

CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council Members

Mayor, Sean R. McDermott

City Clerk, Elizabeth Kmet

Treasurer, Caryn Stancik

**Aldermen James Jasinski, Thomas Mikolyzk, Scott Musillami,
John Von Drasek, Mark Benson and John Finn**

A. CALL TO ORDER – Pledge of Allegiance led by City Clerk Kmet.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM via electronic transmission – video conferencing.

B. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Kmet called the Roll of those physically present as follows:

Present: Mayor McDermott, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Finn, City Clerk Kmet

Also Present: Police Chief Ford, City Administrator Paul, Attorney Peck, Asst. Administrator Peterson, Building Comm. Coleman

Electronically Present: Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Benson, Treasurer Stancik

C. OMNIBUS AGENDA

1. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2020 were previously distributed to members of the City Council.
2. Approval of Minutes from Public Hearing for FY 2021 Budget – April 22, 2020.
3. The Statement of Bills was submitted for payment through May 13, 2020: \$779,420.72.

I move to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of April 22, 2020 and to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing for FY 2021 Budget -- April 22, 2020; and the Statement of Bills through May 13, 2020 in the amount of \$779,420.72.

A motion was made by Alderman Musillami, seconded by Alderman Von Drasek, that this matter be APPROVED as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn, Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

D. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - NONE**E. MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Governor Pritzker announced the allocation of \$25 million in funding for Fast Track Public Infrastructure as one component of the Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan. Applications will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis until June 15, 2020. This program is going through DECO. City engineer Fitzgerald and Administrator Paul will look at appropriate projects for the City to apply.
2. Mayor McDermott encourages everyone to fill out the Census Forms received; the City is running 9th out of 17 municipalities in Lyons Township; not good enough. It is really important that every resident fill out and turn in their Census Form. Federal funding is allocated according to population. The LaGrange issue has been addressed.
3. Mayor McDermott sought consideration of Reappointment of Mary Lou Pisone to the Board of Fire and Police.

A motion was made by Alderman Von Drasek, seconded by Alderman Finn, that this matter be APPROVED as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami,
Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn, Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

4. Consideration of Reappointment of Stephen Kehr to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals.

A motion was made by Alderman Musillami, seconded by Alderman Jasinski, that this matter be APPROVED as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami,
Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn, Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

5. Consideration of Reappointment of Ronald Ward to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals.

A motion was made by Alderman Mikolyzk, seconded by Alderman Finn, that this matter be APPROVED as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami,
Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn, Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

6. Consideration of Reappointment of Brandon Edenfield to the Police Pension Board.

A motion was made by Alderman Von Drasek, seconded by Alderman Musillami, that this matter be APPROVED as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami,
Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn, Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

F. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

1. City Clerk Kmet stated that the May 27 City Council meeting is cancelled. The Summer Schedule calls for upcoming City Council Meetings to be held on the second Wednesday of each month from May through August 2020.

G. TREASURER'S REPORT – NO REPORT

H. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND, IF SO DETERMINED, ACTION UPON:

1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- a. FYI – Alderman Von Drasek thanked Tom Perry at the Condo Building for circulating census information to those residents. Ald. Von Drasek reached out to the Brainard Avenue Condos as well; hopefully we will get some good turnout.

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE – NO REPORT

3. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE – NO REPORT

4. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – NO REPORT**5. PLAN COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

- a. City Attorney Peck sought consideration of an Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to the Zoning Code for Fence Variations. At the hearings held on March 3 and May 5, 2020, the PC/ZBA agreed that a Text Amendment to the Fence Code is applicable. The new shared bike path being installed along Brainard Avenue has created a unique situation only affecting corner lots, which have two front yard setbacks. The PC/ZBA agreed to amend the Fence Code to allow residents to pursue a Variance that would be handled administratively rather than through a formal review process. At both hearings noted above, there were no objections, either written or oral, and it was the PC/ZBA recommendation to approve the language of the Text Amendment regarding the Fence Code. This Ordinance only applies to corner lots along Brainard Avenue from 55th Street to Joliet Road.

A motion was made by Alderman Musillami, seconded by Alderman Benson, that this matter be APPROVED as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami,
Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn, Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

Clerk Krmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 20-12-O.

6. SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

1. Alderman Jasinski was saddened to report that due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City must cancel the Summer Concert Series for 2020. The Committee will meet on June 10, 2020, prior to the City Council meeting, to discuss other options to save the event – or possibly combine it with future Chamber of Commerce events. More information to follow.

7. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE – NO REPORT**8. FLAGG CREEK ADVISORY BOARD**

- a. Alderman Von Drasek stated that the golf course is open; he hopes everyone enjoys it.

I. LEGAL REPORT – NO REPORT**J. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – NO REPORT****K. STAFF REPORTS****1. CHIEF OF POLICE**

- a. Chief Ford stated that Friday, May 15, is the Police Memorial Day; he requested that flags fly at half- staff and perhaps light up the building in blue.

2. CITY ENGINEER – NO REPORT

3. BUILDING COMMISSIONER

a. Mr. Coleman sought consideration of approval for a Right-of-Way Agreement for SLP Developers, LLC to utilize 71st Street Dead End Right-of-Way for Additional Parking at the property commonly known as 7061 Willow Springs Road. The present site shows 8 parking spaces including one accessible space; three existing spaces have parallel parking along the IDOT noise barrier wall. The proposed plan includes rotating these spaces for perpendicular parking and adding 3 additional spaces, making a total of 11 spaces. The City review indicates the need to memorialize this agreement and to require wheel stops or other devices for protection of the IDOT sound barrier, as seen on the attached exhibit. Mr. Polino signed the agreement and stated that he will also maintain the site.

A motion was made by Alderman Von Drasek, seconded by Alderman Jasinski, that this matter be APPROVED as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami,
Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn, Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

L. BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND, IF SO DETERMINED, ACTION UPON: NONE

M. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

To Discuss Collective Bargaining Under Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Alderman Finn, seconded by Alderman Musillami, that this meeting be RECESSED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami,
Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

Mayor McDermott declared the meeting recessed at 7:44 p.m.

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N. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

The Regular City Council returned to Open Session with the same members present at 7:58 p.m.

O. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Benson, seconded by Alderman Jasinski, that this meeting be ADJOURNED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami,
Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

Mayor McDermott declared the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

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ELIZABETH KMET, CITY CLERK