

ABSTRACT/SYNOPSIS OF THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE OFFICIAL ACTIONS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEWATER, WALWORTH AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, WISCONSIN.

July 24, 2012

The special meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Patrick Singer. MEMBERS PRESENT: Olsen, Abbott, Winship, Binnie, Singer, Kienbaum. MEMBER ABSENT: Kidd. LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT: Wallace McDonell.

AWARD OF BID FOR ARTIFICIAL TURF FOR TREYTON KILAR'S FIELD OF DREAMS AND AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE DOWN PAYMENT.

Common Council members had delayed award of the bid from their 7/17/12 Council meeting to allow for time to research information relating to artificial turf. Resident Karen McCulloch had previously expressed concerns over health risks relating to artificial turf. Councilmembers used the one week delay period to review numerous opinions relating to the issue. Paul Plinske of UW-Whitewater indicated that UWW has artificial turf, and it has worked out great. Concerns were also expressed about the effects of high heat on the turf, and the fact that it is very hot to stand on. The Field Turf company representative was present to answer questions. It was indicated that water could be sprayed to "cool" the turf. Residents Greg Meyer, Jeremy Niemuth, Travis Wessels, Larry Kachel, and Mary Kilar spoke in support of the turf. It was noted by Field of Dreams supporters that artificial turf had been in the plans since day one. A concern expressed by resident Jim McCulloch related to the fact that the field will be fenced. A great deal of discussion ensued. It was moved by Olsen and seconded by Winship to award the bid to Field Turf, with the understanding that: 1) the Park and Recreation Department develop a policy for dealing with the heat and use of the turf; 2) an option be offered to parents who prefer that their children play on natural grass; 3) Council has an expectation that a sinking fund be established to cover the costs of the surface replacement and that fundraising efforts continue; and 4) Construction is not to begin until the fundraising is completed to complete the project as originally intended. AYES: Olsen, Abbott, Winship, Binnie, Singer, Kienbaum. NOES: None. ABSENT: Kidd.

APPOINTMENT OF CITIZEN MEMBER TO UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY PARK BOARD.

Council President Singer and Interim City Manager Clapper had met to review the applicant applications, and agreed that Kevin Brunner should be appointed to the Board. Councilmember Olsen expressed concerns about appointing someone who previously was City Manager overseeing the Technology Park. It was moved by Winship and seconded by Abbott to appoint Kevin Brunner as citizen representative to the Whitewater University Technology Park Board. AYES: Abbott, Winship, Binnie, Singer, Kienbaum. NOES: Olsen. ABSENT: Kidd.

ADJOURNMENT. It was moved by Olsen and seconded by Winship to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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