

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORMAL TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORMAL CITY HALL, FOURTH FLOOR UPTOWN STATION, 11 UPTOWN CIRCLE, NORMAL, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS – MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 19, 2017.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Koos and Councilmembers Jeff Fritzen, R.C. McBride, Chamberly Cummings, Kathleen Lorenz, Scott Preston, and Kevin McCarthy. Also present were City Manager Mark Peterson, Deputy City Manager Pamela Reece, Corporation Counsel Brian Day and Town Clerk Wendy Briggs.

ABSENT: None.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Koos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

Mayor Koos read aloud the items to be considered by the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2017:

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF JUNE 14, 2017:

C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION TO AN EXISTING LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH CONNECT TRANSIT FOR ACCESS TO THE UPTOWN STATION: Resolution No. 5444:

D. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOW BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO K.K. STEVENS PUBLISHING COMPANY OF ASTORIA, IL, FOR THE PRINTING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S FALL (48 PAGES), WINTER/SPRING (44 PAGES) AND SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDES (64 PAGES) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,154.33 PLUS POSTAGE: Resolution No. 5445:

E. RESOLUTION WAIVING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A SUBSCRIPTION TO MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 THROUGH THE STATE JOINT PURCHASING PROGRAM FROM CDW-G AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$67,984.46: Resolution No. 5446:

- F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR TECHNICAL PLANNING SERVICES WITH THE MCLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Resolution No. 5447:
- G. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FOR GROUNDWATER LEVEL MONITORING: Resolution No. 5448:
- H. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A THREE-YEAR EXTENSION TO THE SCADA INTEGRATION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH SCADAWARE, INC.: Resolution No. 5449:

Mayor Koos excused himself from voting on any expenses he may have incurred while performing his Mayoral duties.

Councilmember McBride excused himself from voting on any bills submitted by WGLT Radio.

Councilmember Fritzen excused himself from voting on any bills submitted by Bloomington Offset Process, Inc.

No items were removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember McBride, the Council Approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

AYES: Fritzen, McBride, Cummings, Lorenz, Preston, McCarthy, Koos.  
NAYS: None.  
Motion declared carried.

Items, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H were approved by the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

There were no items removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Koos announced he had received requests to address the Council concerning the various alternatives for the proposed pedestrian railroad crossing in Uptown Normal.

Mr. Marc Tiritilli, 1212 Timber Ridge Court, Normal, IL, addressed the Council indicating he favored the no build option at this time. Mr. Tiritilli suggested that if the Town decided to proceed with Alternate 4c, the public underpass with a park, then the Town should proceed with that alternative without requesting state or federal funds; the Town should undertake the entire project.

Mr. Wesley Ward, 700 N. Adelaide Street, Normal, IL, also addressed the Council, expressing his support in favor of Alternate 4c, indicating this alternative would be an enhancement to Uptown Normal.

Mr. Ron Ulmer, 1114 N. Linden Street, Normal, IL, addressed the Council urging the Council to proceed with an at-grade crossing.

Mr. Carl Teichman, 1103 Kings Mill, Normal, IL, indicated his support for Alternative 4c.

Mr. Dave Shields, 701 Broadway Avenue, Normal, IL, also expressed his support for Alternative 4c, the underpass option. Mr. Shields further thanked the Council for addressing all the sides of this issue, including requesting public comments at the public meeting, as well as written comments during the entire process.

GENERAL ORDERS:

6. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDED FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CONSTITUTION TRAIL CENTRE PUD – SKY ZONE: Resolution No. 5450:

MOTION:

Councilmember Preston moved, seconded by Councilmember McBride, the Council Adopt a Resolution Approving an Amended Final Development Plan for Constitution Trail Centre PUD – Sky Zone.

AYES: McBride, Cummings, Lorenz, Preston, McCarthy, Fritzen, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

7. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE FIFTH ADDITION TO CONSTITUTION TRAIL CENTRE – SKY ZONE: Resolution No. 5451:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Lorenz, the Council Adopt the Resolution Conditionally Approving the Final Plat for the Fifth Addition to Constitution Trail Centre – Sky Zone.

