

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

February 23, 2017

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Singer. MEMBERS PRESENT: Langnes, Grady, Binnie, Goettl Singer, Allen, Wellnitz. MEMBERS ABSENT: None. LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT: None.

It was moved by Allen and seconded by Goettl to approve the Council Minutes of January 17, 2017 and to acknowledge receipt and filing of the following: Financial Reports for January, 2017; Parks and Recreation Board Minutes for January 18, 2017 and January 25, 2017; and the Plan and Architectural Review Commission Minutes of December 12, 2016 and January 17, 2017. AYES: Wellnitz, Langnes, Grady, Binnie, Goettl, Singer, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS. None.

**RESOLUTION URGING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMPLETE
USH 12 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY.**

**RESOLUTION URGING ELECTED OFFICIALS TO DIRECT THE WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMPLETE THE USH 12
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY**

WHEREAS, a four lane US Highway 12 between Whitewater and Elkhorn and bypassing around the Lauderdale Lakes area, known as the Red Line Route, was proposed and mapped in 1967, and included in the 2035 Jurisdictional Highway System Plan for Walworth County (hereinafter called “the Project”);

WHEREAS, despite a dramatic increase in the population of Walworth County since the 1960s and the number of vehicles traveling on US Highway 12, the Project was never constructed; and,

WHEREAS, the absence of a four lane connection to the City of Whitewater negatively impacts the economy and quality of life in the Whitewater community as well as Walworth County; and;

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater is the only four-year state university not served by a four lane highway; and,

WHEREAS, the Whitewater University Technology Park and Whitewater Business Park have been designated as “shovel-ready” for development; and the Whitewater University Technology Park also includes property designated as a certified site under the WEDC Certified Sites program; and,

WHEREAS, the most important feature of attracting businesses is transportation accessibility; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Whitewater has made a substantial investment in its infrastructure to attract manufacturing and technology businesses, but that effort is hampered by an inadequate state highway system; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the 2013-2015 biennial budget, the State Legislature directed the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (“WisDOT”) to “commence the preparation of an environmental impact statement, as defined in s. 13.489(1c)(b), for a proposed major highway project involving US 12 from the city of Elkhorn to the city of Whitewater;” and,

WHEREAS, in July of 2016, WisDOT decided to suspend the study citing a variety of reasons including a lack of overall need, financial constraints and overall WisDOT system needs; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Whitewater disagrees with the WisDOT’s conclusion that there is a lack of need for the Project and with WisDOT’s conclusion that its effort satisfied the statutory mandate of commencing the preparation of an environmental impact statement; and,

WHEREAS, had WisDOT invested more effort into this matter, the need for the Project would have been readily apparent; such effort should have included:

Obtaining accurate and recent traffic counts.

Following through with WisDOT’s commitment to meet with area businesses, County government and the 1300 members of the Highway 12 Red Line Group;

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) has concluded that the Project is warranted and has included the Project in its Vision 2050 Plan as well as Walworth County’s jurisdictional highway system plan.

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

The City of Whitewater hereby supports the completion of the Environmental Impact Study for the USH 12 Extension Project.

The City of Whitewater urges the appropriate elected officials to make the Project a priority and direct WisDOT to make a good faith effort to complete the study as originally directed in the state budget.

The City of Whitewater staff is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Governor Scott Walker, Congressman Paul Ryan, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, Assembly Minority Leader Peter Barca, Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, Senator Minority Leader Jennifer Shilling and Secretary of Transportation Dave Ross as well as assembly members and senators representing the city of Whitewater and Walworth County.

Resolution introduced by Councilmember Allen who moved its adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Goettl. AYES: Wellnitz, Langnes, Grady, Binnie, Goettl, Singer, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ADOPTED: February 23, 2017.

Cameron L. Clapper, City Manager

Michele R. Smith, City Clerk

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHANGE OF DISTRICT ZONING MAP FOR STARIN ROAD, PRINCE STREET, AND TRATT STREET PARCELS.

**AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING THE R-3A UNIVERSITY RESIDENTIAL DENSITY
OCCUPANCY OVERLAY DISTRICT ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR CERTAIN
PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF WHITEWATER**

The Common Council of the City of Whitewater, Walworth and Jefferson Counties, Wisconsin, do pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 19.69, hereby impose the R-3A University Residential Density Occupancy Overlay District Zoning Classification (19.22) on the below properties:

Section 1. The R-3A University Residential Density Occupancy Overlay District Zoning Classification is hereby imposed upon:

<u>Property Address:</u>	<u>Tax ID#:</u>	<u>Property Owner:</u>
1041-1043 W. Starin Road	WUP 00183J	DLK Enterprises Inc.
1031 W. Starin Road	WUP 00150E	DLK Enterprises Inc.
1025 W. Starin Road	WUP 00150	DLK Enterprises Inc.
240 N. Prince Street	WUP 00180	DLK Enterprises Inc.
Vacant Land	WUP 00181A	DLK Enterprises Inc.

<u>Portions of Properties:</u>		
281 N. Tratt Street	WUP 00183G	DLK Enterprises Inc.
275 N. Tratt Street	WUP 00183F	DLK Enterprises Inc.
263 N. Tratt Street	WUP 00183E	DLK Enterprises Inc.
257 N. Tratt Street	WUP 00183D	DLK Enterprises Inc.
251 N. Tratt Street	WUP 00183C	DLK Enterprises Inc.

Section 2. The official zoning map of the City of Whitewater is hereby amended to show the above action.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Ordinance introduced by Councilmember Grady who moved its adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Binnie. AYES: Wellnitz, Langnes, Grady, Binnie, Singer, Allen. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Goettl. ABSENT: None. FIRST READING APPROVED: February 23, 2017.

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AGREEMENT WITH GAPPA FOR KEYLESS ENTRY SYSTEM FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING. The Common Council previously approved an agreement with Per Mar Security services to provide the City with a keyless entry system for the Municipal Building. The Council later agreed to terminate the agreement with Per Mar. Since that time, staff has contacted firms to discuss the proposals previously presented (at the same time the Per Mar quote was submitted). In response to Councilmember Allen's question, it was noted that no formal quotes were resubmitted. Staff has requested that Council approve the request to purchase the Avigilon Access Control system per the proposal from Gappa Security Solutions LLC, at a cost not to exceed \$44,291. It was moved by Binnie and seconded by Grady to authorize the purchase. AYES: Wellnitz, Grady, Binnie, Goettl, Singer. NOES: Langnes, Allen. ABSENT: None.

APPROVAL OF 2017 AGREEMENT WITH DOWNTOWN WHITEWATER, INC. Presented for approval was the 2017 Downtown Whitewater, Inc.'s Memorandum of Understanding with the City. City Manager Clapper indicated that 2017 holds no significant changes from the 2016 agreement. It was moved by Allen and seconded by Goettl to approve the Agreement with Downtown Whitewater, Inc.

("DTWW") for 2017. AYES: Wellnitz, Langnes, Grady, Binnie, Goettl, Singer Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

NORTH STREET TRAFFIC CALMING DISCUSSION. Numerous North Street residents were in attendance. The possibility of placing temporary speed bumps on North Street, near Cherry Street, was discussed. Most neighbors in attendance welcomed the speed calming measure, although North Street resident Vicki Fleegal indicated that she did not feel they were necessary. After temporary speed bumps are installed, incorrect signage is corrected, and the neighborhood has had a chance to see whether there are improvements to the speeding problem being experienced, permanent speed bumps can be installed. It was moved by Binnie and seconded by Allen to authorize the installation of temporary speed bumps on North Street, and to upgrade signage as well as to correct incorrectly placed signage on North Street, near its intersection with Cherry Street, Wakely Street and Fonda Street. AYES: Wellnitz, Langnes, Grady, Binnie, Goettl, Singer, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. Councilmember Grady requested that the now cancelled Spring Splash event, scheduled for April, 2017, and the City's plans for the replacement private event be discussed at the next Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT. It was moved by Grady and seconded by Goettl to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Smith, City Clerk