

**City of Stevens Point
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Council Chambers
County-City Building
1516 Church Street**

**July 20, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Mike Wiza, Presiding

ROLL CALL: Ald. Doxtator (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), Mrozek, Ryan, Oberstadt, Van Stippen, Slowinski, Kneebone, Patton, McComb, Phillips, Morrow

ALSO

PRESENT: City Clerk Moe, City Attorney Beveridge, C/T Ladick, Directors J. Lemke, Ostrowski, Schatschneider, Schrader, Fire Chief Finn, Interim Police Chief Skibba, Steve Shepro, Assessor, Administrative Assistant Pazdernik, Nate Enwald, Portage County Gazette, Brandi Makuski, City Times, Larry Lee, WSAU.

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

Mayor Wiza reported that in the first 100 days of his administration there have been a number of accomplishments and changes that have occurred. He said there will be a presentation at each Council meeting. Mayor Wiza stated a suggestion box has been implemented and comments are received, reviewed and answered on a daily basis. He added there will be the creation of a Code Enforcement Officer as well as a new IT position to maintain the City's computer system as well as the remodeled floor plan for the City Police Department. Mayor Wiza stated the seawall and Hoover grade project will be wrapping up and there has been economic development with businesses such as Ki Mobility and Skyward.

3. *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.

The Mayor encouraged anyone interested in coming before Council to speak on a public hearing item to register at this time.

4. Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.

Shari Carpenter, 2308 Prais Street, stated she wanted to speak about the parking situation on Prais Street as well as the Ministry employee bus which causes noise and air pollution. Ms. Carpenter stated there are serious safety concerns with parking and the shuttle. She pointed out Ministry employees should be using the parking lot or overflow parking by the old Rice Clinic. She asked the City if there would be a way to change the parking times/limits on Prais because employees monopolize parking spaces in front of her house. Mayor Wiza stated he would contact Ministry Medical and follow up on the situation.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar, Whiting, stated he encouraged City Council members to vote to fund Edgewater Manor and retain the ownership of the building.

5. AECOM presentation regarding Hoover Road grade separation concerns.

Kevin Hagen, Project Manager for the Hoover Road project stated that the project was at the 60% phase. He reviewed the project schedule and timeline. Mr. Hagen stated there are three areas of concern: 1) the Woodward Drive/Hoover Road intersection; 2) four lanes versus two lanes and, 3) location of the Heartland Trail. He provided options including pros and cons on each of the concerns. Mr. Hagen reviewed the cost analysis of the entire project. He said a redesign of the project would cause delays, jeopardize funding and ultimately cause cost overruns. He recommended staying on track with the current project.

Ald. McComb stated a lot of consideration has been given to increased motorized traffic but more consideration should be given to an increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Ald. Ryan stated safety needs to be a high priority.

Mr. Hagen stated safety precautions such as signalized light, enhanced crosswalk delineation and a bike refuge are all being considered.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

6. Minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of June 15, 2015 and the Special Joint Common Council/Redevelopment Authority meeting of July 13, 2015.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to approve the Regular Common Council minutes of June 15, 2015 and the Special Joint Common Council/Redevelopment Authority minutes of July 13, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

7. Possible funding of needed improvements for Edgewater Manor.

Mayor Wiza stated agenda items 7 and 8 are related and will be discussed together in order to expedite public comment as there are a number of citizens wishing to speak on these two items. He added that no decision needs to be made at this meeting unless the Council is ready to do so. Mayor Wiza stated based on the previous report outlining repairs, he contacted Senator Lassa and Representative Shankland's offices to find out if there would be any State or Federal grant monies available.

Henry Korger, 3200 Water Street, encouraged Alderpersons to tour Edgewater. He said it is centrally located for seniors. He would like to see the City take over Edgewater.

Susan Wendland, 1450 Water Street, #507, stated moving to Edgewater has changed her life by providing affordable rent and a new community of friends and support. She stated her apartment is small but manageable with her challenges and has allowed her to keep her pets.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, stated the Housing Authority failed to renew the HUD grant/vouchers in 2009. She added Edgewater has a long history of self sufficiency, with a current checking account balance of \$196,000, cash flow is \$100,000 and the Trust Fund of \$100,000. Ms. Laszewski stated waterfront property owned by the City should stay publically owned and not be sold to a private developer.

