

MINUTES
April 12, 2022
Committee of the Whole – Hybrid Meeting
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, Solfa, Baerren, Leman, Ajazi, Malay (remote), Uher, and Cerone

Members Absent: Ald. Chanzit, Connelly, Vogelsinger

Also Present: Mayor Schielke; Laura Newman, City Administrator; School Board; Scott Buening, Director of Community and Economic Development (remote); Rahat Bari, City Engineer; Joel Strassman, Planning and Zoning Officer (remote); Shannon Jarmusz, Economic Development Manager (remote); Wendy Bednarek, Director of Human Resources; Anthony Isom, Assistant to the City Administrator; and Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary (remote)

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

3. Approve Minutes For: February 1, 2022 and February 8, 2022

Motion: To approve minutes for February 1, 2022 and February 8, 2022

Maker: Russotto

Second: Solfa

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Russotto, Beck, Solfa, Wolff, Baerren, Leman, Ajazi, Malay, Uher, Cerone, Miller

Nay:

11-0 Vote, 3 Absent, Motion carried.

4. Items to be Removed/Added or Changed

None.

5. Matters from the Public (For Items NOT on Agenda)

None.

6. Consent Agenda

a. Approval: COW Executive Session Minutes for January 25, 2022

i. Personnel

ii. Collective Bargaining

b. Approval: COW Executive Session Minutes for February 1, 2022
i. Setting the Price of Land for Sale
ii. Personnel

Motion: To approve Consent Agenda as presented

Maker: Beck

Second: Uher

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Beck, Solfa, Wolff, Baerren, Leman, Ajazi, Malay, Uher, Cerone, Miller, Russotto

Nay:

11-0 Vote, 3 Absent, Motion carried.

7. Presentation: City of Batavia and Batavia Public Schools Strategic Priorities – Dr. Lisa Hichens & Laura Newman

Welcome and introductions were made. Dr. Lisa Hichens presented a PowerPoint presentation with the following information:

- Updates
 - Strategic Priorities
 - Building Our Future Together
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- Authentic Learning
- Early Learning
- Welcoming and Inclusive Environment
- BPS 101 Equity Statement
- Building Our Future Together
- Milestones in the Planning Process
- Discovered Building & Program Needs – All Schools
- Potential Funding Sources
- Current Debt Schedule
- Options
 - Option A
 - Option B
 - Option C
- Options Chart
- Next Steps 2022
- Survey Postcard
- Community Open House on 4/27 5-8pm at Rotolo and JB Nelson

Newman presented a PowerPoint titled “2021-2023 Strategic Action Plan” that contained the following information:

- 2021-2023 Economic Vitality Objectives
- 2022 Progress on Economic Vitality Objectives
- 2021 – 2023 Transportation Objectives
- 2022 Progress on Transportation Objectives

- 2021-2023 River Objectives
- 2022 Progress on River Objectives
- 2021 Diversity Equity and Inclusion Objective
- 2022 Progress on Diversity Equity and Inclusion Objective

After the presentations, the School Board closed their meeting and exited at 8:20pm.

8. Ordinance 22-20: Amending Ordinance 20-39 to Eliminate a Reversion Clause for the Southwest Corner of Fabyan Parkway and Kirk Road – 1501 North Kirk Road (SCB 3/28/22)

Strassman discussed the ordinance with the COW.

Motion: To recommend approval of Ordinance 22-20: Amending Ordinance 20-39 to Eliminate a Reversion Clause for the Southwest Corner of Fabyan Parkway and Kirk Road – 1501 North Kirk Road

Maker: Wolff

Second: Solfa

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Wolff, Baerren, Leman, Ajazi, Malay, Uher, Cerone, Miller, Russotto, Beck, Solfa

Nay:

11-0 Vote, 3 Absent, Motion carried.

9. Ordinance 22-23: Establishing Special Service Area Number 7 Kirkland Chase Phase Three Subdivision, Wind Energy Pass & Wagner Road (JLS 4/7/22) CD

Strassman discussed the ordinance with the COW.

Motion: To recommend approval of Ordinance 22-23: Establishing Special Service Area Number 7 Kirkland Chase Phase Three Subdivision, Wind Energy Pass & Wagner Road

Maker: Wolff

Second: Solfa

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Wolff, Baerren, Leman, Ajazi, Malay, Uher, Cerone, Miller, Russotto, Beck, Solfa

Nay:

11-0 Vote, 3 Absent, Motion carried.

10. Discussion: Draft Feasibility Study Recommendation Report for Batavia Avenue (IL Route 31) Road Diet Conversation (RB 4/8/22) CS

Bari discussed the memo regarding the recommendation report for road diet conversion with the Committee including traffic safety, accident data, and traffic delay time.

Matthew Baldwin, consultant, shared they talked to IDOT and IDOT is looking for an intersection that makes sense for a transition. They would study where those transitions would make most sense. He discussed capacity utilizing traffic numbers provided by CMAP with the Committee.

The COW discussed traffic patterns, avoiding diverting traffic into the neighborhoods, bike lane shoulders, crosswalks, safety aspects, and speed. Baldwin commented that he could review the City's speed study for consideration. Chair Wolff asked about a stop sign on Millview and what would need to be done to get something installed. Baldwin answered traffic signals are warranted by safety, history of crashes, and proximity to schools. That is something they would develop and evaluate as part of Phase 1.

Leman asked what the consultant would recommend for Batavia. Baldwin answered there is more digging needed to understand what the best alternative would be. What he is hearing from the City is ideally a three-lane configuration is carried through the whole corridor because it achieves objectives with safety, traffic calming, and pedestrian safety. The challenge for the engineers is how do we accommodate that while satisfying the operational needs. The conversation on this will continue while we engage stakeholders and hold public meetings. There was no objection from the Committee to move forward with this process.

11. Project Status

Newman reported on the following:

- Draft for Request for Proposals (RFPs) has been sent out to the Committee for review. Newman asked if there was any feedback from the Committee. No changes to the RFPs were requested from the COW.

12. Other

Holm updated the COW on the McKee Pedestrian Crossing removal. Following Council's direction, staff reached out to IDOT. IDOT asked for engineering plans be prepared for the removal of the crossing. Bari is finalizing those plans and finding a contractor. The process continues to move forward.

Holm stated that it is anticipated that Thursday is when tree removal will start at the Mahoney Creek Tributary Project. If it rains, that date will be pushed back.

13. Executive Session – Litigation

Motion: To enter into Executive Session for the purpose of litigation

Maker: Uher

Second: Cerone

Roll Call Vote: **Aye:** Uher, Cerone, Miller, Russotto, Beck, Solfa, Wolff, Baerren, Leman, Ajazi, Malay

Nay:

11-0 Vote, 3 Absent, Motion carried.

The Committee entered into Executive Session at 9:38pm and exited at 9:50pm.

14. Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Wolff asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50pm; Made by Miller; Seconded by Cerone. Motion carried.

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Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary