

CITY OF WARRENVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Held on Monday, August 3, 2020  
Via electronic communications from City Hall  
28W701 Stafford Place

In accordance with social distancing requirements, Governor Pritzker's Executive Orders 2020-43 and 2020-44, and Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act (see Public Act 1010642), this meeting was held virtually.

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, Treasurer Larry Brenner, Attorney Brooke Lenneman, and City Clerk Emily Larson

Also Absent: Police Chief Ray Turano

C. Pledge of Allegiance

II. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Pam Spevak, Mack Road, spoke in opposition to the construction of a bicycle path along the north side of Mack Road between McKee Marsh and Route 59. She pointed out that there are five driveways and multiple utilities both above and below ground on the north side while only a single underground utility exists on the south side. She said the south side is owned entirely by the DuPage County Forest Preserve District and the City would not have to acquire private property easements.

Mitchell Adamus, Mack Road, agreed with Ms. Spevak, adding that there is plenty of room on the south side for the bike path and people would be safer not having to cross five driveways.

Bob Siebert, Albright Court, said the City violated political economics when the Airhart developer was given different numbers about what is allowed on the Conforti property as approved in 2009.

III. OFFICIALS AND STAFF COMMENTS

A. Mayor

COVID-19 Update

Mayor Brummel reminded everyone to continue following the safety guidelines for the prevention and spread of COVID-19 by wearing a mask in public, washing hands, and social distancing.

B. Clerk

Warrenville in Bloom

Clerk Larson thanked the volunteers who have been distributing the Curb Appeal signs throughout the community. These signs are a way of thanking residents who improve their property with attractive landscaping.

C. Treasurer

No report

D. Aldermen

COVID-19

Ald. Goodman urged citizens to donate blood during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Calamos Property

Ald. Weidner reported that the Calamos Property Holdings, LLC, is going to develop a 100 acre-site to the east of City Gate on Ferry Road and east of Route 59, which will include 400,000 square feet of office space, 60,000 square feet of retail, a 144-room hotel, three restaurants, and a 285-unit luxury multi-family housing development with event space.

E. Administrator

Covid-19 Update

City Administrator Coakley said the DuPage County Health Department has reported the COVID-19 virus is still a serious threat. They strongly advise the public to avoid exposure to this virus by wearing a mask, keeping social distances, and washing hands frequently, and especially young people who represent a growing number of the infected people.

Warrenville in Bloom

City Administrator Coakley thanked Warrenville in Bloom for recognizing his yard with a Curb Appeal sign. He credited his son who did a lot of the landscaping work during the spring.

F. Attorney

Council’s Remote Participation

City Attorney Lenneman reported that in accordance with social distancing requirements, Governor Pritzker’s Executive Orders 2020-43 and 2020-44, and Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act (see Public Act 1010642), this meeting is being held virtually.

In accordance with Public Act 101-0642, at least one representative from the City will be at City Hall. Members of the public who do not wish to call in and listen to the virtual meeting from another location may listen to the meeting at City Hall. Pursuant to Governor’s Disaster Proclamation and Executive Orders 2020-43 and 2020-44, the total number of people who may gather at City Hall for the meeting is now set at 50 or 50 percent of room occupancy. Applying social distancing that would allow for approximately 17 members of the public to attend City Council meetings.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ALD. WEIDNER MOVED, second by Ald. Wilson, to approve the items on the Agenda for the August 3, 2020, City Council regular meeting, as amended.

Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda:

VI. H Removed by Ald. Weidner for discussion

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:

- A. Approve minutes of the July 20, 2020, City Council regular meeting
- B. Approve minutes of the July 20, 2020, City Council closed session meeting #1
- C. Approve minutes of the July 20, 2020, City Council closed session meeting #2
- D. Approve minutes of the July 27, 2020, Public Safety and Finance Committee 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. Accept staff recommendation, waive second reading, and pass ordinance O2020-28, decreasing the number of authorized Massage Establishments licenses from seven (7) to five (5).