AYES: Cummings, Lorenz, Preston, McCarthy, Fritzen, McBride, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

8. MOTION APPROVING ALTERNATIVE 4c – PUBLIC UNDERPASS WITH PARK AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN RAILROAD CROSSING IN UPTOWN NORMAL:

MOTION:

Councilmember McBride moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Approve Alternative 4c – Public Underpass with Park as the Preferred Alternative for the Proposed Pedestrian Railroad Crossing in Uptown Normal.

Public Works Director Wayne Aldrich and Bruce Nelson, Project Manager with WSP, provided a brief presentation of the railroad crossing alternatives analysis.

Mayor Koos requested an explanation of the process from this point forward. Public Works Director Aldrich explained that once an alternative is approved, the WSP project team will complete the extensive environmental documentation that is required by the National Environmental Policy Act and preliminary engineering design work will also begin.

Councilmember Lorenz posed questions for clarification purposes concerning the rating system on the proposed alternatives, which questions were addressed by Mr. Nelson.

Councilmember Fritzen explained the decision being made concerning the pedestrian crossing alternative could be referred to as a “twenty-five year” decision, comparing it to the original decision nearly twenty years ago to begin the Uptown 1 process to improve Uptown Normal. Councilmember Fritzen indicated the decision for Uptown 1 was a difficult decision and the need to choose the correct alternative is also important. Councilmember Fritzen posed questions concerning the reasons as to why the underpass would be more desirable than the overpass. Mr. Aldrich explained the underpass includes a lessor grade change than the overpass would include.

City Manager Mark Peterson indicated high-speed rail is funded for this corridor.

Councilmember Fritzen posed questions for clarification concerning the proposed funding for this project. City Manager Mark Peterson responded that funding for projects are generally funded 80/20, 80 percent generally being federal funds and 20 percent being local funding. Mr. Peterson further indicated the funding would not be immediately forthcoming, the process of obtaining these funds could take a number of years.

Councilmember Cummings posed questions concerning ADA accessibility of the proposed alternative, which concerns were addressed by Mr. Nelson.

Councilmember Preston posed questions concerning how the proposed ramps would be attended to during inclement weather. Mr. Aldrich responded to the snow and ice removal concerns.

Councilmember McBride expressed his appreciation for the analysis, indicating the Town takes its time to make sure projects are done correctly and if something appears not to be feasible, then the projects do not go forward.

Councilmember McCarthy also expressed his appreciation for the work involved in this Phase I study and explained the action before the Council this evening is to determine if the Council agrees to go forward with Phase II of the study and that the Council was not going forward on making any monetary commitments to the construction of the underpass.

AYES: McCarthy, Fritzen, McBride, Cummings, Koos.

NAYS: Lorenz, Preston.

Motion declared carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

9. MOTION TO APPROVE AN APPOINTMENT TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:

MOTION:

Councilmember Preston moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Approve the Recommended Appointment to the Human Relations Commission.

AYES: Preston, McCarthy, Fritzen, McBride, Cummings, Lorenz, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Fritzen announced Ms. Janessa Williams had been appointed to the Human Relations Commission, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Alberto Espinosa. Ms. Williams term of office will expire March 31, 2020.

10. CONCERNS:

1. HARMON ARTS GRANTS:

Councilmember Fritzen commented on the diverse group of recipients receiving Harmon Arts Grant awards and commented on the enjoyment these different groups bring to the community.

2. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION:

Mayor Koos announced this meeting was the last meeting for Town Clerk Wendy Briggs.

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Adopt a Resolution of Appreciation and Commendation to Wendellyn Briggs for her Thirty-Five Years of Exemplary Public Service with the Town of Normal.

Mayor Koos read aloud the Resolution and offered comments to Mrs. Briggs.

AYES: McCarthy, Fritzen, McBride, Cummings, Lorenz, Preston, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

11. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Koos called for a Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session per Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act – Probable, Imminent, or Pending Litigation.

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council be Adjourned to Executive Session per Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act – Probable, Imminent, or Pending Litigation.

AYES: Fritzen, McBride, Cummings, Lorenz, Preston, McCarthy, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Chris Koos adjourned the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council at 8:45 p.m., Monday, June 19, 2017, to Executive Session per Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act – Probable, Imminent, or Pending Litigation.