Reid Rochleau, 408 Cedar, Whiting, stated the Edgewater property ties in to all the other projects the City has done over the years to enhance the downtown and waterfront area. Mr. Rochleau urged the City Council to borrow the money to make the necessary repairs.

Mildred Neville, 1709 Jefferson Street, stated historically the City has not been a good steward of Edgewater and needs to accept responsibility for past irresponsibility in maintaining the property. She said Edgewater is an incredible asset to the City and the City owes it to the residents to repair and maintain it.

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street, provided a handout to the Alderpersons which outlined the cost of repairs and the sustainability of Edgewater to repay a loan. She stated the residents are asking the City to obtain a loan on their behalf and it would be repaid by Edgewater residents. Ms. Jacob urged the City to keep Edgewater.

Victor Dechant, 1450 Water Street, stated he likes Edgewater just the way it is. He stated that repairs should be prioritized and take it one step at a time.

Mary Meyer, 1450 Water Street, urged the approval of a \$1.5 million loan for repairs and improvements to Edgewater. She stated Edgewater can comfortably repay the loan with a cushion left over for emergencies. Ms. Meyer encouraged Alderpersons to vote in favor of keeping control of Edgewater.

Lori Giese, 1450 Water Street, asked the City Council to vote this evening to approve a loan for \$1.5 million and move forward to make Edgewater once again safe and secure.

Mayor Wiza stated Alderpersons asked for this study to see what safety concerns and repairs needed to be addressed and what the cost would be. He asked C/T Ladick to address the finances and debt capacity.

C/T Ladick stated the City would have approximately \$17.3 million available in debt capacity. He added if \$2 million were approved for a loan to Edgewater, \$15 million would remain for available debt capacity. C/T Ladick stated the wildcard in debt capacity would be an unforeseen project or development opportunity which the City would need to act on. He stated Edgewater could afford a \$2.3 million loan.

Mayor Wiza stated that \$2.3 million is the maximum loan amount that the current Edgewater income could sustain.

Dir. Ostrowski said the \$2.3 million would provide for repairs of the façade, windows and air exchange. He stated the repairs made to Edgewater should last through the 20 year repayment period. Dir. Ostrowski stated Edgewater will need to remain competitive in the marketplace. He said the concern is by raising rent without making the cosmetic improvements could potentially hurt occupancy.

Ald. Mrozek asked what liability the City would assume if it assumes ownership.

City Attorney Beveridge stated if the City were to take ownership of Edgewater, it would impact the City's insurance premium. He stated there was nothing in state statutes that restrict City ownership of Edgewater. He added that a motion directing staff to investigate costs associated with ownership would be appropriate.

Ald. Patton asked if there were any grants available from the federal government.

Dir. Ostrowski stated there are very few grants available and are limited for projects like this.

Ald. Van Stippen asked what it would entail for the City to take ownership of Edgewater from the Redevelopment Authority.

Dir. Ostrowski stated the joint municipal agreement does not allow the Redevelopment Authority to sell Edgewater without the consent of the Common Council. He said costs would consist of closing costs and real estate transaction fees.

Mayor Wiza stated items 7 and 8 would be voted on separately. He summarized the options before City Council as 1) do nothing this month; 2) extend a fixed dollar amount to allow the Redevelopment Authority to make repairs within that amount; 3) turn Edgewater over to the Redevelopment Authority and 4) fund everything at a cost of \$4.7 million.

Ald. Patton asked if Edgewater could be sold in its current condition and how long would the City have to repair the known problems.

Mayor Wiza stated there are no offers currently for Edgewater. He said the City needs to make a conscious effort in a timely manner to make the safety repairs.

City Attorney Beveridge said that a motion to sell Edgewater would not be appropriate; the City does not own the property.

Ald. Kneebone suggested to repair the façade and windows because that would improve the salability of the property should it be sold. The cost of these repairs should be factored into the sale price.

