

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**August 21 , 2017
7:00 P.M.**

Ald. Meleesa Johnson , Presiding

PRESENT: Ald. Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan, McComb, Phillips, Morrow

EXCUSED: Ald. Oberstadt

OTHERS

PRESENT: Attorney Beveridge, Clerk Moe, C/T Ladick, Fire Chief Finn, Dir. Beduhn, Dir. Ostrowski, Dir. Schrader, Chief Skibba, Mayoral Asst. Pazdernik

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

Ald. Johnson said Mayor Wiza is visiting our Sister City in Russia. She wished everyone safe travels. She also thanked Terry Bach for his 23 years of dedication to the City in the Public Works Department and congratulated him on his retirement. Ald. Johnson also touched on the Council becoming majority female for the first time in the City. She also said that it is not about the positions or the titles, it is about paving the way and being role models for younger women and their rights.

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.

Ald. Johnson reminded citizens 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.

Shaun Piette, 917 Washington Ave, President of the Student Government Association at University of Wisconsin Stevens Point (UWSP). He thanked the Council for their hard work. He wants to continue the connection between the City and the University. Mr. Piette touched on the new agreement with Mid-State and UWSP allowing Mid-State students to use services that UWSP allows for a small fee. He appreciated the help from the City minimizing the conflict between students and the City.

Ald. McComb, reviewed the discussion at the Public Protection meeting regarding the noise ordinance on Monday, August 14th. She said the meeting was for discussion only and wanted to make the ordinance better understood based on constituent concerns. Ald. McComb said the posts on an online public board were against a noise ordinance. She tried to make a point on the online board saying that your words do not only reflect you but your workplace as well. She apologized for the comments she made and any affect they may have had on other Council members or City employees.

5. Presentation by Simon Stevenoski, Professor Rob Michitsch and Lindsey Carlson on Organics Diversion.

Ald. Johnson asked if the council would be in favor of removing the common rule of not allowing asking questions. The majority of the Council was in agreement.

Ms. Carlson spoke about an Organics Diversion Program in Stevens Point and said the main goal of this group is to keep organic waste out of the landfills. She said when organic waste is disposed of in landfills it

12. Consideration of “Resolution Designating Proposed Amended Boundaries and Approving a Project Plan Amendment for Tax Incremental District No. 9, City of Stevens Point, Wisconsin”.

Ken Koziczowski, 4300 N. Richmond St., Appleton, Consolidated Construction CO, said he was there to answer any questions that anyone may have.

Dan Klister, 100 W Lawrence St., Appleton, Fore Development, said he was also there to answer any questions that anyone may have.

Betty Kitzerow, 5434 Floral Lane, an adjacent property owner to the development asked the Council approve this development. She would like the verbiage changed to require the trees to remain on the property line as well as requiring additional rows of trees to be planted between the business and the residential properties.

Renée Schneeberg, 5422 Floral Lane, an adjacent property owner spoke in approval of the development. She said it was proposed to them that the water filtration could damage the existing trees and adding more would only reinforce the natural border. Ms. Schneeberg asked if another row of trees could be planted in this area.

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded to approve the actions of the Plan Commission meeting of August 7, 2017.

Ald. Morrow asked if the option to keep the trees had been discussed with the developer.

Dir. Ostrowski said in the meeting they did not talk about removing any of the trees.

Ald. Jennings verified that there is no way to require the trees to remain.

Dir. Ostrowski said no due to the zoning codes for that district.

Ald. Nebel asked if they could request that it be part of the plan to add the trees the constituents are requesting.

Dir. Ostrowski said they can strongly encourage them to but they cannot require them to do so. He said they are required to keep the loading dock screened so keeping the trees might be the best option for them.

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

9. Resolution - Conditional Use Permit - 1665 Main Street - Request to operate a Tourist Rooming House.

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the resolution of the conditional use permit to operate a tourist rooming house.

Ald. Kneebone said it was a great addition to the community.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan, McComb,
 Phillips, Morrow

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

10. Resolution - Conditional Use Permit - 1221 Second Street - Request to operate a Wine Bar (tavern).

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to approve the resolution of the conditional use permit request to operate a Wine Bar.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Dugan, Kneebone, Slowinski, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

11. Resolution - Conditional Use Permit - 2833 Blaine Street - Request to use the Traditional Neighborhood Overlay District reduced setback standards to construct a detached accessory structure.

