previously appropriated. The Council continued a discussion regarding the WVPD. The Council
8 reached the consensus that they wanted the City Manager to research the situation further, especially based on
9 the funds available in the regional appropriations line item.
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11 The City Lister presented the Grand List Errors and Omissions for the pending fiscal year.
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13 John Clark presented potential advertisements for the first night program. At this point, he is requested that the
14 City update the aerial photos of the Downtown Business District. The Council agreed to have the City
15 Manager discuss with Mr. Myers the history of this, as well as, to coordinate other businesses to participate.
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17 Mr. DiMasi presented Raymond Trainque to the Council to present a certificate of appreciation for his volunteer
18 work/Eagle Scout project of building a parks and recreation shed. The Mayor presented him with a certificate
19 of appreciation.
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21 **Ms. Picard makes a motion to approve the mission statement with corrections. Mr. Desautels seconds the**
22 **motion. Motion passes 4-0-0.**
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24 The Council further refined the Rules and Procedures Draft and Instructed the City Manager to make changes
25 and resubmit as a next draft. The City Manager informed the Council that at one of the next meetings, the
26 Council will be working on the City's Goals and Objectives.
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28 During the City Manager Update, the City Manager presented Good News about the Tax Collector's Office, the
29 volunteers on the Rep. Board and the re-opening of the Highway Barn. He also updated the Council as to where
30 he is in the FY2009 Budget and Capital Budget process, the Thanksgiving Holiday Hours of City Hall and the
31 New City Hall hours.
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33 During the Councilor's New Business Roundtable Discussion, Councilor Picard inquired about the number of
34 parking spots at City Hall. As a result of this conversation, Ms. Picard volunteered to serve as the Council's
35 representative on the Accessibility Committee. She also suggested bringing in High School students to answer
36 phones, having a public computer in City Hall and increasing the frequency of the Order of the Onion.
37 Councilor Mahoney again, praised and thanked the Community for their positive reaction to the incidents at St.
38 Francis.
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40 Mayor O'Brien reminded attendees and the public that the official tree/menorah lighting will be Saturday,
41 November 24, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in Smith Park.
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43 **At 7:55 p.m., Mr. Mahoney makes a motion to convene into executive session with the only intention of**
44 **returning to open meeting to adjourn the public meeting. Mr. Heikel seconds the motion. Motion passes**
45 **4-0-0. Executive session ended and meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m..**