Ald. Ryan asked how the repair and eventual sale of Edgewater would impact the City.

Dir. Ostrowski stated improvements to Edgewater either at the \$1.5 or \$2.3 million, do not necessarily correlate for a dollar to dollar return when sold. He stated if a considerable amount of money is going to be invested in Edgewater, the City needs to be aware that this would be a 40 to 50 year commitment.

Ald. McComb stated she would like to see a loan for only the absolutely necessary repairs for Edgewater and to explore other options for potential ownership/management of Edgewater.

Ald. Slowinski asked C/T Ladick if the debt capacity included borrowing for the Hoover Road project.

C/T Ladick replied no. He stated that as the City's equalized value grows, the debt capacity also grows.

Ald. Patton **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to not fund the improvements to Edgewater Manor.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Phillips, Patton, Ryan, Mrozek.

Nays: Ald. Morrow, McComb, Kneebone, Slowinski, Van Stippen, Oberstadt, Doxtator. Motion failed.

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve funding up to \$1.5 million for repairs to Edgewater Manor as determined and prioritized by the Redevelopment Authority.

Ald. Patton asked if the \$1.5 million is approved, is the City still liable for the full amount up to \$4.7 million.

Mayor Wiza replied no.

Ald. Ryan asked if the \$1.5 million is approved and asbestos is found during the renovation, where would the extra funding come from to pay for the remediation.

Mayor Wiza stated the request for additional funding would come back to the City Council. He added the City would then be committed to fix whatever unforeseen problem arises.

Ald. Van Stippen asked if the process of prioritizing the various projects would go back to the Redevelopment Authority.

Mayor Wiza replied yes.

Ald. Mrozek asked if expenses exceed the approved funding, would that excess amount be placed on the tax rolls.

Mayor Wiza replied yes; it would be passed onto the taxpayer.

Dir. Ostrowski said other variables to be considered would be unforeseen problems or a drop in occupancy rate as these would affect debt repayment.

Ald. Slowinski stated the City Council needs to make a decision on this item. He said it is unfair to the residents to postpone a decision.

Ald. Phillips stated the City does not belong in the landlord business and the property needs to be sold. He stated he knows there will be asbestos issues in this building that were never addressed in the study and the building is a money pit.

Dir. Ostrowski asked for clarification on who would prioritize the projects and how the loan would be set up.

C/T Ladick stated the easiest way to borrow would be in the spring with the capital borrowing or special borrowing specifically for this project. He stated since the loan would not be needed until spring, it would save some money by doing all the borrowing at once.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Van Stippen, Kneebone, McComb, Morrow
 Nays: Ald. Mrozek, Ryan, Oberstadt, Slowinski, Patton, Phillips. Motion failed.

City Attorney Beveridge stated a motion by any Alderperson would be in order to fund a different amount or to postpone the decision until next month. A motion not to fund could not be done as it was already voted on and failed.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to direct the RA to compile a list and an amount of money that would be suitable to make the necessary repairs on Edgewater Manor and report back to the City Council next month.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, McComb, Kneebone, Slowinski, Doxtator
Nays: Ald. Phillips, Patton, Van Stippen, Oberstadt, Ryan, Mrozek.
Motion failed.

Mayor Wiza suggested that this item be postponed to allow everyone time to digest all the information that has been discussed and presented.

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to postpone this item until next month until more information is available.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator
Nays: Ald. Mrozek, Ryan, Oberstadt, Van Stippen, Slowinski, Kneebone, Patton, McComb, Phillips, Morrow. Motion failed.

Mayor Wiza stated there are few options remaining to Alderpersons and will move onto Agenda item #8.

8. Modification of the Joint Municipal Agreement of the City of Stevens Point and the Community Development Authority of the City of Stevens Point (now known as the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Stevens Point) for Edgewater Manor.

Mayor Wiza stated this item was added to the agenda in an effort to streamline the process when discussing needed improvements and repairs. He asked Alderpersons to either modify or dissolve this agreement and allow the RA to do what it was designed to do.