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Jennings seconded, to approve the Resolution - Conditional Use Permit for 2833 Blaine Street - Request to use the Traditional Neighborhood Overlay District reduced setback standards to construct a detached accessory structure.

Ald. Phillips said the attached resolution is to operate a rooming house. He asked if this was an error.

Ald. Johnson said that it is an error and it will be fixed.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan, McComb, Phillips, Morrow
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

12. Ordinance - Annexation - 5421 and 5423 US Highway 10 East (County Parcel ID 's 020240835-03.04 & 020240835-03.03) from the Town of Hull to the City of Stevens Point.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the annexation of 5421 and 5423 US Highway 10 East from the Town of Hull to the City of Stevens Point.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Dugan, Kneebone, Slowinski, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

13. Ordinance Amendment - Zoning - 5421 and 5423 US Highway 10 East (County Parcel ID 's 020240835-03.04 & 020240835-03.03) - Establish a permanent zoning classification of "B-5" Highway Commercial District.

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment for zoning to establish a "B-5" on 5421 and 5423 on US Highway 10 East.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan, McComb, Phillips, Morrow
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

14. Resolution - Approving an Amendment to the Project Plan and Boundaries of Tax Incremental District No. 9, City of Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Attorney Beveridge said the map did not make it in the packet, but they are working on making copies for everyone. He said there is a zone of kiosks already on Maria Drive and suggested to keep the verbiage in the ordinance to strike the portion in front of UWSP protection services.

Ald. Shorr said he was mindful of that when he made the amendment which is why he said only between Michigan Avenue and Reserve Street.

Ald. Jennings said that her understanding is that this is an evolving project. She said if the Council removes Maria Drive it will be put back on the agenda in the future so the Council should just take care of it now.

Dir. Beduhn said that there is nothing saying that it has to be metered. He asked everyone to be mindful that if the Council does not put up the kiosks there will be a loss of revenue.

Ald. Shorr said he thought this area was first come, first serve. He suggested using the new boundary and in the future incorporate Maria Drive but not right now.

Dir. Beduhn said this is not going to impact when and where the kiosks are going to go.

Ald. Slowinski said it would make no sense not to put kiosks on Maria Drive due to it being so close to campus and where they are going to be located. He mentioned that he always sees cars parked there and the main reason behind putting the kiosks in that area is to increase revenue for infrastructure. He said he does not support the amendment to not put kiosks on Maria Avenue between Reserve Street and Michigan Avenue.

Ald. Morrow said this area is in his district and agrees with Ald. Slowinski that there are always cars parked there. He said if you are going to do it, do it right. Ald. Morrow said if this is the only area that does not have kiosks, everyone is going to park there. He does not support the amended motion.

Ald. Dugan said she constantly sees cars on Maria Drive. Whether it be for baseball games or for the University. She said this would be a great source of revenue to keep the streets and other infrastructure going. She hopes that in the future, the Council can discuss other ways to help the commuters and bring in additional revenue.

Ald. McComb said on the original parking study it did not show Maria Drive as paid parking. She was wondering if anyone remembered why it was designated as free parking.

Ald. Kneebone said that like everyone else she has seen that area built up with parking. She said if the revenue from the kiosks is to fix the streets then it only makes sense to put them there. Ald. Kneebone brought up a typo on page 107 under item 9a "... (15) minute parking zones an no person..." changed to "... (15) minute parking zones and no person..."

C/T Ladick did remind everyone that the kiosks do have costs associated with them. The kiosks are \$75 each. He wants to make sure they are being utilized to their full potential and bringing in the revenue that pays for their upkeep.

Ald. Johnson verified with C/T Ladick that if the kiosk was not doing well in an area, it would not be thrown out, rather moved to another area where it could be used.

C/T Ladick said that their goal is to move them if they are not being used.

Ald. Johnson said when the Council votes, they are voting for or against the motion in its entirety including the friendly amendment.

Ald. Slowinski asked Attorney Beveridge if it was denied if they could revote on it without the friendly amendment.

