

**Parks and Recreation Board
of the City of Onalaska**

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1 The Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board of the City of Onalaska was called to order at 5:15
2 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2019 at City Hall. It was noted that the meeting had been
3 announced and a notice posted at City Hall.

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5 Roll call was taken with the following members present: Andrea Benco, Brian Udermann,
6 Conner Nagy, Steven Nott, Ohbe Johnson. Ald. Dan Stevens and Patric McGuane arrived with
7 the meeting in progress.

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9 Also Present: Mayor Joe Chilsen, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Wick, Parks Supervisor
10 Mark Hanson, Buildings Manager Brian Babiash

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12 **Item 2 – Approval of minutes from the previous meeting**

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14 Motion by Andrea, second by Ohbe, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting
15 (September 23, 2019) as printed and on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

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17 Dan said the board must approve the minutes from both the September 23, 2019 meeting, and
18 also the minutes from the August 26, 2019 meeting, the latter of which could not be approved at
19 the September meeting as there was no quorum present.

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21 On voice vote, motion carried.

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23 Motion by Andrea, second by Ohbe, to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2019 meeting
24 as printed and on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

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26 On voice vote, motion carried.

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28 Steven told board members Item 9 will be addressed after Item 3.

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30 **Item 3 – Public Input (Limited to 3 minutes/individual)**

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32 Steven called for anyone wishing to provide public input.

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34 **Heather Suby**
35 **909 Winchester Lane**
36 **Holmen**

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38 Heather identified herself as a member of the 7 Rivers Disc Golf Club and said she and the
39 others club members who are attending this evening’s meeting frequently utilize Rowe Park.
40 Heather said they wish to see more disc golf opportunities in the City of Onalaska.

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42 **Markus Mika**
43 **1005 Main Street**
44 **Onalaska**

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46 Markus told board members he is a biology professor at UW-La Crosse, and that he also
47 coordinates many of the 7 Rivers Disc Golf Club's events. Markus expressed his gratitude
48 toward the city for allowing the club to hold a recent event at Rowe Park. Markus said he also
49 wishes to see more disc golf courses in this area, describing the sport as being "very affordable,"
50 and also "a walk in the park with a purpose." Markus said club members are concerned about
51 natural resources and sustainability, and he told board members the city, community, and the
52 Parks and Recreation Department all have been supportive of the club's efforts. Markus noted
53 club members remove refuse from the parks, and he again expressed his gratitude for the club
54 being allowed to utilize Rowe Park.

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56 Dan told board members the Parks and Recreation Department closed down Rowe Park on
57 Saturday, October 26 for the 7 Rivers Disc Golf Club 's event, and he said the goal is to continue
58 working with club members and help the sport grow in this area.

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60 Markus told board members 50 individuals participated in the event and said allowing the sport
61 to grow will benefit the city economically, noting that several participants had patronized local
62 businesses.

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64 **Kimberly Page**
65 **2100 Beverly Drive West**
66 **Onalaska**

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68 "I'm here for the Oak Park No. 5 discussion. ... There are five more of us here from the
69 neighborhood. We're available if you have any questions. There's a whole sheet of the
70 comments we wrote [included in board members' packets] of what we'd like to see done with the
71 park."

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73 Steven called three times for anyone else wishing to provide public input and closed that portion
74 of the meeting.

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76 **Consideration and possible action on the following items:**

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78 **Item 9 – Recap of Public Information Meeting regarding Oak Park #5**

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80 Dan referred board members' attention to the comment sheet that was filled out at the public
81 information meeting included in their packets, and he said the discussion at the meeting was
82 productive. Dan said the neighborhood residents do not wish to see development such as an

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83 apartment complex in that location, and he told board members he had assured the residents that
84 that will not happen. Dan said the discussion included access, the easement, narrow streets, and
85 parking.

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87 Andrea, who attended the meeting, told the neighborhood residents she hopes their concerns
88 were assuaged.

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90 Steven said it is his understanding that the park is utilized infrequently in its current state, and he
91 asked the neighborhood residents if that is an accurate statement.

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93 Steven was told it is.

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95 Steven noted at least one individual is interested in purchasing the property.

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97 Dan said an individual had stated on the comment sheet he/she is interested in purchasing the
98 property and noted it had not been openly discussed at the meeting.

