

**CITY OF VERONA**  
**COMMON COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**May 22, 2023**

1. Call to order: Mayor Diaz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Kate Cronin, Mara Helmke, Phil Hoechst, Chad Kemp, Christine Posey, and Beth Tucker Long were present. Rye Kimmett and Evan Touchett were absent and excused. Also present: City Administrator Adam Sayre, City Engineer Carla Fischer, Police Chief Dave Dresser, and City Clerk Holly Licht.
4. Public Comments
  - Natalie, Addie, Issa, Adele, Chloe, and Emma, Girl Scouts, spoke about their recycling project.
  - Raya Leonard, spoke urging Verona to fly the Pride flag during Pride Month.
  - Lauren Cohen stated that firearms are the number one cause of death for children. She thanked the City for their support of the Gun Violence Awareness proclamation.
5. Approval of Minutes from the May 8, 2023 Common Council Meeting  
Motion by Tucker Long, seconded by Helmke to approve the May 8, 2023 Common Council meeting minutes. Motion carried 6-0.
6. Mayor's Business
  - Mayor Diaz stated that the City is currently looking into a policy to fly the Pride flag.
  - Mayor Diaz presented the National Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation.
7. Announcements
8. Administrator's Report: Adam Sayre presented the administrator's report, and it was entered into the record.
9. Engineer's Report: Carla Fischer presented the engineer's report, and it was entered into the record.
10. Committee Reports
  - A. Finance Committee**
    - (1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Payment of bills  
Motion by Kemp, seconded by Helmke to pay the bills in the amount of \$808,424.82.  
Motion carried 6-0.
  - B. Plan Commission**
    - (1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Resolution No. 23-016 approving a final plat located west of Shady Oak Lane and North of County HWY PD  
Motion by Posey, seconded by Kemp to approve Resolution No. 23-016 approving a final plat located west of Shady Oak Lane and North of County HWY PD with the following conditions: the final plate shall have private alleys labeled as fire lanes, and the final plat shall become effective upon approval of the floodplain modifications by state and federal agencies. Motion carried 6-1 with Cronin voting no.
  - C. Public Safety & Welfare Committee**
    - (1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: An application for a Liquor License Premises Amendment from Toot & Kate's Wine Bar, LLC d/b/a Toot & Kate's Wine Bar, located at 109 S. Main St., Ryan Biechler, Agent  
Chief Dresser stated that he recommends approval of the addition of the stoop to the premises, but not the terrace area, due to safety concerns. Posey stated that the original temporary approval of the terrace was due to COVID restrictions. Kemp asked if

any other business has been able to use the city right-of-way. Sayre responded no. Posey stated that it was a great experiment and staff did a good job with it, but it's too busy of a street to allow it permanently.

Motion by Hoechst, seconded by Cronin to approve the addition of the stoop and not the terrace to the premises description for Toot & Kate's Wine Bar, LLC d/b/a Toot & Kate's Wine Bar, located at 109 S. Main St., Ryan Biechler, Agent and have the applicant resubmit the premises for their renewal. Motion carried 6-0.

- (2) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Approving a Special Event Permit application and Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License from Jason Allen, Verona Little League. for Hometown Days Fundraiser on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Motion by Kemp, seconded by Hoechst to approve a Special Event Permit application and Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License from Jason Allen, Verona Little League for Hometown Days Fundraiser on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> contingent upon final background check, licensed operators for the event, receipt of certificate of insurance, and an occupancy limit of 66 people on the upper deck. Posey stated that alcohol and youth sports could not end well, and they should pay attention to that. Motion carried 6-0.

#### 11. New Business

- A. Discussion and Possible Action Re: Approving an addendum to the agreement with Pelliterri Waste Systems, Inc. for refuse and recycling collection and disposal  
Motion by Helmke, seconded by Tucker Long to approve an addendum to the agreement with Pelliterri Waste Systems, Inc. for refuse and recycling collection and disposal. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. Discussion and Possible Action Re: Access Easement agreement between MMSD and the City  
Motion by Helmke, seconded by Kemp to approve the access easement agreement between MMSD and the City. Motion carried 6-0.
- C. Discussion and Possible Action Re: Resolution No. 23-017 authorizing the issuance of a \$2,275,520 municipal revenue obligation to Kettle North Development, LLC  
Motion by Posey, seconded by Kemp to approve Resolution No. 23-017 authorizing the issuance of a \$2,275,520 municipal revenue obligation to Kettle North Development, LLC. Motion carried 6-0.
- D. Discussion and Possible Action Re: An amendment to the Phase 1 Whispering Coves development agreement *The Common Council may convene in a closed session, as authorized by Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e), for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The common Council may reconvene in open session and take action on the closed session item.*

Motion by Cronin, seconded by Kemp to go into closed session at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried on roll call vote 6-0.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Tucker Long, seconded by Helmke to reconvene in open session at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

12. Adjournment: Motion by Kemp, seconded by Helmke to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Holly Licht, City Clerk