

MINUTES
September 17, 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, O'Brien, Callahan, Meitzler, Malay, Uher, Cerone, McFadden

Members Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Schielke; Laura Newman, City Administrator; Wendy Bednarek, Director of Human Resources;

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. Consent Agenda

(The Consent Agenda is made up of items recommended by city staff that requires recommendation to the full City Council by the COW. This agenda is placed as a separate item on the COW agenda. The items on the Consent Agenda are usually minor items, already budgeted, standard non-policy activities or outgrowths of earlier meetings and are voted on as a "package" in the interest of saving time on non-controversial issues. However, any council member may, by simple request, have an item removed and placed on the "regular" agenda.)

a. COW Executive Session Minutes for August 6, 2018

Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented

Maker: Chanzit

Second: Knopp

Voice Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent

All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Presentation: PACE (Doug Sullivan & Martin Sandoval)

Doug Sullivan, PACE, discussed the Park n' Ride program including when and where they are successful. Sullivan explained PACE usually provides Park n' Rides when the parking at a

certain location is very expensive (e.g. Chicago Business District, Soldier Field) or when there is a lack of parking at a Metra Station (e.g. Naperville). Sullivan explained that a Park n' Ride would not be successful in Batavia. However, there is a Public Transportation Service called the 'Batavia On-Demand' service. Batavia On-Demand is a reservation service open to the general public. A brochure was distributed to the Committee with more information on this service and a map of the service area. The Batavia On-Demand service could be booked online with only an hour in advance notice. The service costs \$2 if traveling within the zone. There will be an On-Demand app that will open in the near future for public distribution.

The Committee discussed the Ventra program and how to obtain a card (available at Jewel Osco and CVS), costs, taxpayer subsidy, ridership for on-demand services, Ride in Kane service, distribution of flyers, and the Ride and Share program (Van Pool program).

7. Presentation: Recommended Improvements to Enhance the Safety of Walking and Biking in Downtown Batavia (Strategic Action Plan) (LN) GS

Newman reported that this is one of the major objectives of our Strategic Action Plan. Newman displayed a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee. She discussed areas that have recently been improved, areas that need improvement: eastside bike path (Webster roadway intersection, pathway alongside the river improvement), First Street and Water Street (Beck suggested ways to slow people down: art installation, downtown roundabout; Newman stated that this should be an agenda item discussion), intersection of East Wilson and South River Street (staff requested by the COW to revisit with IDOT to encourage more crosswalk activity), Main Street and South Batavia Avenue double curb with stairs (this project has already been approved and funded with the Main Street reconstruction project), mid-block crosswalk in front of Foltos (there was no consensus on whether or not to keep this crosswalk), Wilson Street pedestrians and bike riders on the sidewalk between Shumway, North Island and River Street (paint markers on sidewalk to walk bicycles over the bridge), road diet for Route 31 to enhance safety when crossing the intersection, McKee and Batavia Avenue, Wilson Street to State Street (signage added, Fox River Trail), Union Street (additional signage added this year for the bike trail), Paperboy Alley, public/private partnership, redevelopment, path behind City building on Shumway, Water Street improvements, storehenge bike rike, stair ramps for bikes and strollers, and additional bike parking.

8. Project Status

There were no new updates to project status to report on since Monday's City Council meeting.

9. Other

Newman reported that prior to the meeting there were news stories reporting that a potential source of the Legionella bacterium could be through the power washing equipment used on the Fabyan Parkway roadway improvements. This is not confirmed and it is being investigated. Newman announced the water in the trucks was not filled from any Batavia water supply. We continue to have no cause for concern that our water supply is in any way dangerous.

10. Executive Session: Collective Bargaining

Motion: To enter into Executive Session for collective bargaining
Maker: O'Brien
Second: Salvati
Voice Vote: 14 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion carried.

The Committee entered into Executive Session at 8:45pm and exited at 9:01pm.

11. Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Wolff asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01pm; Made by O'Brien; Seconded by Salvati. Motion carried.