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100 Ald. Stevens asked if only one person is interested in purchasing the property, and he also asked
101 if each lot would have the right to re-divide the property.

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103 Dan told Ald. Stevens he believes that discussion should occur at the Parks and Recreation Board
104 level, and he said he believes city legal counsel must be a part of the discussion. Dan said he is
105 of the opinion the board should provide direction as to how to proceed with the property. Staff
106 then would work with legal counsel over the next 30 days and then present options to board
107 members. Dan said the board then possibly could make a definite decision.

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109 Ald. Stevens said, "If owners are interested in purchasing the lots, that's really going to be the
110 only way that you can make sure that it is forever something that you can control. Secondly, I
111 kind of have an interest in ... We've been adding parks, and the labor hours that we've allotted
112 to maintain the parks has become less and less over time due to budgetary constraints. If there is
113 a way we could let the homeowners have their own private, larger backyard – whether it's one or
114 multiple – we can bring that to Mark and make it so that our staff has less manhours that they can
115 concentrate on the more frequently utilized parks, I would be interested in pursuing that."

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117 Steven told Ald. Stevens he agrees with him and said he currently sees "a cost with little to no
118 benefit" as staff still must maintain the park even though it is utilized infrequently. Steven said
119 he believes there is a solution that will satisfy everyone and suggested including this item on the
120 November 25 Parks and Recreation Board meeting agenda.

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122 Dan asked board members if they want to provide input as to which direction to take.

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124 Andrea said it is possible the park is not utilized frequently because it is not as attractive as it
125 could be and suggested perhaps performing more maintenance there and installing low-
126 maintenance items such as picnic tables and shade facilities. Andrea noted residents had said the
127 park used to be heavily utilized and said she believes the residents in that neighborhood are now
128 older. Andrea said she believes younger individuals soon will move into the neighborhood and
129 told board members it will be difficult to find a location for children to play if no equipment is
130 installed in the park and it ultimately is lost.

131
132 Steven said access to that park is only convenient for the residents who may access it from their
133 backyards.

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135 Andrea noted the board had approved signage so that the walkway that goes to the park is more
136 obvious.

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138 Mark said he believes safety also is an issue in addition to the access point to the park.

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140 Ald. Stevens asked Kimberly Page if she resides adjacent to the park.

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142 Kimberly said her rear property line abuts with the park.

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144 Ald. Stevens asked Kimberly if she would be more interesting in purchasing that section, or if
145 she wishes to see the park more utilized.

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147 Kimberly told board members she has resided in that neighborhood her entire life, noting her
148 parents had owned the property. Kimberly told board members the park was heavily utilized
149 when she was younger, and she said the neighborhood is now inhabited by older individuals.
150 However, Kimberly also said she can see younger families moving into the neighborhood, and
151 she told board members she would be interested in purchasing a section of the property if the
152 price were reasonable. Kimberly said she believes the individual who resides on the other side
153 of the park had stated on the comments sheet he is interested in purchasing the entire lot, and she
154 referred to residents whose property line abuts with the park. Kimberly said she does not know
155 if those residents are interested in purchasing a portion of the lot, and she also said she and a
156 majority of the residents in the neighborhood either want to see the park more utilized or remain
157 as green space.

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159 Steven said he believes Dan should speak to legal counsel about what options the city has.

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161 Andrea asked the city may restrict the sale of the land only to adjacent property owners, or if
162 anyone would be allowed to purchase the land.

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164 Ald. Stevens asked if there is a first right of refusal.

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166 Dan said that while he does not believe there is a first right of refusal, he believes the access to
167 that area (10 feet) would limit what could be done. Dan asked board members if they want to
168 entertain the idea of selling the land, either in its entirety or splitting the lot. Dan said, “We
169 didn’t have the discussion at the public meeting because we didn’t know where people were at. I
170 think if that is a direction this board would want to do, I do have everybody’s email [address] of
171 who was at the meeting that abuts the properties, and we would have to have a conversation with
172 them to make sure everybody is aware of what the potential could be [for] the need or the want.
173 Then that’s where we could work with our legal counsel to come up with a plan [and tell them]
174 these are the options we would have.”

