CITY OF TWO RIVERS COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

WORK SESSION

Monday, August 23, 2021 – 6:00 PM Council Chambers – City Hall MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order by President Curt Andrews at 6:00 PM.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Adam Wachowski	Vice-President	Present	
Bill LeClair	Councilmember	Present	
Bonnie Shimulunas	Councilmember	Present	
Curt Andrews	President	Present	
Darla LeClair	Councilmember	Present	
Jeff Dahlke	Councilmember	Present	
Jay Remiker	Councilmember	Present	
Tracey Koach	Councilmember	Present	
Mark Bittner	Councilmember	Present	

Also present were Dave Buss, Finance Director; Terri Vosters, Parks & Recreation Director; and Greg Buckley, City Manager.

Action Items

A. Consideration of a Resolution Amending the 2021 Park and Cemetery Capital Budget to Provide \$45,000 Funding for 30 Percent Design Services for the Central Park West 365 Project

Recommended Action:

Motion to waive reading and adopt the resolution (requires 6 votes to pass)

Councilmember D. LeClair spoke in favor of the Central Park West 365 Project and told Councilmember Wachowski that she wished he would have remained on the Central Park West 365 Planning Committee so that some of his concerns regarding the design and cost could have been addressed earlier in the process. She also indicated that she would be willing to step into Councilmember Remiker's place on the Committee if he is unable to fulfill his duties as a Committee member due to his work scheduling. Additionally, she presented Mr. Buckley with a check for \$5,000 as a donation to be used towards the Central Park West 365 Project from her and Councilmember B. LeClair.

Councilmember Wachowski indicated that he still is not in favor of the project because it has gotten too costly. He also shared some concerns on the location and size of the splash pad.

Councilmember Dahlke indicated that he has seen a lot of negative response on Facebook in regard to the location of the project.

Councilmember Remiker indicated his frustration that Parkitecture + Planning was the only design consultant suggested with no other companies considered. He also commented that cost of the design is really expensive and he would feel better spending that amount if he knew any other company were going to charge a similar amount.

Councilmember Koach spoke in favor of the project citing that it essential for downtown growth.

Council President Andrews recapped the reasoning for selecting the Central Park location and how the Central Park West 365 Planning Committee evaluated potential locations.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH ROLL CALL [7 TO 2]

MOVER: Mark Bittner, Councilmember **SECONDER:** Darla LeClair, Councilmember

AYES: Curt Andrews, Bill LeClair, Bonnie Shimulunas, Darla LeClair, Jay Remiker,

Tracey Koach, Mark Bittner Adam Wachowski, Jeff Dahlke

B. Consideration of Authorizing Thirty Percent Design Services Contract with Parkitecture + Planning, Central Park West 365 Project, in the Amount Not to Exceed \$45,000

Recommended Action:

NAYS:

Motion for City Manager and City Clerk to sign the contract on behalf of the City

RESULT: APPROVED WITH ROLL CALL [7 TO 2]

MOVER: Darla LeClair, Councilmember **SECONDER:** Bill LeClair, Councilmember

AYES: Curt Andrews, Bill LeClair, Bonnie Shimulunas, Darla LeClair, Jay Remiker,

Tracey Koach, Mark Bittner

NAYS: Adam Wachowski, Jeff Dahlke

C. Resolution Declaring Intent to Use Tax Increment Revenues from TID 8 to Pay Debt Service Costs on Clean Water Fund Loan--Sanitary Sewer Replacement on 2021 Street Reconstruction Projects on 24th Street, 25th Street and Madison Street

Recommend Action:

Motion to waive reading and adopt the resolution

Mr. Buckley explained that the budgets for these projects anticipated using Clean Water Fund financing for sanitary sewer work, and repaying that borrowing from TID 8 funds. This resolution affirms the City's intent to do so, in order that the State Environmental Loan program can include the TIF funding in their financial analysis of the utility's ability to repay this debt.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Bill LeClair, Councilmember SECONDER: Tracey Koach, Councilmember

AYES: Adam Wachowski, Bill LeClair, Bonnie Shimulunas, Curt Andrews, Darla

LeClair, Jeff Dahlke, Jay Remiker, Tracey Koach, Mark Bittner

5. Discussion Items

A. Discuss Possible City Financial Assistance to the Two Rivers Family Swim Center

Representatives from the Two Rivers Family Swim Center were present to discuss the extent of their capital needs and their current financial status. Copies of a proposal for the pool replacement were distributed. Financial and grant seeking assistance were requested from the City.

Mr. Buckley stated that, based on a brief discussion with the City's bond counsel, he believes that the City could legally provide funding assistance to this private, not-for-profit organization, given that it provides a recreational service to the public. He suggested that, if the City were to provide support for capital improvements at the Swim Center, then the Swim Center should be able to demonstrate the ability to fund its operating expenses going forward.

The Council will discuss the options for possible City assistance at a future Council meeting.

6. Closed Executive Session

At 7:37 PM, a motion to enter into closed session, per Wisc. Stats.19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reason require a closed session.

- Discuss Proposals for Purchase of 606 Parkway Boulevard, Former Paragon Electric Property
- Discuss Possible City Assistance to Development Projects
- Discuss Easement Agreement with KORY KOZ LLC Real Estate for Bike/Pedestrian Trail Along East River Street

RESULT: APPROVED WITH ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Bonnie Shimulunas, Councilmember

SECONDER: Jeff Dahlke, Councilmember

AYES: Adam Wachowski, Bill LeClair, Bonnie Shimulunas, Curt Andrews, Darla

LeClair, Jeff Dahlke, Jay Remiker, Tracey Koach, Mark Bittner

7. Reconvene in Open Session

At 8:04 PM, a motion to reconvene in open session and possible action on matters discussed in Closed Session.

- Consider possible action regarding proposals for purchase of 606 Parkway Boulevard
- Consider possible action on easement agreement

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Bill LeClair, Councilmember **SECONDER:** Jeff Dahlke, Councilmember

AYES: Adam Wachowski, Bill LeClair, Bonnie Shimulunas, Curt Andrews, Darla

LeClair, Jeff Dahlke, Jay Remiker, Mark Bittner, Tracey Koach

8. Adjournment

At 8:04 PM, a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting and adjourn.

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Jay Remiker, Councilmember **SECONDER:** Darla LeClair, Councilmember

AYES: Adam Wachowski, Bill LeClair, Bonnie Shimulunas, Curt Andrews, Darla

LeClair, Jeff Dahlke, Jay Remiker, Mark Bittner, Tracey Koach

Jamie Jackson City Clerk