

**MINUTES**  
**August 20, 2019**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**City of Batavia**

Please **NOTE:** These minutes are not a word-for-word transcription of the statements made at the meeting, nor intended to be a comprehensive review of all discussions. They are intended to make an official record of the actions taken by the Committee/City Council, and to include some description of discussion points as understood by the minute-taker. They may not reference some of the individual attendee's comments, nor the complete comments if referenced.

Chair Wolff called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**1. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Chair Wolff; Ald. Miller, Russotto, Beck, Knopp, Chanzit, Salvati (entered at 7:58pm), Callahan, Meitzler, Malay, Uher, Cerone

**Members Absent:** Ald. Chanzit and McFadden

**Also Present:** Mayor Schielke (entered at 7:24pm); Laura Newman, City Administrator; Gary Holm, Director of Public Works; Griffin Price, Communications Coordinator; and Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary

**2. Reminder: Please speak into the microphone for BATV recording**

**3. Items to be Removed/Added/Changed**

There were no items to be removed, added or changed.

**4. Matters From the Public (For Items NOT on the Agenda)**

There were no matters from the public at this time.

**5. Resolution 19-092-R: Adopting a City of Batavia Logo Design (GP 7/11/19) GS**

Price distributed logo design handouts to the Committee that consisted of logo and text options. The Committee discussed the possibility of postponing the vote on the logo, opening up logo designs to the community (pros: community involvement; cons: prior contest to design the entryway signage without consensus, staff time), working with another company, lack of direction given to Griffin Price, SPARK's research and how Price reviewed such research, a consensus was made in favor for this logo at a past meeting, what a good representation would look like for the City, and how some liked the logo and it is a good refresh. Meitzler stated that if we were to vote on this he would say no. He thinks it is fine but in one week we have lost the consensus. The consensus was not that this is the one but rather let's get something done. He would like to have a timeline created so we could move forward with this process. Callahan noted that there is a person in the audience that created a design. Wolff noted that not all Committee members reviewed the design since the email was received prior to tonight's meeting.

**Motion:** To go forward with the logo as presented by Griffith  
**Maker:** Cerone  
**Second:** Malay

Discussion was held on the motion. Newman asked that the motion include the font style. Cerone stated his intention is just to vote on this logo and decide on fonts at a future meeting. The motion is to approve the logo as it appears in the Resolution, Exhibit A. Newman noted that there were two exhibit A's in the resolution, one is a light blue and the other is a dark blue. She asked if the Committee would like to decide on the color. Cerone stated that he would like to move forward with the logo design with color and font decided at a City Council meeting. Malay stated that colors are all included in Exhibit A. Newman stated that it does have a specific font in Exhibit A and not a selection of choices. Cerone stated that he is truly looking for consensus in order to move forward with the logo design. The font could be decided on at a later time. The motion was amended for clarification.

**Motion:** To approve and amend Resolution 19-092-R: Adopting the proposed City of Batavia Logo Design with color and font decided at City Council  
**Maker:** Cerone  
**Second:** Malay  
**Roll Call Vote:** **Aye:** Cerone, Miller, Russotto, Wolff, O'Brien, Malay  
**Nay:** Beck, Knopp, Salvati, Callahan, Meitzler, Uher  
6-6 Vote, 2 Absent, Motion carried.

Mayor Schielke was asked to make the tie-breaking vote. Mayor Schielke voted aye. The motion carried.