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176 Steven said he believes board members need more information if this is going to turn into a
177 decision item.

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179 Dan said if board members can give him direction this evening, they will not be looking at a
180 blank slate at the November 25 meeting.

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182 Brian Udermann suggested possibly establishing a prairie area with limited maintenance if
183 selling the land is not an option.

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185 Andrea noted City Attorney Amanda Jackson also had attended the meeting and said Amanda
186 had indicated the city could sell the land.

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188 Mark said the park located northwest of the property in question has playground equipment –
189 some newer, some older – and he told the neighborhood residents in attendance that area could
190 be expanded if any of them choose to purchase the lot.

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192 Andrea said the city could work with residents on choosing appropriate equipment for the
193 existing park.

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195 Ald. Stevens asked if the board needs to make a motion regarding this item, which is a recap.

196
197 Dan told Ald. Stevens he is seeking direction from board members, one of which is exploring
198 potentially selling the land.

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200 Steven noted Brian Udermann had suggested potentially establishing green space with no
201 equipment.

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203 **John Beach**
204 **2009 Craig Lane East**
205 **Onalaska**

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207 John asked if the neighborhood residents would have any input regarding how the land would be
208 utilized if someone purchases it, noting there is an individual who currently parks his trailers in
209 the park. John added he believes this individual could start a business at that location.

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211 Steven said that parcel is not zoned for a business.

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213 John noted there have been discussions pertaining to rezoning.

214
215 Andrea said she believes the land would need to be rezoned if it is sold.

216
217 John told board members the neighborhood residents recently had received a letter pertaining to
218 rezoning that area.

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220 Steven noted the city is currently rewriting its Zoning Code and said many codes are being
221 consolidated. Steven, who also serves on the Plan Commission, noted this is a residential area
222 and said he believes this area will have the same zoning under a different name. Steven told
223 John that while he does not believe there will be an issue, he will look into it.

224
225 Andrea asked Steven to look into what control the city would have if it were to sell the parcels.

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227 John inquired about maintaining the property, telling board members he can envision the
228 individual to whom he had referred earlier not maintaining the land.

229
230 Dan said City of Onalaska ordinance would take over if the property was not maintained.

231
232 Kimberly asked if she and the neighborhood residents should plan on attending the next Parks
233 and Recreation Board meeting.

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235 Dan said the next Parks and Recreation Board meeting is November 25.

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237 Andrea asked Dan if he believes he will have answers for the residents by November 25, or if
238 this item should come back before the board in 2020.

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240 Dan said he believes he can work with Amanda, who is aware of what is happening, and he told
241 Andrea he believes he can present options to the board.

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243 Steven told the residents in attendance meeting agendas are posted at cityofonalaska.com and
244 told them to check to see if this item will appear on the November 25 agenda.

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246 **Item 4 – Approve bid to Staples for chairs and footstools at the library in an amount not to**

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247 **exceed \$16,857.16**

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249 Dan noted the bid tabulation was included in board members' packets.

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251 Brian Babiash said he had worked with La Crosse County Library Director Chris McArdle Rojo
252 on this item, which was approved as part of the 2019 Capital Improvements Budget. Brian told
253 board members all the stuffed furniture at the library would be replaced. No ottomans are
254 currently included, but Brian said they possibly could be and told board members he needed to
255 first obtain a price for the chairs. Brian said this item falls into the allotted budget.

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257 Andrea said the price seems expensive for number of chairs being purchased.

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259 Dan told Andrea \$22,000 was budgeted to purchase 22 chairs.

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261 Ald. Stevens said he had just met with City Administrator Eric Rindfleisch and told board
262 members they had discussed the chairs for the library. Ald. Stevens said the cost of \$813.12 per
263 chair for six chairs seems expensive, and he told board members he believes a vendor adds a
264 certain percentage to the cost when a municipality sends out bids. Ald. Stevens said it is his
265 understanding the chairs are industrial grade, that there will be an upsell, also perhaps the chairs
266 are older and out of production. Ald. Stevens said perhaps that is driving up the cost, and he told
267 board members the chairs must be certified a certain way that will make them compliant with the
268 insurance the city covers. Ald. Stevens said he would like to see if perhaps a more favorable bid
269 could be obtained, telling board members he had looked online and seen that comparable chairs
270 cost \$300 to \$400 per chair. However, Ald. Stevens also said, "This is the best that we can get
271 according to the bids that were submitted."