Ald. Patton **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to turn Edgewater Manor over to the RA, effectively dissolving the agreement.

Mayor Wiza states that this will allow the RA to prioritize the repairs to Edgewater and come back to City Council for funding of those repairs.

Ald. Van Stippen stated he is not in favor of the motion and he is frustrated. He said it is the responsibility of elected officials to make these kinds of difficult decisions.

Mayor Wiza clarified the voting options. He said a "nay" would keep the agreement intact and a "aye" would be to dissolve the agreement. He stated the RA currently owns Edgewater.

Ald. McComb asked if the RA voted to sell Edgewater, they could do so.

Mayor Wiza replied yes.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Phillips, Patton, Slowinski, Oberstadt, Ryan, Mrozek.
Nays: Ald. Morrow, McComb, Kneebone, Van Stippen, Doxtator.
Motion adopted.

9. Minutes and actions of the Plan Commission meeting of July 6, 2015.

Ald. Patton **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Plan Commission of July 6, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

10. Public Hearing – Vacating Prais Street (known as the Prais Street Pedestrian Mall) between Fremont Street and Illinois Avenue.

Mayor Wiza declared the public hearing open.

Tom Brown, 6th Avenue, an architect, stated plans should be submitted prior to vacating a street. Mr. Brown asked other options be considered to preserve the viewshed of Prais Street. He said the view is being sacrificed for a hallway. Mr. Brown stated the addition should be transparent and low profile.

As no one wished to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Wiza stated that no designs are being approved at this time and consideration would be just for the vacation of Prais Street.

11. Resolution on the above.

Ald. Patton **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the vacation of Prais Street.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Mrozek, Ryan, Oberstadt, Van Stippen, Slowinski, Kneebone, Patton, Phillips, Morrow.
Nays: Ald. McComb. Motion adopted.

12. Resolution – Conditional Use – 3324 Church Street – to operate a car wash and associated activities.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the conditional use permit for 3324 Church Street to operate a car wash and associated activities.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, Patton, Kneebone, Slowinski, Van Stippen, Oberstadt, Ryan, Mrozek, Doxtator.
Excused: Ald. McComb.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

13. Resolution Approving the Project Plan Amendment for Tax Incremental District No. 5, City of Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Ald. Patton **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the project plan amendment for Tax Incremental District No. 5.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Mrozek, Ryan, Oberstadt, Van Stippen, Slowinski, Kneebone, Patton, Phillips, Morrow.
Excused: Ald. McComb
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

14. Resolution Approving the Project Plan Amendment for Tax Incremental District No. 7, City of Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to approve the project plan amendment for Tax Incremental District No. 7.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, Patton, Kneebone, Slowinski, Van Stippen,

Oberstadt, Ryan, Mrozek, Doxtator.
Excused: Ald. McComb
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

15. Minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of July 13, 2015.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of July 13, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Mrozek, Ryan, Oberstadt, Van Stippen, Slowinski, Kneebone, Patton, Phillips, Morrow.
Excused: Ald. McComb
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

16. Ordinance Amendment – Compensation for Election Officials (poll workers and appointed Canvass Board members) (Sections 3.40(2) and 3.46(4) of the RMC).

Ald. Mrozek **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the compensation for Elected officials (poll workers and appointed Canvass Board members).

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, McComb, Patton, Kneebone, Slowinski, Van Stippen, Oberstadt, Ryan, Mrozek.
Abstain: Ald. Phillips, Doxtator
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

17. Ordinance Amendment – Establishing a grant program related to Reserve Class B licenses (Section 12.14(21) of the RMC).

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment for establishing a grant program related to Reserve Class B licenses.

Ald. Doxtator asked if this included the 51% no alcohol related activities.

Mayor Wiza replied yes.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Mrozek, Ryan, Van Stippen, Kneebone, Patton, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.
Nays: Ald. Oberstadt, Slowinski. Motion adopted.

18. Minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of July 13, 2015.

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of July 13, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Patton, Kneebone, Slowinski, Van Stippen, Oberstadt, Ryan, Mrozek, Doxtator.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

19. Public Hearing – Special Assessment of the costs for the engineering, design and construction of a concrete seawall to meet federal emergency management agency (FEMA) freeboard requirements.

Mayor Wiza stated this project began over 10 years ago with Neil Neilus. He also stated that this will benefit the property owners in perpetuity.

Mayor Wiza declared the public hearing open.

Reid Rochleau, 408 Cedar, Whiting, stated this is an unfair situation and the seawall assessment should be spread over the entire City. He said this benefits the entire community and everyone should pay.

Courtney McCarrier, 1764 Church Street, stated she purchased a house in the floodplain in 2013 and had been paying for flood insurance since that time which added an extra \$70 to \$80 per month to her mortgage. She stated she hoped the City would be able to assist her with the assessment for the seawall and hoped it could be evenly assessed to the entire community.

Jeff Vauder, Whiting, owns property on Water Street, stated he was surprised by the assessment amount to property owners and believes it is unfair to burden only the citizens in the floodplain. He stated there needs to be a sense of fairness and community with this assessment.

John Kedrowski, 1740 Madison Street, he states he is here on behalf of his father-in-law, Sal Pliska, who does live at 1759 Pine Street and is in the floodplain. He said his father-in-law did not know he lived in the floodplain, has never paid for flood insurance and was very surprised to receive the assessment for the seawall. Mr. Kedrowski asked Director Schatschneider if the outside dimensions were ever field checked.

Director Schatschneider stated the field dimension was checked and is correct.

Mr. Kedrowski asked why there were exemptions within the floodplain area.

Dir. Schatschneider stated those were individual property owners that had gone through a process and paid for a letter of map amendment. He stated those property owners had taken it upon themselves to have the work done and the map amendment completed.

Mr. Kedrowski stated the property owners are in the middle of the floodplain but yet are exempt from the assessment and questioned the accuracy of the map.

Mildred Neville, 1709 Jefferson Street, stated if there was a flood, it would affect the entire City of Stevens Point as well as all the services like sewer/water, fire and police protection. She stated she would like to see the papermill contribute a fair share to the construction of the seawall.

Sarah Sheared, 1744 Strongs Avenue, stated her taxes pay for many benefits, some of which she does not use, need or benefit from. She stated the advantage of not being in a floodplain will have a ripple effect for everyone concerning property values and the assessment should include everyone.

Ald. Mrozek asked the speaker what she paid for flood insurance.

Ms. Sheared stated she paid approximately \$194.00 per year. She said coverage can be lowered to cover the remaining balance of the mortgage.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin Street, stated her flood insurance was twice the cost of her regular insurance and only covered the first floor of the dwelling. She said property owners in the floodplain have been penalized by having to sell at a lower amount to offset the cost of the flood insurance, while still being taxed by the City at the full amount. Ms. Laszewski said after 10 years of depreciated value and hardship to these property owners, the City owes it to these people to pay for this assessment.

Kevin Zurawski, no address given, speaking on behalf of son Blake Zurawski who recently purchased 1201 Brawley, stated common sense should prevail and everyone should pay this assessment.

Bill Fahrenbach, 1409 Wisconsin Street, stated a precedent had been set with the McDill Pond assessment when the City, County and property owners all contributed to that assessment. He said this should be consistent and fair.

Rich Schumacher, 1717 Strongs Avenue, asked what the papermill contribution was to the seawall project.

Mayor Wiza stated the papermill allowed the City to perform work on the seawall. He added the papermill did not have to allow the City access and this was their contribution to the project. Mayor Wiza stated the City contribution was the staff time spent over the last 10 years working on this project as well as working with FEMA to be able to remove the properties from the floodplain.

Steve Hill, 1625 Clark Street, stated he is here to appeal to the Council on behalf of his family and neighbors to consider spreading the cost of the assessment to all of the community because everyone benefits from this project. He asked the City reconsider targeting a small group of homeowners to pay for the assessment when the entire City will benefit from the project.

