

CITY OF WARRENVILLE
CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Held on Monday, May 4, 2020
Via electronic communications and not at City Hall
28W701 Stafford Place

I. OPENING CEREMONIES

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

Present: Mayor David Brummel, Ald. Stu Aschauer, Clare Barry, Fred Bevier, Kathy Davolos, Leah Goodman, Jeff Krischel, Bill Weidner and Robert Wilson

Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator John Coakley, Assistant City Administrator Cristina White, Finance Director Kevin Dahlstrand, Community and Economic Development Director Ron Mentzer, Deputy Public Works Director Phil Kuchler, Police Chief Ray Turano, Treasurer Larry Brenner, Attorney Brooke Lenneman, and City Clerk Emily Larson

Also Absent: None

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Proclamation for Building Safety Month, May, 2020

Mayor Brummel proclaimed May 2020, as Building Safety Month in Warrenville and encouraged citizens to join with the community in recognizing Building Safety Month.

E. Proclamation for Public Service Recognition Week, May 3 - 9, 2020

Mayor Brummel proclaimed the week of May 3 - 9, 2020, as Public Service Recognition Week in Warrenville and encouraged all citizens to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of government employees at all levels – federal, state, county, and city.

F. Proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week, May 3 - 9, 2020

Mayor Brummel proclaimed the week of May 3 - 9, 2020, as Municipal Clerks Week in Warrenville and extended appreciation to Municipal Clerk, Emily J. Larson, and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

G. Proclamation for National Police Week, May 10 - 16, 2020

Mayor Brummel proclaimed the week of May 10 - 16, 2020, as National Police Week in Warrentville, and publically saluted the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

H. Proclamation for Public Works Week, May 17 - 23, 2020

Mayor Brummel proclaimed the week of May 17- 23, 2020, as Public Works Week in Warrentville and called upon all citizens and civic organization to acquaint themselves with the challenges involved in providing Public Works services, and to recognize the contributions Public Works employees make every day to the health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

II. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

III. OFFICIALS AND STAFF COMMENTS

A. Mayor

Mayors Fitness Challenge

Mayor Brummel announced that the Mayors Fitness Challenge will run from May 10, to July 4, 2020. Registration information is on the City's website.

4th of July Cancelled

Mayor Brummel announced that, out of an abundance of caution for all who may attend, Warrentville's Friends of the 4th Committee has voted to cancel this year's 4th of July events.

2020 Census

Mayor Brummel announced that so far, 75 percent of Warrentville households have responded to the 2020 Census. He encouraged the aldermen to remind constituents to self-respond as soon as possible to ensure a complete and accurate count for the City.

Bike Rodeo Cancelled

Mayor Brummel announced that out of an abundance of caution for the safety of all participants and volunteers alike, staff has decided to cancel the bike rodeo. He encouraged everyone to continue to get exercise in other ways by participating in the Mayor's Fitness Challenge set to start on May 10, 2020.

Teachers and Nurses Week

Mayor Brummel announced that May 4 - 8 2020, is Teachers and Nurses Appreciation Week and urged residents to thank all teachers and nurses who go above and beyond what is asked of them.

Boards and Commissions

Mayor Brummel announced that there are vacancies on the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission and the Environmental Advisory Commission. These are three-year terms that begin May 1, 2020.

B. Clerk

4th of July

Clerk Larson was sad to hear that her birthday party has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but understands the severity of the times.

C. Treasurer

No report

D. Aldermen

COVID-19

Ald. Goodman thanked residents for continuing to follow the social distancing guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayors Fitness Challenge

Ald. Krischel thanked the Mayor for going forward with the fitness challenge and is looking forward to participating.

E. Administrator

No report

F. Attorney

Virtual Meeting

City Attorney Lenneman stated the virtual Council meeting is being held electronically in accordance with the Governors re-issued executive order 2020-33.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion:

VI.A. Removed by Ald. Davolos for discussion

VI. B. Removed by Ald. Davolos for discussion

ALD. WEIDNER MOVED, second by Ald. Wilson, to approve the items on the agenda for the May 4, 2020, City Council regular meeting, as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Ald. Barry, Weidner, Krischel, Wilson, Aschauer, Goodman, Bevier, and Davolos

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ALD. WEIDNER MOVED, second by Ald. Wilson, to approve minutes of the April 20, 2020, City Council regular meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Ald. Krischel, Wilson, Bevier, Barry, Goodman, Davolos, Weidner, and Aschauer

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

VI. CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE

A. Removed by Ald. Davolos for discussion

B. Removed by Ald. Davolos for discussion

C. Accept Mayor Brummel’s recommendation and pass resolution R2020-26, extending the duration of the March 16, 2020, Declaration of Emergency until the adjournment of the next regular, special, or emergency meeting of the City Council

D. Accept staff recommendation and pass resolution R2020-27, approving an agreement between the City of Warrenville and Compass Minerals America, Inc. for the purchase of bulk rock salt