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273 Dan told Ald. Stevens it is difficult to find companies and said he is sure chairs could be
274 purchased from different companies via the internet. However, Dan also pointed out, "To try to
275 get it all-inclusive that we could work with local vendors that are providing it, this is what we
276 have." Dan told board members he believes the material of which the chairs are made is fire-
277 retardant and explained the chairs are not like furniture someone may purchase for his/her home.

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279 Brian Babiash said he was not aware there are different chairs for individuals of different
280 weights and told board members chairs such as those cannot be purchased at a local furniture
281 store.

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283 Dan said that while he does not object to attempting to find more vendors, he also noted this item
284 was approved. Dan also pointed out staff is now working with a third salesman from Staples.

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286 Motion by Andrea, second by Brian Udermann, to approve bid to Staples for chairs and
287 footstools at the library in an amount not to exceed \$16,857.16.

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289 Steven said that while the price seems expensive, he also is not surprised by it. Steven, who
290 served in the United States Army, told board members it was expensive to purchase furniture that
291 met codes and requirements.

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293 Patric said the price increases as one purchases industrial-quality goods.

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295 Ald. Stevens said he will begrudgingly support the purchase because it seems to him as though
296 the price is too expensive.

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298 Conner inquired about the age of the current library chairs.

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300 Dan said he does not know.

301
302 Brian Babiash said there had been a discussion regarding the type of fabric that would be placed
303 on the furniture, and he told board members the fabric needed to have “100,000 rubs.” Brian
304 also explained the reason the current library furniture is substandard is because the material is
305 wearing through.

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307 Andrea noted the Parks and Recreation Department had become responsible for the library
308 within the last couple years.

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310 On voice vote, motion carried.

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312 **Item 5 – Approve bid to Clemmer Taping and Texture for the painting of the area above**
313 **the walkway outside of the library in an amount not to exceed \$1,375**

314
315 Brian Babiash told board members the areas to be painted would be the walkway as one enters
316 the library, the entire walkway in front of the building, the roof area in the walkway, and the
317 loading dock.

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319 Motion by Ald. Stevens, second by Andrea, to approve bid to Clemmer Taping and Texture for
320 the painting of the area above the walkway outside of the library in an amount not to exceed
321 \$1,375.

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323 Ald. Stevens asked Brian Babiash if outsourcing the work is logical.

324
325 Brian Babiash told Ald. Stevens that while he would like to say the job could be completed
326 internally, he also still is working on projects from the last Capital Improvements Budget process
327 and said staff cannot keep up with what needs to be maintained. Brian told board members staff
328 has completed several painting projects, including in the Fire Department and the Police

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329 Department, and he said staff attempts to complete as many of those jobs as possible.

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331 Andrea asked if perhaps a deadline could be instituted so that the project is started and completed
332 in a timely fashion.

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334 Brian Babiash said it would be possible, but he also noted he has been attempting to expedite the
335 process with the vendor for the last three weeks. Brian said he had not obtained a bid from a
336 vendor he is confident would have completed the job immediately. While Brian complimented
337 Clemmer Taping & Texture and its quality of work, he also acknowledged that the work the
338 vendor does is not completed in a timely fashion.

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340 Ald. Stevens asked if there is a reasonable expectation of completing the job in a timely manner.

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342 Dan said, "Once we have approval to work with them to get it done, yes. If it becomes a
343 circumstance that he can't get it done, then we'd have to come back forward and say we can do
344 it."

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346 On voice vote, motion carried.

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348 **Item 6 – Approve bid to Viking Electric for library lighting in an amount not to exceed**
349 **\$9,464.53**

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351 Dan said this is to convert the lighting to LED and noted staff is performing all the replacement.
352 Dan said, "If we would have to bring an electrician in to do this, we would probably double the
353 cost here. I think it's better to put money toward this and have staff do this than it is to have
354 them paint there." Dan told board members this is the same replacement process that has
355 occurred at the Omni Center and City Hall.