- B. Accept Mayor Brummel's recommendation and pass resolution R2020-45, 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
- C. Accept staff recommendation and pass resolution R2020-46, approving a facility use agreement with DuPage County Clerk Election Division for use of City Hall to serve as a polling place for the November 3, 2020, election subject to the City attorney and City Administrator's review and approval of the agreement
- D. Accept Public Safety and Finance Committee recommendation, waive the competitive bidding requirements, and pass resolution R2020-47, approving a contract in the amount of \$218,981 with Trane U.S., Inc. for the design and installation of the Warrenville Garage Make-up Air System
- E. Accept Public Safety and Finance Committee recommendation and adopt the *Modified Work* and *Confined Space* policies, effective immediately
- F. Accept Public Safety and Finance Committee recommendation and establish a Community Relations Task Force through December 31, 2020, authorized to assist in creating a Community Relations Commission
- G. Accept Public Safety and Finance Committee recommendation and appoint Mayor Brummel as Chair of the Community Relations Task Force and Alderman Weidner as the Council Liaison, both terms expiring on December 31, 2020
- H. Removed by Ald. Weidner for discussion
- I. Accept Public Safety and Finance Committee recommendation and adopt the revised Remote Work Policy
- J. Accept Mayor Brummel's recommendation and approve the appointment of Charles Sikaras, to fill a commissioner vacancy on the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Commission for a three-year term set to expire April 30, 2023
- K. Receive and file minutes of the Environmental Advisory Commission regular meeting held on February 25, 2020
- L. Receive and file minutes of the Tourism and Arts Commission regular meeting held on June 11, 2020
- M. Receive and file minutes of the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals regular meeting held on July 23, 2020
- N. Receive and file report of invoices paid up to July 29, 2020, in the amount of \$64,057.28

- O. Authorize expenditures for invoices due on or before August 17, 2020, in the amount of \$121,666.88

ALD. WEIDNER MOVED, second by Ald. Wilson, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

H. Aesthetic Enhancement Program

ALD. GOODMAN MOVED, second by Ald. Davolos, to accept Public Safety and Finance Committee recommendation and direct staff to include \$100,000 for the Hotel Tax Grant Program and temporarily suspend funding for the Aesthetic Enhancement Program, in the FY 2022 proposed budget.

Discussion: Ald. Weidner said he is in support of public art and is not in favor of suspending the enhancement program, especially during the pandemic when it is important to have positive things during difficult times. He suggested considering having an 80-20 split of the funds rather than a total suspension. He asked that TAC discuss alternatives and make a recommendation to the Council.

ALD. WEIDNER MOVED, second by Ald. Davolos, to table the motion.

City Administrator Coakley noted that a motion to table does not include discussion.

ALD. WEIDNER MOVED, second by Ald. Davalos, to amend the motion to postpone indefinitely.

Discussion: Ald. Barry explained that the Tourism and Arts Commission (TAC) would not be able to address this until January, due to the amount of meeting time spent on reviewing the applications for the Hotel Tax Grant.

Ald. Davolos asked for an accounting of the FY 21 Hotel Tax Funds because many events were cancelled. Assistant City Administrator White responded that some of the funds will be spent on events that do not require large gatherings

Ald. Davolos suggested maybe TAC should think out of the box and find some projects that would continue to improve the community.

Ald. Goodman said she supports the arts but is in favor of temporarily suspending funding for the Aesthetic Enhancement Program.

Ald. Krischell said he is in favor of temporarily suspending funding for the Aesthetic Enhancement Program.

Ald. Wilson noted that the Council has already approved funding \$60,000 for two years to the Aesthetic Enhancement Program. He said he is not in favor of the original motion.

Ald. Davolos said she does not agree with postponing the funding. She said it is time to find something that will inspire people during the pandemic and the funds are available.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT:

Aye: Ald. Weidner

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

MOTION FAILED

Discussion on the Original Motion:

Ald. Goodman thanked TAC for their dedication to the community.

Ald. Weidner thanked TAC but said he was disappointed to suspend the promotion of arts in the City.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION:

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

Nay: Ald. Weidner

MOTION ADOPTED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Moratorium on Water and Sewer Accounts

ALD. GOODMAN MOVED, second by Ald. Bevier, to accept staff recommendation, waive second reading, and pass ordinance O2020-29, authorizing the temporary suspension of City Code sections 7-4C-6, 7-4C-8, 7-4C-10, and 7-4C-11, regarding delinquent water and sewer accounts through September 30, 2020, and directing staff to revisit the new moratorium prior to the expiration to determine if another extension is needed.

Discussion: Ald. Davolos noted that the Weekly Report reported that 53 out of the 55 delinquent water and sewer services were disconnected. City Administrator Coakley said the Council previously voted to suspend disconnections only through June 30, 2020. He said staff would bring another recommendation to the Council in September, prior to the expansion of their current action

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. CLOSED SESSION

None

XI. ADJOURN

ALD. GOODMAN MOVED, second by Ald. Davolos, to adjourn.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

The regular Council meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Emily J. Larson, City Clerk