



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, March 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers - City Hall, 3rd Floor
1717 E. Park Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Wachowski called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Jeff Dahlke, Bill LeClair, Tim Petri, Bonnie Shimulunas, Scott Stechmesser, Adam Wachowski. Absent and Excused: Tracey Koach.

ALSO PRESENT: Elizabeth Runge, Community Development Director/City Planner; Matthew Heckenlaible, Public Works Director; Dave Dassey, IT; and Greg Buckley, City Manager

Motion to consider any Council member requests to participate in this meeting from a remote location. The President noted request from Councilmembers D. LeClair to participate from a remote location. Motion carried upon a roll call vote. Motion by Stechmesser, seconded by B. LeClair. Voting Yea: Dahlke, B. LeClair, Petri, Stechmesser, Shimulunas, Wachowski.

4. REVIEW DRAFT ORDINANCE FOR TRIAL PROGRAM OF ALLOWING BUSINESS SIGNS AFFIXED TO THE PUBLIC SIDEWALK SURFACE IN LOCATIONS ADJACENT TO THOSE BUSINESSES

City Manager Greg Buckley gave a summary on the draft ordinance. City Attorney Bruce gave an update on the third version of this draft ordinance regarding a trial program to allow sidewalk decal signs for businesses. Following discussion, there was consensus that the updated final draft of the ordinance will be placed on the April 1 City Council agenda for action.

5. DISCUSS USE OF 2024 BUDGET FUNDING FOR BUSINESS FACADE AND SIGN GRANTS

- A. Review of Funding Included in the Budget
- B. Direction on the Extent to Which Such Funding May be Used for Downtown Murals
- C. Direction Regarding Possible Increased Facade Grant Funding for The Hook Lanes and Games, 1916 Washington Street

City Manager Greg Buckley reviewed the funds for the business façade and sign grants. Fund 291 Economic Development Fund has \$20,000 with no restriction on where to use it and not tied to Tax Incremental Funding. Fund 237, Tax Incremental District 8 Old HighSchool has \$30,000 that must be used within one half mile of TID 8 boundaries and have a contract in place by August 20, 2024. Fund 242, Tax Incremental District 13, has \$50,000 before projects within half mile of TID 13 boundaries; this would include the whole downtown area.

Following extensive discussion, Council members agreed by consensus to decide on guidelines for use of the \$100,000 in funding at a future meeting. Mr. Buckley will place this matter on the April 1, 2024 Council agenda.

6. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council did not go into closed session.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:27 PM.

Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion made by Dahlke, seconded by B. LeClair.

Voting Yea: Dahlke, Koach, B. LeClair, D. LeClair, Petri, Shimulunas, Wachowski.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Kuehn, Deputy City Clerk