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357 Brian Babiash said the difference between this bid and the one for the Omni Center and part of
358 City Hall is he has had a positive experience working with Sylvania in terms of customer service
359 and the quality of its products. Brian estimated that half of the bulbs at the Omni Center have
360 been changed to Sylvania bulbs because the previous bulbs were inferior. Brian told board
361 members he has spoken with individuals who have told him there are fewer issues with Sylvania
362 LED bulbs, and he said they have performed exceptionally well since they were installed.

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364 Motion by Brian Udermann, second by Ohbe, to approve bid to Viking Electric for library
365 lighting in an amount not to exceed \$9,464.53.

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367 Ald. Stevens noted he had priced out the lightbulbs and said while the cost was slightly higher,
368 they were within the normal bounds of what can be found on the open market. Ald. Stevens
369 added he feels much better about the bulbs.

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371 Patric asked if someone is tracking the savings due to reduced energy consumption.

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373 Ald. Stevens said he believes the anticipated costs savings were a primary reason behind this
374 project when it was submitted in last year's budget.

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376 Brian Babiash told board members it will be easier to calculate the cost savings at City Hall than
377 it will be for the Omni Center as what is utilized in kilowatts makes the price increase and
378 decrease.

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380 On voice vote, motion carried.

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382 **Item 7 – Approve bid to Kish & Sons Electric for library ceiling fan installation in an**
383 **amount not to exceed \$5,667**

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385 Dan noted the library has high ceilings and said the installation of the fans is an attempt to keep
386 the warm air down in the winter. Dan also noted this item was included in the budget.

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388 Motion by Andrea, second by Patric, to approve bid to Kish & Sons Electric for library ceiling
389 fan installation in an amount not to exceed \$5,667.

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391 Ald. Stevens inquired about the number of ceiling fans and said the installation cost seems high.

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393 Brian Babiash said three five-foot ceiling fans, which cost an estimated \$300 apiece, would be
394 installed in the adult section. Brian also noted the fans will be operated by remote control and
395 said they will be on one circuit.

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397 Steven asked if Kish & Sons will need to utilize a lift due to the high ceiling.

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399 Brian Babiash told Steven the ceiling is vaulted and said the project will be labor intensive.

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401 On voice vote, motion carried.

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403 **Item 8 – Approve Shared Revenue Lease Agreement with MOX Hockey, LLC for skate**
404 **sharpener at Omni Center**

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406 Dan said an individual has started MOX Hockey, LLC, which is a technology-based skate
407 sharpener, and he showed board members photographs of the units that would be installed at the
408 Omni Center. Dan said it no longer would be necessary to staff skate sharpening as the system
409 would be completely automated. Television screens would give individuals step-by-step
410 instructions on how to insert the skate. Dan compared the process to the installation of ink

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411 cartridges in printers, and he said one unit would be at different radiuses. Individuals would type
412 in a unique user ID code, and they would receive step-by-step instructions on how to set the unit,
413 which then will sharpen the skate. The unit runs four times back across the blade, and the
414 individual then would insert the next skate and repeat the process.

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416 Dan said staff has requested an addendum stating the units also would be utilized for all rentable
417 skates. Parks and Recreation staff would purchase the wheels, which cost between \$30 and \$50
418 apiece. Dan said staff could go at various times, and any type of staff could be present. Dan
419 noted the skate sharpener currently at the Omni Center is seldom utilized, and he said he believes
420 there currently are six or seven of these units in the Madison area. Dan told board members one
421 of the company's founders, Nick Stuhr, is a former Onalaska High School student who
422 participated in youth hockey at the Omni Center, and he said Nick is eager to set up the system
423 there. Dan noted both a soda machine and a snack machine are located outside the Omni Center
424 pro shop, and he said the space would work that the units could be placed next to each other
425 outside of Rink No. 2. Dan said anyone could utilize the units if the Omni Center is open, and he
426 told board members MOX Hockey, LLC can replace any part of the unit that malfunctions,
427 except for the wheels, which staff would replace. Dan noted the unit will inform users how
428 many sharpenings remain, and he told board members replacing the wheels is a simple process.
429 Dan said, "It would give us an opportunity to have skate sharpening at all times when people are
430 there and not having to run someplace because we don't have staff available or trained to do it."

