

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers
County-City Building

January 17, 2011
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Andrew J. Halverson, presiding

Roll Call: Present: Ald. Mallison, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik,
Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore
Excused: Ald. Slowinski
Also
Present: City Attorney Molepske, Clerk Moe, Comptroller-
Treasurer Schlice, Directors Schrader, Halverson, Lemke,
Ostrowski; Police Chief Ruder, Fire Chief Zinda, Assessor
Siebers, Personnel Manager Jakusz, Paralegal Becky
Kalata, Assistant to the Mayor Pazdernik, Kari Yenter,
Matt Brown (Portage County Gazette), B. C. Kowalski
(Stevens Point Journal)

2. Salute to the Flag and Mayor's opening remarks.

Mayor Halverson led the salute to the flag.

3. Consideration of the minutes of the Common Council meeting on December 20, 2010, the Special Common Council meetings of January 4, and January 6, 2011.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. O'Meara seconded, approval of all the minutes.

Ald. Suomi clarified that she was in favor of holding a meeting to discuss a referendum; however, she would not have supported a primary election.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none. Motion carried.

4. *Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council on specific agenda items other than a "Public Hearing" must register their request at this time. Those who wish to address the Common Council during a "Public Hearing" are not required to identify themselves until the "Public Hearing" is declared open by the Mayor.

John Brown, 2132 McCulloch Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

Item #5 – Persons who wish to address Mayor and Council

Item #6 – Resolution-Downtown Redevelopment Citizen Participation Plan

Item #7 – Plan Commission Meeting of January 3, 2011

Item #8 – Resolution-Amendment to Project Plan and Boundaries of TID #6

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street W, Whiting, WI:

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Item #9 – Resolution-Modification of Land Uses within Project Area Boundaries

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

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Mildred Neville, 1709 Jefferson Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

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Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

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Henry Korger, 3200 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

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Bill Yudchitz, 1301 DuBay Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

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Rich Sommer, 4224 Janick Circle N, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

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Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

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Jeff Presley, 2101 Falcons Cove, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

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Item #19 – Ordinance- Creation of Assistant Police Chief positions

Bernard Coerper, 1400 W River Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54481:

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Sarah Robinson, 1245 Main Street Suite 200, Stevens Point, WI 54481:
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Nancy Schultz, 925 Smith Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481:
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Steve Smith, Mid-State Technical College:
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Ald. Trzebiatowski, 7th District:
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5. Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.

John Brown, 2132 McCulloch Street, introduced himself and stated he is running for 5th District Alderperson. He said his goal is to protect the current quality of life in Stevens Point.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street W, voiced his concerns on the lack of opportunity for the public to provide input on the redevelopment of the mall and referendum.

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, is concerned that the alderpersons are making decisions on what they believe rather than what the citizens want. She said public input is needed on the redevelopment of the mall.

Mildred Neville, 1709 Jefferson Street, is concerned that citizens have to come to the Clerk's Office to review the borrowing resolution. She asked that the entire resolution be placed on the City's website.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, voiced her concerns on the amount that the City is paying for the mall. She said she is also concerned there will be a poor representation of citizens deciding on the future of the downtown.

Henry Korger, 3200 Water Street, said the City needs to be careful what they do with our money.

Ald. Trzebiatowski stated this is the first time in 70 years that the Packers and Bears face off at the Division Championship.

6. Consideration of Resolution - Downtown Redevelopment Citizen Participation Plan.

Mayor Halverson said the resolution came about because of the concern about what will happen to the center portion of the mall. He said there was very little concern about the importance of Mid-State relocating downtown. The Mayor said Mid-State is the priority so they can be operational by August, 2012. He said the center portion should have more conversation to determine what is best needed.

Bill Yudchitz, 1301 DuBay Avenue, supports Mid- State relocating. He said the community is not willing to pay for a plan when they did not have enough opportunity for input.

John Brown , 2132 McCulloch Street, said the public is not willing to pay for a project without their input.

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, questioned if it is necessary to spend this amount of money on the mall. She said she would like to see the contract with Mid-State once they move into the mall. Ms. Jacob suggested holding public informational meetings so the public can ask questions and have them answered.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street W, said the City should hold the public input meetings before the February referendum. He urged the Council to deny this resolution.

Rich Sommer, 4224 Janick Circle N, declined his opportunity to speak.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers Street, urged the City to allow more public input.

Jeff Presley, 2101 Falcons Cove, said the details for Mid-State is a great idea. He said the problem is the timeline that the public had to react to this. Mr. Presley said public input is valuable.

Bernie Coerper, 1400 W River Drive, said this resolution does not change anything. He said he is concerned about the future of the City.

Sarah Robinson, 1245 Main Street, urged the Council to move forward with this resolution.

Nancy Schultz, 925 Smith Street, supports relocating Mid-State into the mall. She encouraged the Council to move forward with the plans. Ms. Schultz said she is more than willing to pay for this project.

Steve Smith, Mid-State Technical College, supports this resolution. He said the four requirements for relocating are: 1) the space must have enough square

footage, 2) it must be made financially whole, 3) they must have ownership and title to the property, and 4) they must have their separate space.

Ald. O'Meara **moved**, Ald. Suomi seconded, to adopt the resolution.

Ald. Wiza asked when the public input sessions will be held.

Mayor Halverson replied they will be at the end of February into March. He said one meeting will take place before the February referendum.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Mallison.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

7. Consideration of the minutes of the Plan Commission meeting of January 3, 2011.

John Brown, 2132 McCulloch Street, declined his opportunity to speak.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street W, said the mall is not owned by the City. He said a private party should buy the mall.

Rich Sommer, 4224 Janick Circle N, questioned the portion of the document that refers to a \$10 million development in 2011. He is concerned with this because it has never been discussed and he suggested that the Council return this portion back to the Plan Commission for discussion.

Ald. R. Stroik would like clarification on the omitted plans. He noted that the document was changing up to the time of and at the Plan Commission meeting.

Mayor Halverson said the overall project plan is a draft until approved by the Council. He said the only thing that changed was a concept site plan map was added. The Mayor added that no other changes have been made since the Plan Commission meeting.

Ald. Wiza asked how the \$10 million project estimate was determined.

Mayor Halverson said it is a target. He said these are development assumptions and it is not a given that it will actually happen.

Ald. Wiza asked if there are projections if the amounts of development are different.

Mayor Halverson said the assumptions that were provided to the taxpayers is \$25.07 per \$1,000 assuming the worst case of no development.

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to accept minutes and affirm the actions of the Plan Commission.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none. Motion carried.

8. Consideration of Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Project Plan and Boundaries of Tax Incremental District No. 6, City of Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

John Brown, 2132 McCulloch Street, voiced his concerns on the legal binding language and the legal documents submitted by outside sources that are included with this resolution. He noted that there will be no funding if the referendum fails.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street W, declined his opportunity to speak.

Ald. R. Stroik said the plans currently show the center portion of the mall removed. He asked if this will be allowed to change through the Citizen Participation Plan.

Mayor Halverson replied yes, this site plan was inserted in this document to be an overall guide of what could be happening within this area. The Mayor asked Mr. Harrigan to further explain if the City is legally required to implement this specific site plan if it is currently included in this document.

Mike Harrigan, Representative of Ehlers, said the plan is simply framework of what can be done but it is not required.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Brooks seconded, adoption of the resolution.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Mallison, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

9. Consideration of Resolution Approving the Modification of Land Uses within Project Area Boundaries of the Downtown Redevelopment Project Area Plan.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street W, said he does not feel downtown is the best location for Mid-State.

Ald. Wiza said this is the part of the plan that he is in favor of.

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. Moore seconded, approval of the Resolution Approving the Modification of Land Uses within Project Area Boundaries of the Downtown Redevelopment Project Area Plan.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked if the Community Development Authority is required to submit their meeting minutes.

Mayor Halverson said they are not required to submit their minutes to the Council. He said only individual resolutions that the governing body has to approve under the statutes are required to be submitted.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Mallison.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

10. Consideration of the minutes and actions taken at the Public Protection Committee meeting of January 10, 2011.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, approval of the minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none. Motion carried.

11. Consideration of the minutes and actions taken at the Board of Public Works meeting of January 10, 2011.

Ald. Mallison **moved**, Ald. Brooks seconded, approval of the minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none. Motion carried.

12. Consideration of Resolution – Approving the Stormwater Management Cooperative Agreement.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Molski seconded, approval of the resolution.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Mallison, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

13. Consideration of the minutes and actions taken at the Personnel Committee meeting of January 10, 2011.

Ald. Molski **moved**, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, for approval.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none. Motion carried.

14. Consideration of the minutes and actions taken at the Special Personnel Committee meeting of January 17, 2011.

Clerk Moe read the minutes of the Special Personnel Committee meeting of January 17, 2011.

Ald. Brooks **moved**, Ald. Moore seconded, to accept the minutes and affirm the actions.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none. Motion carried.

15. Ratification of the 2011-2012 Teamster Local 662 Labor Agreement.

Ald. Molski **moved**, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to ratify the 2011-2012 Teamster Local 662 Labor Agreement (Water Department).

Mayor Halverson said he is seeing a cooperative nature from the bargaining units. He said with this settlement, the City will save over \$100,000 for the two years of the agreement.

Ald. Trzebiatowski encouraged the other unions to follow suit.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Mallison.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

16. Consideration of the minutes and actions taken at the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of January 5, 2011.

Ald. Brooks **moved**, Ald. O'Meara seconded, to accept the minutes and affirm the actions taken at the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of January 5, 2011.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none. Motion carried.

17. Consideration of the minutes and actions taken at the Board of Water & Sewage Commissioners meeting of January 10, 2011.

Ald. Mallison **moved**, Ald. M. Stroik seconded, to place the minutes on file and affirm the actions of the Board of Water & Sewage Commissioners.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Mallison, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

18. Consideration of the minutes and actions taken at the Police and Fire Commission meetings of December 30, 2010 and January 4, 2011.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Brooks seconded, approval.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked what the pay increase will be for the Assistant Chiefs.

Mayor Halverson said this is simply a title change and there will not be any pay raises.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none. Motion carried.

19. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment – Creation of Assistant Police Chief Positions.

Jeff Presley, 2101 Falcons Cove, asked how their status with the union will change.

Mayor Halverson replied the Lieutenants were not in the union.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, approval of the ordinance amendment.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Mallison.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. Consideration of the Statutory Monthly Financial Report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.

Ald. Moore **moved**, Ald. Molski seconded, to accept the report and place it on file.

Roll Call: Ayes all.
Nays none. Motion carried.

21. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 8:44 p.m.