

MONONA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
April 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the Monona City Council was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 7:08 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mary K. O'Connor, Alderpersons Nancy Moore, Doug Wood, Jennifer Kuhr, Kathy Thomas, Kristie Goforth, and Molly Grupe

Also Present: City Administrator Bryan Gadow, Public Works Director Dan Stephany, Public Works Project Manager Brad Bruun, City Planner Doug Plowman, Police Chief Brian Chaney Austin, Jeff Belongia from Huntington Securities, Inc., Jeff Slinde and Bert Slinde from Slinde Realty Company, Finance Director Marc Houtaker and City Clerk Alene Houser

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alder Goforth noted a correction on page 7: There are two openings on Transit Committee not Landmarks Committee.

Motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Kuhr, to approve the Minutes of the April 4, 2022 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES

Richard Bernstein, Monona, appeared before the Council for informational purposes regarding the federal government's effort to remove derogatory terms from approximately 660 different locations and place names across the country specifically relating to Squaw.

Ron Binzley, Monona, appeared before the Council for informational purposes regarding the South Winnequah Road Project and the possible impacts on his property.

PUBLIC HEARING and CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Public Hearing or Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**G.1.a. Consideration of Resolution 22-4-2551 Award of Contract for 2022 South Winnequah Road Project**

Director Stephany explained that the Public Works Committee recommends approving the Wolf Paving bid with the alternate bid as well. The project comes in below budget and the City is committed to working with affected property owners to minimize impact.

Motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Moore, to approve Resolution 22-4-2551 Award of Contract for 2022 South Winnequah Road. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

**G.1.b. Consideration of Ordinance 4-22-750 Amending Chapter 216 of the Monona Code of Ordinances Regarding Erosion and Stormwater Control**

Motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Kuhr, to approve Ordinance 4-22-750 Amending Chapter 216 of the Monona Code of Ordinances Regarding Erosion and Stormwater Control. Motion carried.

**G.1.c. Consideration of Ordinance 4-22-751 Amending Chapter 335-8 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Noise Disturbing the Peace**

Administrator Gadow changed the Ordinance based on the discussion from last meeting. Single family construction noise would be allowed until 9 pm and commercial construction noise would be allowed until 7 pm. Alder Goforth recommends sending this back to Public Safety Committee for more discussion.

Motion by Alder Goforth, seconded by Alder Grupe, to approve Ordinance 4-22-751 Amending Chapter 335-8 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Noise Disturbing the Peace.

Motion by Alder Goforth, seconded by Alder Grupe, to send Ordinance 4-22-751 Amending Chapter 335-8 of the Code of Ordinance Regarding Noise Disturbing the Peace to Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

**G.1.d. Consideration of Ordinance 4-22-752 Amending Chapter 263-6 of the Code of Ordinances to Allow “No Mow May”**

Alder Wood and Grupe explained that this was discussed at the Parks Board and areas we currently mow will continue to be mowed except Woodland Park and the Outlet Mound. In addition to No Mow May they are hoping to continue not mowing the Outlet Mound and will be working on native plantings.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Grupe, to approve Ordinance 4-22-752 Amending Chapter 263-6 of the Code of Ordinances to Allow “No Mow May”. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**G.2.a. Consideration of Temporary Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage Retailer’s License for GiGi’s Playhouse – Madison Dash for Down Syndrome, President Julie K. Byrnes, 4101 Monona Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53716, for the Period of April 30, 2022**

Alder Wood explained the run will be the same course as the Hoot Hoot Hustle. This is a new event in the City which was approved by License Review Committee. They’ve been in contact with the Police and Parks Departments and are ready to go.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Goforth, to suspend the rules and take action on Temporary Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage Retailer’s License for GiGi’s Playhouse – Madison Dash for Down Syndrome, President Julie K. Byrnes, 4101 Monona Drive, Madison, Wisconsin, 53716, for the Period of April 30, 2022. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Goforth, to approve Temporary Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage Retailer’s License for GiGi’s Playhouse – Madison Dash for Down Syndrome, President Julie K. Byrnes, 4101 Monona Drive, Madison, Wisconsin, 53716, for the Period of April 30, 2022. Motion carried.

