

**CITY OF CEDARBURG
COMMON COUNCIL
March 30, 2009**

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A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Monday, March 30, 2009 at City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, second floor, Council Chambers. Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present - Common Council – Mayor Gregory Myers, Council Members Chris Reimer, Steve Glamm, Art Filter, Paul Radtke, Michael Maher, Joe Emmerich

Excused - Council Member Kip Kinzel

Also Present - City Attorney Kaye Vance, City Administrator/Treasurer Christy Mertes, City Clerk Constance McHugh, Economic Development Coordinator Linda Skalecki, Cedarburg Cultural Center Executive Director Matthew Brockmeier, Cedarburg residents Angelo Vasta and Matt Schultz; other interested citizens and news media

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

At Mayor Myers' request, City Clerk McHugh verified that notice of this meeting was provided to the public by forwarding the agenda to the City's official newspaper, the *News Graphic*, to all news media and citizens who requested copies, and by posting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law. Citizens present were welcomed and encouraged to provide their input during the citizen comment portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Council Member Filter, seconded by Council Member Radtke, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2009 meeting. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Member Kinzel excused.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES - None

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS - None

CONSIDER CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH CORCIANO, ITALY

Economic Development Coordinator Skalecki said she is appearing at this meeting in support of Council recognition of a Sister City relationship between Cedarburg and Corciano, Italy. She said that she looked into such a relationship at Mayor Myers' request, working with Cedarburg resident Angelo Vasta. Mr. Vasta is president of the Umbria Group USA, moving to the United States from Corciano 17 years ago and moving to Cedarburg three years ago.

Mr. Vasta said his family's business works with U.S. universities to provide housing and travel accommodations to supplement and enhance their study abroad programs and also develops cultural programs for small groups and individuals. Since moving to Cedarburg, Mr. Vasta said that he has seen a lot of similarities between Cedarburg and Corciano. For example, Corciano is the oldest

community in Italy and Cedarburg is one of the oldest communities in the State. Both communities are also very committed to arts and architecture.

Mr. Vasta said he met with Mayor Myers several months ago and proposed a Sister City relationship between the two communities. He has also spoken to the Mayor of Corciano, who is in favor of the idea. Mr. Vasta said that such a relationship could be a wonderful thing for Cedarburg and he is looking for the Council's blessing.

Council Member Reimer asked if there would be any costs to the City.

Mr. Vasta said he doesn't see any costs other than the approximate cost of \$360 to join the Sister Cities International program. He said that he hopes to get donations, sponsors, and grants to fund events and programs.

Matt Schultz, of the advertising firm Grace Under Pressure, said that he has been working with Mr. Vasta to find ways to make this relationship work. He said he will be reaching out to counterparts in Italy to stimulate awareness and interest between the two communities and to form an alliance. Mr. Schultz said a lot of opportunities exist for tourism and educational exchanges that can be executed without a lot of cost to the City.

Mayor Myers said he is asking the Council to make this arrangement formal. He said it will be up to the residents of Cedarburg to make the relationship work and be beneficial. Mayor Myers said that he sees a limited governmental role in this relationship. He said it will be a tool to reinforce the economic viability of the downtown.

Council Member Radtke said the ad hoc Downtown Master Plan Committee discussed this idea and thought it was a good one.

Council Member Filter asked if more formal action will be taken at a later date.

Mayor Myers said a formal resolution will be adopted by the Council at a later date and will be done simultaneously with Corciano.

Mr. Vasta said he will be in Italy for a few weeks in June. He said that it would be wonderful for City Officials to meet with the Mayor of Corciano either in Italy or when she is in Chicago in July for an expo on the best towns in Italy.

Motion made by Council Member Filter, seconded by Council Member Radtke, to grant conceptual approval of a Sister City Relationship between the City of Cedarburg and the City of Corciano, Italy. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Member Kinzel excused.

CONSIDER REQUEST OF CEDARBURG CULTURAL CENTER TO AMEND ITS PREMISE DESCRIPTION TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT W61 N517 WASHINGTON AVENUE FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD ON APRIL 18, 2009

Motion made by Council Member Filter, seconded by Council Member Reimer, to approve the request of the Cedarburg Cultural Center to amend its premise description to serve alcohol at W61 N517 Washington Avenue for a dinner to be held at this location on April 18, 2009. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Member Kinzel excused.

The premise description change is for this date only.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2009-03 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM GENERAL GOVERNMENT, CULTURE AND RECREATION, CONTINGENCY RESERVE, TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS AND GENERAL FUND-FUND BALANCE TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC WORKS

Motion made by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Emmerich, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-03 transferring funds from General Government, Culture and Recreation, Contingency Reserve, Transfer to Other Funds and General Fund-Fund Balance to Public Safety and Public Works. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Member Kinzel excused.

UPDATE ON AMCAST BROWNFIELD SITE

City Attorney Vance said that the City was led to believe in early March that it may be possible to obtain funding through a State Brownfields grant to remove the deteriorating Amcast building. However; it has since been determined that this site will be placed on the National Priorities List (NPL) and will not be eligible for such funding. Attorney Vance said that NPL designation is the best chance the City has to obtain money to tear down the building and remediate the site.

Attorney Vance said that the EPA has determined the building is in fair condition. A representative of the DNR has asked that the EPA look at the building again as it is staff's and the DNR's opinion that the building is in much worse condition and presents a hazard.

The attorney for Amcast has indicated that someone is interested in purchasing the site. It is clear that the prospective purchasers/developers do want to develop the site, but only if it is a clean site.

Attorney Vance said that the City will be issuing citations against Amcast and she will pursue a raze order for the building.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2009-04 OPPOSING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PREVAILING WAGE LAW

Mayor Myers noted that a letter had been sent to the Governor and local legislators protesting the Department of Workforce Development's attempt to impose prevailing wage rates on a development that has already been completed. This resolution is meant to formally support the City's opposition to the expansion of the imposition of the prevailing wage law.

Motion made by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Reimer, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-04 opposing proposed changes to the Prevailing Wage Law. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Member Kinzel excused.

LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Motion made by Council Member Radtke, seconded by Council Member Glamm, to authorize issuance of new Operator's Licenses for the period ending June 30, 2009 to Michael P. Smith and Michael J. Finnegan. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Member Kinzel excused.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator/Treasurer Mertes said the six month time deadline for residents to appeal the denial of claims regarding the sewer backups in the Willowbrook Subdivision in April of 2008 has passed.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY CITIZENS - None

REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Myers issued the following proclamations:

- Annual Arbor Day Proclamation – April 24, 2009
- National Telecommunicator's Week – April 12 – 18, 2009
- National Volunteer Week – April 19 – 25, 2009
- Administrative Professionals Week – April 19 – 25, 2009
- Eagle Scout Proclamation – Nathan Tietz
- Eagle Scout Proclamation – Clayton Tietz
- National Library Week – April 12 – 18, 2009
- National Athletic Training Month – March 2009

ADJOURNMENT- CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Council Member Reimer, seconded by Council Member Emmerich, to adjourn to closed session at 7:36 p.m. pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate 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, specifically the Plant No. 2 Site. Approval of closed session minutes of 02/09/09. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Member Kinzel excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Radtke, seconded by Council Member Glamm, to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Member Kinzel excused. The meeting did not reconvene to open session.

Constance K. McHugh, MMC
City Clerk