C/T Ladick said yes that they can. He said the time frame to pay depends on the cost of the project. He said they try to keep the interest low and for 2-3 year payment plans the interest is usually 2.25%.

Ald. Shorr said this affects his district as well and he has spoken with the affected property owners. He said the portions of concrete for this section would be a little bit larger so he hopes the ten year time frame would be available. Ald. Shorr said property owners are not happy about it but understand why it needs to be done.

Ald. Jennings wanted to clarify for those listening that the costs for the special assessments are for the materials. She said the labor is going to be provided by the City so it is a pretty good deal.

Ald. Shorr said the City does charge for the costs of the materials. He said the City looks at it as prep vs. installation. Ald. Shorr said once the prep work is completed it then goes out for bid. He said the project is then completed by the winning bidder.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan,
McComb, Phillips, Morrow
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

20. Minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of August 14, 2017.

2. License List.

3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closings:

8. Consideration of 933 Michigan Ave. as the new location for the Police Department.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of August 14, 2017.

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

21. Ordinance Amendment - Fair Housing - Transgender Fair Housing (Subsection 27.01, 27.03 of the RMC).

Robert Steinke, 5753 Shady Drive, Plover, wanted to say thank you to the committee, Council, as well as Ald. Heidi Oberstadt for her help getting this process started. He said this is a big issue and he knows a lot of people in the state and nation are watching to see what happens with this ordinance. Mr. Steinke said that every 1 in 5 people get discriminated against in the housing market because they are transgendered.

Rev. Susan Gilbert Zencka, 1300 Main Street, discussed faith and that God is beyond gender. She said that when you are a kid you see things as either wrong or right. Rev. Zencka added that as you get older you do not see things as either or you see the other options between the two. She went on to say that a white light in a prism will still hold all the colors of the spectrum. Rev. Zencka related gender to the prism that there is a spectrum of gender identification and gender expression. She said that everyone is made in the image of God whatever our gender. Rev. Zencka also thanked the Public Protection Committee for recommending this Ordinance.

Karl Weyers, 933 Meadow Street, began by saying he has purchased and rented multiple properties within Stevens Point and never would have thought his application would have been denied for: religious belief, age, gender, or gender identity. He said this ordinance will allow a group of people to enjoy the same privileges that he and the majority of everyone in Stevens Point has. Mr. Weyers also thanked everyone for their support.

Ald. Nebel **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the Ordinance Amendment - Fair Housing - Transgender Fair Housing Subsection 27.01, 27.03 of the RMC.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Dugan, Kneebone,
Slowinski, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

22. Ordinance Amendment - Standing Rules - Introduction of Business (Subsection 2.05 of the RMC).

Ald. Jennings **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to approve the Ordinance Amendment - Standing Rules - Introduction of Business Subsection 2.05 of the RMC.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Jennings, Shorr, Nebel, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan,
McComb, Phillips, Morrow
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

23. Ordinance Amendment - Animal Care and Licenses - Chickens, Ducks, and Rabbits (Subsection 14.14(6)(a) of the RMC).

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the Ordinance Amendment of Animal Care and Licenses for chickens, ducks, and rabbits.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Dugan, Kneebone,
Slowinski, Nebel, Shorr, Jennings.
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

24. Actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of July 11, 2017.

4. Confirmation of bills .
6. Out of State travel for Assistant Chief Joe Gemza .
9. Personal appearance policy update 1044.2.4 - Police Department .

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of July 11, 2017.

Ald. Kneebone thanked Lieutenant Briggs for his work on the grant that got the Lucas Devices.

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

25. Actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of August 14, 2017.

2. Approval of the July 2017 financial/claims report.
3. Recommendation to purchase Gillig buses from the WisDot Heavy Duty Bus contract.
4. 5339 (b) grant application.
5. Route change: Saturday Campus shopping route.
6. CY2018 - Section 5310 grant applications for consolidated service.
7. CY2017 -Operating and Capital Grants/final approvals.

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of August 14, 2017.

Ald. Phillips asked what the cost of the busses were and how often they replace them.

Ald. McComb said near the bottom of page 128 it lists the price for the busses.

Ald. Kneebone brought up that most of the City busses are funded through a federal grant. Typically the grant will pay for 80% of the busses so the City only needs to pay 20%.

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

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

