

**Windsor Heights (Iowa) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – July 2, 2007**  
**Council Chambers, 1133 66<sup>th</sup> St.**

Mayor Sullivan called meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Council present: Carole Tillotson, Steve Peterson, Diana Willits, Flo Hunter and Donna Markley. City Administrator Marketa George Oliver and Attorney Janet Huston present.

**Roll Call 140**

Peterson moved Hunter seconded to approve agenda. Voice vote unanimous.

**Good of the order**

Charlene Butz said there had been approximately 230 people on the first garden walk held by the Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful Committee. They were very pleased with the results. She noted Council Member Tillotson's garden had been on the walk. She presented the Most Beautiful Yard award for 2007 to Drew and Karla Tillotson, whose garden had also been on the walk.

**Roll Call 141**

Oliver noted that the June 18<sup>th</sup> minutes should read that Willits voted no on the Budget Storage site plan. Hunter moved Willits seconded to approve July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 meeting minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

**Roll Calls 142-149**

Approval of Liquor licenses for Maria Grocery, and Shooter's Hideaway (for July 4<sup>th</sup> service in Colby Park); May reports for Police, Fire, Public Works and Clerk and Investment; and receipt and file for audit the May Treasurer's reports and claims and payroll. Markley moved Peterson seconded. Voice vote passed unanimously.

**Roll Call 150: Public Hearing and Resolution 07-0702/150**

Sullivan opened a public hearing regarding specification on Colby Park. Oliver reported no written or oral comment. Virginia Varce, 6623 Forest Court, urged the Council to pursue as many green options as possible. Betty Glover, 6803 Del Matro, asked if outdoor restrooms were included. Oliver said not in this project. Markley note that the community center plan has outdoor restrooms in it. Oliver added that staff is looking at the option of a pre-fabricated, independent structure that would be plumbed to bring forward in the near future for Council consideration. Willits asked if citizens had been involved in the ballfield recommendations. Peterson said an ad hoc committee of citizens who were involved with little leagues. They changed the batting so batters would not bat into the playground. It is designed for kids. It is not for adult play. Willits asked if it is possible to get bathrooms sometime this summer or Fall. Oliver said it is a possibility and added that staff would also like consideration of a change order later in the project to include resurfacing of the walking path around the east side of the park. Markley said they are on the right path and is pleased that the Council is making decisions about the park with a strategic vision in mind and is making sure every component fits into the big picture. Sullivan closed the public hearing at 5:21 p.m. Peterson moved Willits seconded resolution to approve resolution approving specifications and awarding contract to the Elder Corporation for \$803,169. Roll call vote unanimous.

**Public Hearing on rezone of Colby Park**

Sullivan opened public hearing at 5:22 p.m. Oliver noted she had received questions from a few people, but no written or oral comment. No one present wished to speak. Sullivan closed the public hearing at 5:23 p.m.

**Roll Call 151: Resolution 07-0702/151 regarding the issuance of not to exceed \$3.6 million of revenue bonds (Salisbury House Foundation project) and calling a public hearing on said bonds**

Tillotson moved Willits seconded resolution to approve resolution. Roll call vote unanimous.

**Roll Call 152: Resolution 07-0702/152 approving a hold harmless agreement for SERT training**

Markley moved Willits seconded resolution to approve resolution. Roll call vote unanimous.

**Roll calls 153-154: Ordinance 07-01 adjusting Curb It! Rates**

Tillotson moved first reading of ordinance setting Curb It! rates at \$2.87 per month, Willits seconded. Roll call vote unanimous.

Willits moved second reading of ordinance, Tillotson seconded. Roll call vote unanimous.

**Citizen satisfaction survey**

Clint Fichter, Director of Community Services, presented a proposal from a non-profit group at Iowa State University to do the citizen satisfaction survey. It should be done annually. They would conduct phone interviews using the registered voters list and do sampling to make it a statistically significant survey for \$4,000. Peterson asked why use registered voters. Fichter said there are more registered voters in the household. Peterson asked what percentage of the population is registered to vote. Willits would also like to see it divided by location. Fichter said stratified sampling could be done, but it makes more sense to do it by demographics versus location. Hunter also thinks it is important to get information from all areas of the city. Peterson noted we have 3 precincts and that could be a good way to divide the city. Markley asked if it was at least a 10\$ sample. Fichter said the sample would be based on 430-500 people. Betty Glover, 6803 Del Matro asked if the neighborhood association could look at the questions. Peterson said a representative from that association would be asked to review the sidewalk section. John Thompson, 6300 School Street, #222 thinks voters are the best way of getting input because people may live here but not be a property owner. Sandra O'Brien, 6826 Del Matro, asked if a phone survey is best, with all of the political ads. Fichter said the City would also do citizen notification. Staff will return requesting formal direction.

**Comments**

John Thompson, 6300 School Street, #222, noted there were only 34 speeding citations in May. You could get that many in 2 hours. Let's get out speed sign up and running. He also asked about a flag in Lions Park. He thinks it is important and urged the Council to consider a lighted flag.

Willits asked if the City could do some type of event at the Salisbury House.

**Roll Call 155**

Hunter moved Willits seconded adjournment to executive session pursuant to 21.5(j) of the Code of Iowa to discuss matters related to potential property acquisition. Roll call vote unanimous. Entered closed session at 5:41 p.m., returned to open session resumed at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call 156: Resolution 07-0702/156 approving terms and directing staff to work on a redevelopment agreement**

Tillotson moved Willits seconded to pass resolution. Roll call vote unanimous.

**Roll Call 157**

Hunter moved, Peterson seconded adjournment 6:04 p.m. to July 16<sup>th</sup>. Voice vote unanimous.

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David J. Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Marketa George Oliver, City Administrator/Clerk