Neal Nealis, no address given, stated he initiated this project in 1999 and is very pleased to see it come to fruition. He stated he strongly disagrees with the floodplain assessment, thinks it is unfair and the residents have suffered enough. Mr. Nealis stated flood insurance premiums have tripled since 1995 and this has been a hardship for residents. He added the fact that the residents will no longer be required to purchase flood insurance, will benefit the entire City with revenue and purchases to City businesses estimated to be \$300,000 a year. Mr. Nealis stated that property values will increase over time and will directly impact the City levy.

Ald. Patton asked if an assessment had been discussed at the inception of the proposed project.

Mr. Nealis stated when the project was originally voted on, his understanding and intention was the papermill would pay for the entire project.

As no one wished to speak, Mayor Wiza declared the public hearing closed.

City Assessor Steve Shepro stated it would take time to assess the impact of the seawall on property owners. He stated reassessment will occur over time, it is not something that will happen immediately.

Ald. Doxtator asked Director Schatschneider how the assessment started and what the assessment will cost for those affected property owners.

Dir. Schatschneider stated in 2011 the City Council voted to approve an assessment. He added Special Assessments must follow state statutes and it has been handled exactly like the Bukolt project where those property owners were assessed for that project.

Ald. Patton asked if a precedent would be established if the assessment was spread out among all property owners.

Dir. Schatschneider replied yes. He stated the total cost of the project was \$330,804.24 which included the consultant fee, construction cost and the FEMA certification fees.

C/T Ladick stated there would be payment options for the owners, 1) payment within 30 days with no interest accrual; 2) five years at 2.25% and, 3) ten years at 4.0%. He said the additional burden placed on the taxes would be \$270.00 per year for the 5 year installment and \$155.00 per year for the 10 year installment.

Mayor Wiza asked if there would be a way the City could offer no interest for 5 years or provide assistance to the property owners.

C/T Ladick stated there are policies to follow when billing for special assessments and deviating from the current policy would create a precedent and would be inconsistent with what has occurred with previous special assessment projects.

Ald. Ryan asked how the Council could agree to a special assessment without first knowing what the dollar amount would be.

Mayor Wiza stated with the Bukolt project there were good estimates, but until the project started, a firm price was unknown.

Ald. Morrow asked when residents would no longer have to purchase flood insurance as required by FEMA.

Mayor Wiza stated this occurred two months ago and the map has already been amended.

Dir. Schatschneider stated the map was effective May 15, 2015.

20. Final Resolution on the above.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the final resolution for the engineering, design and construction of a concrete seawall to meet Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) freeboard requirements.

Mayor Wiza requested a recess at 11:07 p.m. to reconvene in 5 minutes. The meeting was reconvened at 11:12 p.m.

City Attorney Beveridge stated there was a preliminary resolution and now the final resolution is before the City Council. He stated the assessment can be approved, disapproved, modified or directed back to staff to determine a fair and equitable assessment.

Mayor Wiza asked that consideration be given to the motion currently on the floor unless the person making the motion wishes to amend it. He said the motion before City Council is to approve the final resolution.

Ald. Ryan stated the comparison between the Bukolt project and the seawall cannot be made. He said Bukolt was an infrastructure project and residents expect to have city sewer and water. Ald. Ryan said with the seawall project, there is a direct correlation between property value and assessment value that the City will eventually benefit from.

Ald. Slowinski stated the property owner will benefit as well when they sell the property.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Mrozek, Van Stippen, Slowinski, Kneebone, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.

Nays: Ald. Ryan, Oberstadt, Patton. Motion adopted.

21. Design contract from AECOM for the Heffron Street Extension and the Coye Drive Intersection improvements.

Mayor Wiza stated item #22 needed to be changed from California Avenue to Wisconsin Street. This will authorize the City to enter into a contract with AECOM to do some design work for those two intersections.

Ald. Doxtator was excused at 11:18 p.m.

Charles Glodowski, 5276 Howard Avenue, requested more time to look at different options. He asked for a delay as most of the neighbors were unaware of this project.

Mayor Wiza stated this contract would allow for the creation of a design and not the approval of a design for the proposed street extension.