**G.2.b. Consideration of Resolution 22-4-2563 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$3,400,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022C**

Director Houtakker and Mr. Belongia explained that this resolution authorizes the refinancing of this bond into long term debt. This is the last remaining note for TID 9 which is taxable and has an overall interest rate is 4.27%. This is self-supported debt and will be paid for out of the revenues from TID 9.

Motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Moore, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-4-2563 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$3,400,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022C. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Alder Grupe, to amend Resolution 22-4-2563 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$3,400,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022C to the amount of \$3,405,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Moore, to approve Resolution 22-4-2563 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$3,405,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022C. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

**G.2.c Consideration of Resolution 22-4-2564 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022B**

Director Houtakker and Mr. Belongia explained that this is for general capital borrowing with the additional two million for San Damiano. This tax exempt note will have an overall interest rate of 3.17%.

Motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Grupe, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-4-2564 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022B. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Grupe, to approve Resolution 22-4-2564 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022B. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor of the motion.

**G.2.d Consideration of Resolution 22-4-2556 Approval of General Development Plan (GDP) for 112-208 Owen Road by Slinde Realty Company**

Planner Plowman explained that this GDP is for a two phase mixed use development on the former Village Lanes and USPS sites. 35-50% of phase one will be workforce housing at 60-80% the area income median. GDP has been heard at Plan Commission four times and was unanimously recommended at the April meeting. Sidewalk access will be maintained and an independent traffic study will be included for next meeting. Discussion occurred about the need for approving this GDP in one read due to rising interest rates.

Motion by Alder Thomas, seconded by Alder Grupe, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-4-2556 Approval of general Development Plan (GDP) for 112-208 Owen Road by Slinde Realty Company. Alder Grupe, Moore, Wood and Kuhr voted against the motion; the motion did not carry.

**G.2.e Consideration of Resolution 22-4-2562 Authorization to Apply for the Land and Water Conservation (LAWCON) Fund Grant Program for San Damiano**

Administrator Gadow explained that the City applied for this grant last year but wasn't awarded the grant. The Department of Natural Resources encouraged the City to apply again since it does not cost anything. The City will be asking for \$1.2 million toward acquisition costs.

Motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Grupe, to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 22-4-2562 Authorization to Apply for the Land and Water Conservation (LAWCON) Fund Grant Program for San Damiano. Motion carried.

Motion by Alder Kuhr, seconded by Alder Goforth, to approve Resolution 22-4-2562 Authorization to Apply for the Land and Water Conservation (LAWCON) Fund Grant Program for San Damiano. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

### **1. Updates/Discussion on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Efforts**

There were no updates.

### **2. Update/Discussion on Sustainability Efforts.**

There were no updates.

### **3. Committee Reports.**

Alder Goforth reported the DEI Committee will meet April 21.

Alder Grupe reported this is her last council meeting. She's grateful for City staff and Council and it's been a privilege to be elected. She encourages everyone to get involved because individual effort matter.

Alder Moore reported she'll be participating in No Mow May. April 23 is the Earth Day recycling event at Ahuska park with more information on the City website. She thanked the three leaving Alders for everything they've brought to the table.

Alder Wood reported the San Damiano Steering Committee is reviewing seven proposals. The three leaving Alders are a good example of the impact that one person can have. He thanked them for everything they've done.

Alder Kuhr reported Library Board meets April 19. She's grateful to serve the last five years and encourages the community to remain engaged.

Alder Thomas thanked the three leaving Alders for their service.

Chief Chaney Austin thanked the public safety team. He's impressed with what they are able to do with significantly lower resources. This is a safe community but there is still work to do to make everyone feel safe. Monona will be hosting home safety night on April 21 sponsored by Madison Area Crime Stoppers. Thank you to the leaving Alders and the Administrator for all you've done.

Mayor O'Connor thanked the Alders who are leaving. She appreciates all the time and effort that was put in. She also thanked Administrator Gadow for being a great leader and appreciates everything he's done the last three years.

Administrator Gadow appreciates all the kind words. It's been an honor to serve Monona the last three years. Thank you to the Mayor, Council, CDA and City staff.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alder Grupe, seconded by Alder Kuhr, to adjourn. Motion carried (8:35 p.m.).

Alene Houser  
City Clerk