

**“Special” Common Council
of the City of Onalaska**

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

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1 The Meeting of the Special Common Council of the City of Onalaska was called to order at 5:30
2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2015. It was noted that the meeting had been announced and a notice
3 posted at City Hall.

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5 Roll call was taken, with the following members present: Mayor Joe Chilsen, Ald. Jim Binash,
6 Ald. Jim Olson, Ald. Jim Bialecki, Ald. Bob Muth, Ald. Harvey Bertrand

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8 Also Present: City Clerk Cari Burmaster, Financial Services Director/Treasurer Fred Buehler

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10 Excused Absence: Ald. Barry Blomquist

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12 **Item 2 – Resolution 32-2015 – Authorization to transfer undesignated Fund Balance in**
13 **Tourism to a Special Project Revenue Fund called Tourism Projects in the amount of**
14 **\$1,595,234.32**

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16 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Bertrand, to approve Resolution 32-2015 –
17 Authorization to transfer undesignated Fund Balance in Tourism to a Special Project Revenue
18 Fund called Tourism Projects in the amount of \$1,595,234.32.

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20 Ald. Bialecki said, “I want to make it clear it’s a special project revenue fund. I received a few
21 phone calls yesterday, and nothing has been designated for that money yet, nor has it been
22 approved. For the record, I told those people if anything comes up to use this money for it will
23 indeed go back to Finance and Personnel and ultimately the Council for approval. This is merely
24 keeping us one step ahead of potential changes in Madison.”

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26 Ald. Bertrand said he assumes that this is the entirety of the funds.

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28 Ald. Bialecki said no, noting there are funds in Tourism designated for operational funds. Ald.
29 Bialecki noted there is another designated fund balance left in the Tourism Department in the
30 approximate amount of \$145,000. Ald. Bialecki said this is a sinking fund that was designated to
31 be utilized if plans to construct a new Tourism facility proceeded.

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33 Ald. Bertrand asked how the amount to transfer was arrived at.

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35 Mayor Chilsen said this is one of the funds and noted the \$145,000 is in a different fund.

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37 Ald. Binash asked if any complications will arise at the state level because this is called Tourism
38 Projects. Ald. Binash also asked if this name should be changed.

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40 Mayor Chilsen said no and noted it is a Special Projects Fund.

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42 Ald. Bialecki said this item may be called back and the name may be altered if there are any
Reviewed 6/25/15 by Cari Burmaster

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43 changes in the future.

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45 Mayor Chilsen said this action will give the city “maximum flexibility.”

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47 On roll call vote: Ald. Jim Binash – aye, Ald. Jim Olson – aye, Ald. Jim Bialecki – aye, Ald.

48 Bob Muth – aye, Ald. Harvey Bertrand – aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

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50 **Adjournment**

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52 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Olson, to adjourn at 5:34 p.m.

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54 On voice vote, motion carried.

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57 Recorded by:

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