431
432 Motion by Steven, second by Brian Udermann, to approve Shared Revenue Lease Agreement
433 with MOX Hockey, LLC for skate sharpener at Omni Center.

434
435 Steven told board members his son had played youth hockey all over the nation, and he said the
436 Omni Center is missing a crucial element in the ability to sharpen skates. Steven told board
437 members there were instances when no skate sharpening was available at a facility at which
438 teams were playing, and he said he believes this is an essential service for the Omni Center if the
439 facility wants to continue to be viable.

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441 Ohbe asked why two units would be utilized.

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443 Dan said two units are utilized due to the different radiuses, and he told board members that once
444 approval has been granted, MOX Hockey will work with youth hockey, the men's league, and
445 other groups to determine the two primary radiuses skaters are utilizing.

446
447 Steven noted he once had been stationed in Massachusetts and told board members he and his
448 son went to a pro shop in New Hampshire because the owner had laser-guided skate sharpeners.

449
450 Ald. Stevens inquired about the safety of the units, and asked if MOX Hockey or the City of
451 Onalaska would be liable for any injuries sustained.

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453 Dan told Ald. Stevens he does not believe anyone can be injured utilizing the units and said they
454 are similar to a copy machine or a printer. Dan said the unit will not function if a skate is not
455 locked in, and while he admitted staff members have not yet operated a unit, they have listened
456 to the presentation and he said he does not believe any of the moving parts on the unit are
457 capable of causing injuries.

458
459 Steven said it would be prudent to determine if MOX Hockey has liability insurance.

460
461 Ohbe asked if perhaps a trial unit could be installed.

462
463 Brian Babiash said the Aquinas/Holmen Avalanche hockey team has one.

464
465 Dan told Ohbe the units are Sparx units, and he said the Avalanche's unit is a residential unit
466 they had purchased.

467
468 Ald. Stevens asked if revenue will be generated in the Enterprise Fund.

469
470 Dan said yes.

471
472 Steven noted insurance is covered under Section 2 of the agreement ("Conditions"), as "[The]
473 company shall provide all necessary equipment, retail fixtures, software, hardware, inventory,
474 and insurance to occupy the above-mentioned or below-mentioned physical space with the
475 lessor's facility."

476
477 Ald. Stevens inquired about the cost of wheel replacement and how often they will need to be
478 replaced.

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480 Dan said the wheels will cost between \$30 and \$50 each, and he told Ald. Stevens they will do
481 50 pairs of skates.

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483 Brian Babiash said MOX Hockey would provide the wheels on the skates it is charging to skate,
484 and he told Ald. Stevens the city would provide the wheels for the rental skates it is sharpening.

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486 Dan noted staff members are being paid to sharpen skates and the city is purchasing the wheels,
487 and he said there is no overhead for the city. Dan also reiterated skates may be sharpened if the
488 Omni Center is open.

489
490 Brian Udermann inquired about the cost of sharpening skates.

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492 Dan said the first option on the agreement is shared revenue, which he is recommending as there

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493 is no up-front cost to the Omni Center. The second option would involve the city having to pay
494 \$8,000 to \$9,000 to bring in the units. The city would receive a higher percentage of the rate.
495 Dan said MOX Hockey is charging \$7 to sharpen a pair of skates as part of this agreement.

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497 Ald. Stevens said he assumes MOX Hockey will utilize the city's electricity.

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499 Dan said yes.

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501 Andrea asked if the motion on the floor needs to be specified to state the board is approving
502 Option No. 1.

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504 Dan said yes.

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506 Conner asked if staff hours would be impacted by the installation of the units.

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508 Dan said currently if staff members are available, individuals are charged \$5 if they drop off
509 skates and return later, and \$7 if they wait while the skates are sharpened. Dan said installing the
510 units would eliminate the need to have staff present to sharpen skates. Dan also stressed that this
511 service is only for hockey at this time.

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513 Ald. Stevens inquired about the number of sharpenings over the course of a year.

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515 Dan said Nick anticipated the Omni Center would do 3,000 sharpenings in a calendar year.

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517 Ald. Stevens suggested that perhaps it would be better for the city to own the unit.