DeeAnn Donahue, 3395 Howard Avenue, stated the Heffron expansion area is the final barrier between the neighborhood, the industrial park and the roads. It provides a noise and visual buffer to residents.

Mayor Wiza clarified the City Council would be voting to enter into a contract with AECOM, not to any specific design.

Ald. Slowinski stated page 9, exhibit A, specifically outlines what the project would include. He would like to confirm that other options would be considered.

Dir. Schatschneider stated this contract would allow the City to start the process of adding a second access point to the Industrial Park and will look at every option.

Ald. Mrozek asked Dir. Schatschneider if an addendum would be going to AECOM clarifying that the City is not agreeing to the final design but simply entering into a contract for the eventual project and every option will be considered before the start of the project.

Dir. Schatschneider stated yes. He added that everything will be done to get this project completed correctly.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the design contract with AECOM for the Heffron Street extension and the Coye Drive Intersection improvements and request

the City Attorney incorporate language into the contract requiring AECOM to explore every option and suggestion for feasibility.

Ald. Patton stated there will be a road constructed and hopefully there would be a design that would be amenable to the impacted neighbors.

Ald. McComb stated the most obvious would be to go through the Delta Dental property and hoped that this option would be explored.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Patton, Kneebone, Slowinski, Van Stippen, Oberstadt, Ryan, Mrozek.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

22. Minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of July 13, 2015.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded to approve the minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of July 13, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

23. Memorandum of Agreement with the Stevens Point Police Officer's Organization.

Ald. Mrozek **moved**, Ald. Patton seconded, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Stevens Point Police Officer's Organization.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Mrozek, Ryan, Oberstadt, Van Stippen, Slowinski, Kneebone, Patton, McComb, Phillips, Morrow
Excused: Ald. Doxtator
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

24. Ordinance Amendment – Police Department Chain of Command (Section 5.04 (1)(b) of the RMC).

Ald. Patton **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment of the Police Department Chain of Command.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Patton, Kneebone, Slowinski, Van Stippen, Oberstadt, Ryan, Mrozek.
Excused: Ald. Doxtator.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

25. Minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of July 13, 2015 and the minutes of the Special Public Protection Committee of June 15, 2015.

Ald. Mrozek **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of July 13, 2015 and the minutes of the Special Public Protection Committee meeting of June 15, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

26. Minutes and actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of July 13, 2015.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners of July 13, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Mrozek, Ryan, Oberstadt, Van Stippen, Slowinski,
Kneebone, Patton, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.
Excused: Ald. Doxtator.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

27. Engagement letter with Stafford Rosenbaum.

City Attorney Beveridge stated this item relates to Well #11. He stated Paul Kent, who has been recognized as an expert in groundwater law, will represent the City in the legal matter with the Town of Hull and any individual homeowners. City Attorney Beveridge stated Stafford Rosenbaum will be representing the City and is the first step in this process.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the engagement letter with Stafford Rosenbaum.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Patton, Kneebone, Slowinski,
Stippen, Oberstadt, Ryan, Mrozek.
Excused: Ald. Doxtator.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

28. Minutes and actions of the Airport Commissioners meeting of July 13, 2015.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Mrozek seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Airport Commissioners meeting of July 13, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

29. Minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of June 2, 2015 and the Special Police and Fire Commission meeting of June 16, 2015.

Ald. Patton **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of June 2, 2015 and the Special Police and Fire Commission meeting of June 16, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

30. Minutes and actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of July 1, 2015.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Van Stippen seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of July 1, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

31. Minutes and actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of July 14, 2015.

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of July 14, 2015.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

32. Statutory Monthly Financial Report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.

Ald. Patton **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve and place on file the statutory monthly financial report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

***33. Mayoral Appointments:
Transportation Commission
* Redevelopment Authority**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the Mayoral appointments to the Transportation Commission and the Redevelopment Authority.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

34. Enter into closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) (the deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session) for discussion of resolving an encroachment upon City property within Bukolt Park.

Mayor Wiza stated due to the late hour of the meeting, this item would be postponed until the August meeting.

35. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 p.m.