E. Accept staff recommendation and pass resolution R2020-28, approving the first amendment to the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Warrenville and the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority (PACE) for the provision of paratransit services

F. Accept staff recommendation and pass resolution R2020-29, approving an agreement with Christine Charkewycz for the provision of legal services

G. Receive and file minutes of the Board of Fire and Police Commission regular meeting held on February 25, 2020

H. Receive and file report of invoices paid up to April 29, 2020, in the amount of \$88,500.13

I. Authorize expenditures for invoices due on or before May 18, 2020, in the amount of \$282,632.05

ALD. WEIDNER MOVED, second by Ald. Wilson, to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Ald. Aschauer, Goodman, Weidner, Bevier, Wilson, Barry, Davolos, and Krischel

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

VI. A. Class E Liquor License

ALD. DAVOLOS MOVED, second by Ald. Aschauer, to accept staff recommendation, waive second reading, and pass ordinance O2020-21, amending City Code Title 3, Chapter 2, Section 7, to increase the number of class B3 liquor licenses, and create a new Class E liquor license for Evolet Eve Wine Shop, located at 28W575 Stafford Place.

Discussion: Ald. Davolos asked what is the difference between a Class E license and a Class B-3 license. City Attorney Lenneman explained that the Class E license allows for on-site service of alcohol, whereas a Class B-3 is packaged goods only.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Barry, Goodman, Weidner, Krischel, Bevier, Davolos, Aschauer, and Wilson

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

B. Mount Street Parking Restrictions

ALD. DAVOLOS MOVED, second by Ald. Aschauer, to accept staff recommendation, waive second reading, and pass ordinance O2020-22, amending City Code Title 5, Chapter 3, Section 6, to prohibit parking on the north side of Mount Street between Stafford Place and Manning Avenue, on the south side of Mount Street for 130 feet west of Manning Avenue, and on the south and east sides of Rockwell Street from Mount Street to a point 175 feet north of Ray Street.

Discussion: Ald. Davolos questioned the reasoning behind making these parking restrictions. Chief Turano explained that the City got a complaint from a resident that vehicles were parked on both sides of the street which left a narrow space for the flow of traffic.

Ald. Davolos noted that would certainly be a safety issue and then asked is there enough parking on the street for residents. Deputy Public Works Director Kuchler said the street was never meant to have parking on both sides. He said the development was determined to have enough parking with just one side.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Davolos, Aschauer, Krischel, Weidner, Wilson, Barry, Goodman, and Bevier

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. FY 2021 Hiring Freeze

City Administrator Coakley thanked the three department heads for providing information on their employee position vacancies or impending vacancies and the impact that will be on the budget. (See memorandums from Community and Economic Development Director Ron Mentzer, Deputy Public Works Director Phil Kuchler, and Police Chief Ray Turano). Based on the existing controls already in place, City Administrator Coakley said he is

recommending that hiring for authorized position vacancies continue to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis under the existing administrative procedures.

Ald. Barry said she approves of putting the position of maintenance engineer on hold.

Ald. Davolos thanked the department heads for explaining the procedure, which will help her make decisions going forward.

Ald. Goodman thanked Deputy Public Works Director Kuchler for his suggestions but felt Chief Turano did not answer the question regarding the effect the closing of the Police Training Academy would have on the budget. Chief Turano explained that there is currently on vacant police officer position and as of June 6, 2020, there will be an additional vacancy due to a retirement agreement. Additionally, one officer is on extended military leave and another officer is on a lengthy worker's compensation injury leave. He said, due to the Governors executive order, it is not known when the academy will reopen, but if the classes resume in September, he would need to be ready to send recruits. He noted that if two vacant positions are filled now, recruits would begin classes in January 2021, graduate in May and complete field training in October 2021.

City Administrator Coakley noted that each open position impacts the total operation of the department, and there are more consideration than only the financial implications.

Ald. Goodman said she would like to see more information regarding the cost of the academy and equipment that the City provides for each officer attending the academy. She said, whether hiring takes place in September or December or next May, she would like to discuss the financial situation in November.

Chief Turano said he is unsure as to when the academy will reopen, and it is unlikely that there will be two classes run at the same time. He noted that a hiring freeze would prevent him from considering anyone to fill the positions, however, the City is reimbursed the cost of the academy by the State.

Ald Goodman said there should be a discussion on the steps to take to maintain service and staffing.

City Administrator Coakley said the goal is to maintain the current level of service and number of employees. An assessment will be done on a case-by-case basis the department heads and the administrator. He said staff will provide information on the projections as it becomes available.

Assistant City Administrator White said the challenge will be to determine the need to fill vacant positions. She said a hiring freeze means no positions will be filled and that will incur overtime costs in the Police Department. She recommended looking at every position on a case-by-case basis to determine if it is an essential position.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. CLOSED SESSION

None

XI. ADJOURN

ALD. DAVOLOS MOVED, second by Ald. Wilson, to adjourn.

MOTION ADOPTED VIA VOICE VOTE

The regular Council meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Approved: _____

Emily J. Larson, City Clerk