

## Committee-Of-The-Whole Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2019

**Mayor Nold** called the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Members Present:** Aldermen Kowieski, Miller, Rosek, Shaw, Ellis (*arrived 6:10 PM*), Spiegelberg, Zwart and Strey

**Staff Present:** Mayor Nold, Kitsembel, Osborn, Buerger, Freber, Sullivan, Kelliher, Frye, Duffy, Pickart and Coenen

**Others Present:** Incoming Alderman Rogers and Atty Riffle (*left at 6:19 PM*)

**2a.** Motion by Miller to convene into Closed Session, per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding acquisition of a portion of property at 1335 S. Silver Lake St for the Thackeray Trail road extension; second by Spiegelberg. Motion carried 7-0. Closed Session convened at 6:02 PM. Motion by Miller to reconvene into Open Session; second by Zwart. Motion carried 8-0. Committee-of-the-Whole reconvened at 6:19 PM.

### **2b. Discussion on NE Regional Park Components:**

Kelliher gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the components of the 33+ acre NE Regional Park that included access & linkages; comfort & image; uses & activities; sociability; community park characteristics & components; Needs Assessment Study results; Parks & Rec Board recommendation; map of potential layout of recommended components; cost estimates for Phases 1 & 2; park budget for 2019 (\$300K) & 2020 (\$450K); funding source - Park Impact fees; bid results as part of the 2019 Street project; and four options for consideration. The Committee discussed grading, construction management, impact fees and the path. Kitsembel stated impact fees must be used within a certain period once collected and the City has collected on average \$300K over the last three years. The Committee consensus was to move forward with Option C.; authorizing the full project in 2019 in the amount of \$547,577.50, which will require a budget amendment of \$247,577.50. Kelliher stated the budget amendment will be brought to Council in May.

### **2c. Consider/recommend Authorizing Purchase of Wizard of Oz Characters and Pursuit of Downtown Yellow Brick Road Plaza Enhancement:**

Duffy reported 2019 is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the World Premier of the Wizard of Oz in Oconomowoc. To date the City has raised \$22.5K in donations to purchase six Oz characters plus Toto. The actual cost is \$28.5K and fundraising efforts are continuing. Also, as part of this project, it has been discussed to put a Yellow Brick Road in the Plaza area next to City Hall, where the statues will be located and potentially along the front sidewalk of City Hall and down St. Paul. The Yellow Brick Road is an additional cost which is outlined in the memo. The Committee discussed potential vandalism, number of characters, and cost & placement of the Yellow Brick Road.

Motion by Rosek to continue fundraising efforts, place the order for four characters (Dorothy/Toto, Tin Man, Scarecrow & Cowardly Lion) and limit the Yellow Brick Road to the plaza area only at a cost of \$15K; second by Zwart. The Committee discussed purchasing all six characters. Motion by Strey to amend the motion to place the order for all six characters; second by Shaw. Motion failed 3 – 5. Miller, Rosek, Ellis, Spiegelberg and Zwart voted no. Main motion carried 6-2. Shaw and Strey voted no.

Motion by Rosek to adjourn the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting; second by Miller. Motion carried 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Minutes taken by  
Diane Coenen, City Clerk