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519 Dan told Ald. Stevens that it would be necessary to have staff present, and he pointed out that
520 MOX Hockey has the technology "that they can do all of the technology things on the back
521 side." Dan said the city would be able to purchase the sharpeners, but not to self-serve. Dan also
522 said staff had considered purchasing the unit, but he noted it would have been necessary to have
523 someone present to collect the money.

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525 Motion by Steven, second by Andrea, to amend the previous motion to approve Option No. 1.

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527 Vote on the amendment:

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529 On voice vote, motion carried.

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531 Original motion restated:

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533 To approve Option No. 1 of the Shared Revenue Lease Agreement with MOX Hockey, LLC for

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534 skate sharpener at Omni Center.

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536 On voice vote, motion carried.

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538 Dan told board members lead time to install the units is four to six weeks.

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540 **Item 10 – Report from Blufflands Coalition**

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542 Dan noted the Blufflands Coalition had met October 23 and said the discussion included future
543 grant opportunities. The coalition was not successful with the two grants it had written this past
544 year, and Dan said this was due to a lack of water access on either property. The coalition is
545 working on marketing material that will be sent to prospective landowners along trails.

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547 **Item 11 – Report from Onalaska Enhancement Foundation**

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549 No report.

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551 **Item 12 – Director’s Report**

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553 **a. Parks Update**

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555 Mark reported the following:

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- 557 • Members of the 7 Rivers Disc Golf Club had cleaned Rowe Park upon completion of
558 their event.
- 559 • Staff is picking up leaves in the parks.
- 560 • Everything except the Great River Landing and the waterfront has been winterized.
- 561 • Staff will attempt to clean and put away the mowers over the next couple weeks.
- 562 • He had cut and filled 21 trash cans with shortgrass and lilies at Dash-Park over a 10- to
563 12-hour span, and he asked that any new parks be lower maintenance in terms of
564 landscaping.

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566 Ald. Stevens asked if the burden on city staff would be eased if Oak Park No. 5 were to be sold.

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568 Mark said yes, telling Ald. Stevens the park is out of staff’s way. Mark said that while staff
569 mows in that area, access to the park is challenging.

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571 Ald. Stevens said he would prefer to see staff work in parks that are utilized.

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573 Brian Udermann noted a smaller dog had left the dog park via a small opening in the front fence,
574 and he also noted the individual who operates the Facebook group for the dog park planned to

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575 repair the fence.

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577 Mark promised to inspect the fence.

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579 **b. Recreation Update**

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581 Dan reported the following:

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583 • The fall programs have ended.

584 • Basketball registration has begun.

585 • The Halloween Bash will be held Thursday at the Omni Center. Between 200 and 300
586 children are expected to attend.

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588 **c. Aquatic Center Update**

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590 Dan said Park Maintenance Laborer Scott Bahr is winterizing the facility.

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592 **d. Omni Center Update**

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594 Brian Babiash and Dan reported the following:

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596 • Skating will open this evening in Arena No. 1, and there is ice in both arenas.

597 • The flooring is being replaced in the restrooms and the showers in the three locker rooms
598 that have showers. The epoxy flooring product in the concessions area will be copied in
599 the shower areas. The product arrives Thursday, at which time work will begin. New
600 shower heads will be installed, and the showers will be painted.

601 • Staff is attempting to devise a plan where the showers would be blocked off and coaches
602 will need to request a key to utilize the shower space in the locker rooms so their players
603 do not shoot hockey pucks in the showers.

604 • The Craft Fair was well-attended.

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606 **e. Library Update**

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608 No report.

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610 Andrea inquired about data from the tracking software.

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612 Dan said some data may be pulled from different events.

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614 **Item 13 – Closed Session**

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Reviewed 10/30/19 by Dan Wick

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616 To consider a motion to convene in Closed Session under Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin
617 Statutes for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the
618 investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or
619 bargaining reasons require a closed session:

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- 621 • Potential purchase of park land

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623 If any action is required in Open Session, as a result of the Closed Session, the Board will
624 reconvene in Open Session to take the necessary action and/or continue on with the printed
625 agenda.

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627 On roll call vote: Ald. Dan Stevens – aye, Patric McGuane – aye, Andrea Benco – aye, Brian
628 Udermann – aye, Conner Nagy – aye, Ohbe Johnson – aye, Steven Nott – aye. In Closed
629 Session.

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632 Recorded by:

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