

MINUTES
April 25, 2011
Government Services Committee
City of Batavia

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Chairman Schmitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Aldermen Chanzit, Dietz, Liva (7:01 p.m.), Schmitz, Sparks, Tenuta, and Thelin Atac
Also Present: Aldermen Clark, Frydendall (7:25 p.m.), Jungels (7:19 p.m.), Volk, and Wolff; Alderman-Elect Stark; Noel Basquin, City Engineer; Howard Chason, Information Systems Director; Peggy Colby, Finance Director; Randall Deicke, Fire Chief; Gary Holm, Public Works Director; William McGrath, City Administrator; Mayor Schielke, Gary Schira, Police Chief; Jerry Swanson, Community Development Director; and Connie Rizo, Recording Secretary

2. Approve Minutes

None.

3. Items/Removed/Added/Changed

None.

4. Approval: Class D Liquor License for the Lodge on the Fox, Anne Marie McConnaughay

Chairman Schmitz stated that the owner's of Lodge on the Fox have approached the City of Batavia for a Class D liquor license. Chairman Schmitz advised that Chief Schira communicated there was nothing to preclude the business from receiving a liquor license and that the Mayor recommended approval as well. Ald. Volk inquired if this was a creation of a new liquor license or a reassignment of an existing liquor license. Chairman Schmitz advised this was not a new liquor license. Ald. Liva inquired about the owner's of Lodge on the Fox previously being in the restaurant business.

Chairman Schmitz stated the McConnaughay's previously ran the Firebarn Pizza restaurant in the same location in the 1980s-1990s. Mayor Schielke provided historical information of this restaurant site and the environmental clean up the McConnaughay's previously did at this site. Mayor Schielke advised that Anne Marie McConnaughay was teaming up with her daughter and son-in-law to run the Lodge on the Fox as a family restaurant.

Motion: To recommend to City Council approval of the Class D liquor license issued to the Lodge on the Fox.

Maker: Sparks

Second: Chanzit

Voice vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Resolution 11-35-R: Renewal of Parking and Traffic Enforcement Agreement with Stone Manor (Chf. Schira 4/20/11)

Chairman Schmitz stated that Resolution 11-35-R was a renewal of a parking and traffic enforcement agreement within the Stone Manor subdivision. Chief Schira advised that the president of the Stone Manor homeowner's association brought to the attention of the City that the 20-year agreement was soon due to expire, so he requested it be renewed. Chief Schira advised the renewal agreement has been updated for another 20-year period or until either one of the parties notifies the other they do not wish the agreement to proceed. Chief Schira added that this agreement has not caused any drain on police services, but does empower the police to go into the area to enforce parking and traffic regulations. Ald. Sparks inquired if the City has similar agreements with other apartment complex or similar subdivisions. Chief Schira replied there are agreements in place in other commercial and residential areas. Ald. Sparks inquired regarding the ability or not to issue certain violations on private property. Chief Schira replied that as far as traffic and parking regulations are concerned they cannot be enforced on private property without entering into an agreement such as this.

Motion: To recommend to City Council approval of Resolution 11-35-R for the renewal of the parking and traffic enforcement agreement with Stone Manor.

Maker: Tenuta

Second: Thelin Atac

Voice vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Closed Session: Personnel

Motion: To adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussion of

personnel.
Maker: Dietz
Second: Sparks
Voice vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. and when Regular Session resumed at 9:34 p.m. all the same committee members were present.

Mayor Schielke provided brief comments about the candidates and expressed he was proud of the quality of candidates presented. Mayor Schielke explained the situation and fall out due to the gambling issue in Des Plaines where two of the candidates had previously worked. Mayor Schielke commented that all three candidates had strengths. The aldermen and department heads provided their reactions to the three candidates and weighed in on who they would like to see as the next Assistant City Administrator. The majority of the group favored Jason Bajor above the other two candidates. Bill McGrath explained his thought process in bringing forth the three candidates and the attributes of the candidates. McGrath shared some feedback he had already received on the candidates and conveyed the process of calling the references for the candidates. Ald. Dietz stated he would like to understand more about the political turnover and turmoils on the candidates. Ald. Wolff suggested Ald. Dietz research the candidates online over the internet because a lot of information was available via news websites.

Ald. Clark inquired on the time frame for appointing the new Assistant City Administrator. McGrath stated he was hoping to have a closed session at the May 2, 2011, City Council meeting and then have Mayor Schielke make a recommendation and then use the time between then and the following Council meeting to work out a contract. Mayor Schielke stated he would like to see this appointment worked out as soon as possible.

McGrath inquired if the aldermen were content with the selection process for the potential new Assistant City Administrator. Comments by the aldermen were that they were pleased with this process.

7. Other

- Ald. Dietz pointed out that Don Murphy was present in the audience for this meeting. **Don Murphy, 1022 Bluestem Lane, Batavia**, stated as member of the Knights of Columbus he was interested in discussing the 10 acres of Forest Preserve land adjacent to the Fox River. Murphy commented that the K of C has a parcel right next to this land. Murphy advised that the K of C is concerned because of potential work on the property and how this land would affect them for any potential future expansion. Ald. Volk advised the Community Development Committee would be discussing a letter to the Forest Preserve District to encourage them to pick the parcel up to the north of the K of C. Murphy advised

the K of C was working on an expansion plan. Murphy inquired if the City controlled part of the Forest Preserve at Route 25 and Fabyan. Bill McGrath advised that the Forest Preserve owns that land and it is not in the City. McGrath inquired if the K of C was interested in acquiring more property. Murphy responded that that would be a possibility. Chairman Schmitz advised that the CDC could add this topic to their meeting agenda of May 10, 2011, to discuss further.

- Bill McGrath stated that Pat Dodd resigned today after having worked in the Waste Water Treatment Plant for 20 years. McGrath stated he would send a memo out regarding this. Ald. Volk inquired if this position would be refilled. McGrath stated he would discuss this further with Gary Holm, but anticipated filling the position.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ald. Dietz and seconded by Ald. Sparks to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 p.m. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

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