#### **6. Discussion: Strategic Action Plan 2019 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Update (LN)**

Newman reported on the Strategic Action Plan 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Update. Her presentation included the following information:

- Transportation
- Investigate the feasibility of a Parking Lot for Train Commuters
  - September 10<sup>th</sup> PACE will be at the meeting
  - With those transportation options offered do we still need to
- Create a Plan for a Potential Second Bridge
  - A strategic conversation is planned for mid-year to identify the funding source and timing of this project.
    - Committee discussed the need for a traffic study.
    - Mayor brought up the need for streetlight timing to be reviewed.
    - Is it a traffic a problem or is it an inconvenience.
- Enhance safe walking
- Downtown Development

## **7. Discussion: Ongoing Infrastructure Maintenance Costs (GH)**

Holm reported on the ongoing infrastructure maintenance costs that included the following information:

### Infrastructure

- Will return in September for further discussion
- Infrastructure analysis
- 2018-2019 Roadways
- Roadway Condition Analysis
- Future Roadway Funding
  - 2021 pavement condition analysis
  - Transition plan for future funding between 2021 and 2031
  - MFT
- Strategic Initiatives
  - Road Diet traffic studies (comprehensive and large in scope)
  - Streetscape Improvements
  - Second Downtown Bridge
    - Travel time studies from VanNortwick to Raddant
  - Signal Timing (three years out with IDOT) or hire a consultant (tens of thousands of dollars)
    - Thought process of staff was to wait for One Washington development and then have State do the timing for free

### Sidewalks

- 2018-2019 Sidewalks
- Future Sidewalk Funding

### Stormwater

- 2009-2018
- Stormwater Utility Analysis
- 2015 Storm Event
  - Ward 1 and Area 3 engineering studies performed in 2016 and 2017
  - Construction began on both projects in 2018
  - Projects still need funding
- Future Stormwater Funding
  - Mahoney Creek Project, but have no funding for it

### Facilities

- Future Funding for Government Center and Food Pantry
- Public Works Building
- 2009-2018 Fire Stations

### Fleet

- Fleet replacement plan

### Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Future Funding for Wastewater Utility

- Every 20 Year replacement

#### Water

- 2009-2018 Water Utility
- Future Funding for Water Utility

#### Electric

- 2009-2018 Electric Utility
- Future Funding for Electric Utility

Callahan stated that we need to start conversation about when we are doing these things, the financial impact and the financial health to our community for doing those things. Holm stated you also have to establish service levels too. Are you comfortable with below average service conditions. If we don't increase taxes multiple years in a row, service projects will not get funded and the project will become more expensive to do.

### **8. Discussion: Carriage Crest Stormwater Recharge Basin Engineering (GH)**

Holm stated that the Carriage Crest Stormwater Recharge basin is a detention basin without an outlet. It was built solely to be a recharge basin. There are homes in the region experiencing flooding and this has been a problem going on for years. Holm stated that staff discussed this with EI to develop a well and pump system to lower the ground water in the basin and mechanically pump it out into the storm sewer system. This is not in the 2019 budget. The proposal is for about \$50,000. We could either move forward now or wait until the 2020 budget. Mayor Schielke stated that this is a problem that is not going to go away. This area has a lot of standing and sitting water. He stated that there is a playground in that area that most of the time is too wet for the children to play in it. Mayor Schielke encouraged the Committee to move forward with this.

### **9. Project Status**

O'Brien asked about Newsboy Alley archway. Newman gave the history of the Newsboy Alley arch she was told. She stated that once the arch was placed on North River Street there was negative reaction from the City so the Council at the time decided not to install the Newsboy Alley Arch because of the negative backlash of the River Street arch installed. O'Brien stated that it was approved but he believes it was not installed due to questions regarding height and the ability for garbage pick up. O'Brien stated he would like to see this come to fruition of what was approved for North River Street. Mayor Schielke stated that there was a concern about a fire department ladder truck to get down to those buildings. There was a concern if the arch were installed the ladder would not be able to be raised. Then the topic was tabled and there was no further discussion. O'Brien stated that we could discuss this with the fire chief but he would like to have this discussion resume. Wolff stated that we have to be sure that the equipment we have today would be able to pass under the arch.

**10. Other**

Callahan stated as part of Community Development he would have discussions along with Alderman Beck to put together a list of items that are small enough that they could be easily accomplished or moved forward. He stated if anyone is interested to contact either Alderman Beck or Alderman Cerone.

**11. Adjournment**

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Wolff asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:03pm; Made by Salvati; Seconded by Knopp. Motion carried.