COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
April 26, 2010

Present: Brockman, Hansen, Luskey, Miller, Peabody, Schraeder, Schueler, Werch, Will.
Absent: None
Others: City Administrator Barg, City Attorney Wurtz, Public Works Director Drake

Mayor Will called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

After the pledge of Allegiance, Father Schmitz gave the invocation.

**Public Communication and Comment – None**

**Presentation – FCEDC annual report (Brenda Hicks-Sorensen)**
Brenda Hicks-Sorensen, president of Fond du Lac County Economic County Development Corporation, presented and highlighted FCEDC’s 2009 annual report. Although last year was a difficult one in the general economy, Hicks-Sorensen advised there were success stories in Ripon and Fond du Lac County, and this area fared as well or better than other portions of Wisconsin. Based on her answer to a question raised by Council, it was agreed that Barg will work with Hicks-Sorensen to schedule time with her at an upcoming Council meeting in open session (general economic development ideas) and closed session (specific development prospects).

**Recycling service for city parks in the downtown area**
After much discussion, Schraeder moved and Brockman seconded a motion to direct city staff to work with its recycling contractor (Veolia) to reduce their proposal, providing and collecting from 9 recycling containers in the downtown area, and in 4 of our larger parks from June 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010, at a prorated cost for the year at $1,134.00, recognizing this is a pilot program, subject to change in 2011 and in future years. Motion carried 7-1, with Miller opposed.

**Review and analysis of the city’s TIF Districts**
Barg provided written materials and a presentation highlighting each of the City’s 8 active TIF districts, including area covered, annual revenues/expenses, current debt, possible future projects, and anticipated closing dates. It was noted that TIF District #5 is presently sharing revenues with TIF District #1 to help it close by 2012, and the City will likely propose to the Joint Review Board to share revenues from TIF District #5 and TIF District #6 with TIF District #11 to assist with that downtown development.

**Project updates and staff reports**
Barg updated members on the status of several ongoing projects, including the Newbury reconstruction project, the upgrade of the city’s website, and soliciting proposals for a staffing study.

**Mayor’s Communications and Appointments**
Based on Mayor Will’s recommendation, Luskey moved and Hansen seconded a motion to appoint the city’s collective bargaining team for the upcoming labor negotiations as follows: Mayor Will, Council members Schueler and Schraeder, City Administrator Barg and Assistant to the City Administrator Rich. Motion carried 8-0.

With no further business before the Council in open session, Schraeder moved and Luskey seconded a motion to adjourn to closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) “Deliberating or negotiating
the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session”

RE: Possible change to an employee’s job title and compensation

Motion carried 8-0. Will declared the meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Barg, City Administrator