

CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council Members

Mayor, Sean R. McDermott

City Clerk, Elizabeth Kmet

Treasurer, Courtney Bolt

**Aldermen Thomas Mikolyzk, Scott Musillami, John Finn
John Von Drasek, Mark Benson and Tom Frohlich**

- A. CALL TO ORDER** –The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor McDermott. City Clerk Kmet led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The audience remained standing to observe a Moment of Silence in memory of the shooting victims in a supermarket in Buffalo, NY and the school children in Uvalde, TX. Also, remember the First Responders who must witness those scenes and are traumatized for life; we should keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Roll Call: City Clerk Kmet called the Roll of those physically present as follows:
Present: Mayor McDermott, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Von Drasek, City Clerk Kmet, City Treasurer Bolt
Absent: Alderman Benson
Also Present: City Administrator Paul, Police Chief Ford, Deputy Chief Klimek, City Attorney Peck, Finance Director Schutter, Recording Sec. Prokop

B. OMNIBUS AGENDA

1. Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2022.
2. The Statement of Bills submitted for payment through May 25, 2022: \$104,957.87.
I move to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of May 11, 2022, and the Statement of Bills through May 25, 2022, in the amount of \$104,957.87.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

C. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – NONE

D. MAYOR’S REPORT

- a. Mayor McDermott wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day. Please remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting the freedom of our country.

E. CITY CLERK’S REPORT - NO REPORT

F. TREASURER’S REPORT – NO REPORT

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

1. **ECONOMIC COMMITTEE – NO REPORT**
2. **FINANCE COMMITTEE – NO REPORT**
3. **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

a. Alderman Mikolyzk sought consideration of a Resolution approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Countryside and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police, Labor Council, representing Countryside Lodge No. 37, Bargaining Unit C: Sergeants -- for the period of May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2025.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Von Drasek,
Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as RESOLUTION 22-06-R.

b. Alderman Mikolyzk sought consideration of a Resolution approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Countryside and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police, Labor Council, representing Countryside Lodge No. 37, Bargaining Unit A: Patrol Officers -- for the period of May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2025.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Von Drasek,
Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as RESOLUTION 22-07-R.

4. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – NO REPORT

5. PLAN COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

a. Attorney Peck sought consideration of an Ordinance Approving a Special Use to permit a Dance School (West Suburban Ballet Conservatory-- The Ballet Tutor, LLC) at 915 W. 55th Street. On May 3, 2022, the Applicant appeared before the PC/ZBA seeking a Special Use variation to permit the operation of a dance school on the property commonly known as 915 W. 55th Street. After hearing all testimony and evidence, the PC/ZBA found that all conditions for a Special Use were met; there were no objections, written or oral, to the Special Use; it was the recommendation of the PC/ZBA to approve the Special Use subject to the six conditions set forth in the PC/ZBA recommendation.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Von Drasek,
Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 22-22-O.

b. Attorney Peck sought consideration of an Ordinance Approving a Variance to increase the allowable height Requirement for Channel Lettering from 24" to 36" for the installation of a new Awning Sign at 1023 W. 55th Street (Melanie Bagley, Woodmont Company). On May 3, 2022, the Applicant appeared before the PC/ZBA seeking a Variance to increase the allowable height requirement for Channel Lettering on a new Awning Sign from 24" to 36" on the property commonly known as 1023 W. 55th Street. After hearing all testimony and evidence, the PC/ZBA found that all conditions for a Variance were met; there were no objections, written or oral. It was the recommendation of the PC/ZBA to approve the requested Variance subject to the three conditions set forth in the PC/ZBA recommendation.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 22-23-O.

c. Attorney Peck sought consideration of an Ordinance Approving a Special Use to Permit an Outdoor Patio in front of the existing business (Roka Bakehouse – Dragica Dubrova) at 6528 Joliet Road. On May 3, 2022, the Applicant appeared before the PC/ZBA seeking a Special Use variation to permit an outdoor patio in front of the existing business on the property commonly known as 6528 W. Joliet Road. After hearing all testimony and evidence, the PC/ZBA found that all conditions for a Special Use were met; there were several residents present who were concerned re: hours of operation, potential noise, setting a precedent for outdoor patios and concerns about additional traffic in the alleyway. The Applicant did address all of those concerns to residents' satisfaction. It was the recommendation of the PC/ZBA to approve the Special Use subject to the eight conditions set forth in the PC/ZBA recommendation.

1. An updated business license be filed with the Clerk's Office.
2. That the outdoor patio will be open from 8 am to 6 pm Monday-Friday, and 8 am to 3 pm on Saturday and Sunday during the months of May- October.
3. Dumpster enclosures shall be installed subject to review/approval of the CDD.
4. A Sign Permit will be required for any new signage.
5. Any exterior lights will require a Photometric Plan.
6. Landscape planters shall be installed outside the business in accord with the City Code.
7. All construction and operation is subject to all applicable codes and regulations Of the City of Countryside.
8. That said use be established within one year of the date of any Ordinance granting the same.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 22-24-O.

6. SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

- a. Alderman Musillami stated that Concerts in the Park will begin on Thursday, June 16, 2022 and will run through August 4, 2022. All concerts will begin at 7 pm and end at 9 pm. The first group will be the Second Hand Soul Band.

7. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

a. Alderman Musillami sought consideration of a Proclamation Raising Awareness about the Decline of the Monarch Butterfly and its need for Habitats. By taking the pledge, the City committed to implementing at least three of 25 action items. The first item is the Proclamation – attached is the Draft Proclamation for consideration by the City Council.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Von Drasek,
Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

8. FLAGG CREEK ADVISORY BOARD

a. Alderman Frohlich sought consideration to approve an Invoice from Rags Electric in the amount of \$10,897.62.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Von Drasek,
Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

H. LEGAL REPORT – NO REPORT**I. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – NO REPORT****J. STAFF REPORTS****1. Police Chief Ford**

a. Chief Ford sought to waive the formal bid process to purchase seven Motorola APX8500 mobile radios for \$47,561.71 from United Radio, a sole source vendor for Motorola Solutions.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Von Drasek,
Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

2. City Engineer Fitzgerald – NO REPORT**K. BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND, IF SO DETERMINED, ACTION UPON: - NONE**

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Von Drasek, seconded by Alderman Frohlich that this meeting be ADJOURNED; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich,
Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

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

APPROVED

Respectfully Submitted,

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ELIZABETH KMET, CITY CLERK