

FINANCE & LEGAL COMMITTEE
BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE
CIVIC CENTER & PROMOTION COMMITTEE
MAY 20, 2008

Present: Liechty, Grabinger, Parisien, Schulz, Heinrich, Dalsted, Reuther, Fosse, Sveum, Weight, and Fuchs.

Schulz moved to recommend the City Council approve the request from Buffalo City Tourism Foundation for continuation of grant funding for the years 2009-2012, in the total amount of \$797,400.00 from Economic Development Funds with the City Share to be \$637,920.00 and paid from the City Sales Tax Fund. Seconded by Grabinger.

Grabinger moved to amend the motion to include the language that any requests for grant funding from the BCTF must have City Council approval. Seconded by Liechty.

Liechty moved to amend the amendment to specify that only grant requests in excess of \$2,000.00 would need City Council approval. Seconded by Parisien. Voice vote showed: 3 ayes (Liechty, Grabinger and Parisien), 2 nays (Schulz, Heinrich). Carried.

The voice vote on the amendment, as amended, showed: 3 ayes (Liechty, Grabinger and Parisien), 2 nays (Schulz, Heinrich). Carried.

The amended motion is as follows: To recommend the City Council approve the request from Buffalo City Tourism Foundation for continuation of grant funding for the years 2009-2012, in the total amount of \$797,400.00 from Economic Development Funds with the City Share to be \$637,920.00 and paid from the City Sales Tax and that any requests for grant funding from the BCTF in excess of \$2,000.000 must have City Council approval. Voice vote on the amended motion showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Carried.

Grabinger moved to recommend that the City Council approve the request from Champ Industries USA for additional PACE Interest buy down funds in the amount of \$2,355.00 and an additional \$15,365.00 in New Jobs Training Funds Loan from Economic Development Funds with the City Share to be \$14,176.00 and paid from the City Sales Tax Fund. Seconded by Parisien. Voice vote showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Carried.

Grabinger moved to recommend the City Council approve issuing a Quit Claim Deed to Stephen J. Senger for a portion of Lot 32, Riverview Second Addition. Seconded by Schulz. Voice vote showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Carried.

Schulz moved to recommend the City Council approve the request of M & J Properties for Renaissance Zone incentives on a commercial property to include a five (5) year property tax exemption and a recommended five (5) year North Dakota State income tax exemption for the property on the N. 1/2 of Lot 14, Block 32, Original Addition (117 1st Avenue South). Seconded by Liechty. Voice vote showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Carried.

Parisien moved to recommend the City Council approve authorizing City Attorney Dalsted to pursue legal action against Richard V. Anderson dba Better For Less Construction and/or Phil Van Erem to recover \$8,246.37 in refuse hauling fees for the demolition work at the Ranch House Motel property. Seconded by Schulz. Voice vote showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Carried.

Liechty provided the committee with an update on the Ice House Dam project. She indicated that the property on the south end of the dam is owned by Mrs. Bruce McElroy Grover, while the north side was owned by the

City. A letter has been sent to Mrs. Grover to see if she had an interest in deeding the property to either the City or the river committee. She also informed the committee that the State Water Commission has indicated that they would not provide any assistance relative to arriving at any cost estimates or funding for any repair until such time as a public entity assumed ownership of the dam.

Committee consensus was to seek guidance and assistance from our state senators and representatives to encourage the State Water Commission to assist in moving this project along.

Grabinger moved to recommend the City Council recognize the Jamestown Elk's 995 as an other public spirited organization and to authorize the issuance of a raffle permit with the drawing to be held August 16, 2008. Seconded by Parisien. Voice vote showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Carried.

Heinrich moved to recommend the City Council introduce the First Reading of an ordinance concerning the request to change the zoning of Block 77, Klaus Third Addition (Jameshouse Block), from R-2-A (One to Twelve Family Residential District) to R-3 (General Multiple Dwelling District). Seconded by Schulz. Voice vote showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Carried.

Grabinger moved to recommend the City Council introduce the First Reading of an ordinance to amend and re-enact Appendix C of the City Code pertaining to notice requirements regarding zoning amendments. Seconded by Parisien. The motion and second were withdrawn.

Grabinger moved that a policy be drafted pertaining to the mailing of notice requirements to area property owners regarding proposed zoning amendments be provided for the next Planning Commission for recommendation to the City Council. Seconded by Heinrich. Voice vote showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Carried.

Heinrich moved to recommend the City Council approve the request from Sandy Brown to move a garage from 1014 10th Ave. SE to 802 3rd Avenue NW. Seconded by Parisien. Voice vote showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Carried.

Schulz moved to recommend the City Council approve the request from Bernie Satrom to move a 16' x 24' garage from 1305 3rd Avenue NW to 417 8th Avenue SE. Seconded by Grabinger. Voice vote showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Carried.

Grabinger moved to recommend the City Council approve entering into a lease agreement with the Buffalo City Tourism Foundation. Seconded by Parisien. After discussion relative to the other leases which need to be approved for the Frontier Village and the National Buffalo Foundation, the motion and second were withdrawn.

Schulz moved to table discussion relative to the draft leases proposed for the Frontier Village site, the Buffalo City Tourism Foundation site, and the National Buffalo Museum site until the July committee meeting, in order to allow the next City Council to enter into all three leases. Seconded by Liechty. Voice vote showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Carried.

Jeff Fuchs
City Administrator