

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 15, 2018

The regular meeting of the City of Crest Hill was called to order by Mayor Raymond R. Soliman at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1610 Plainfield Road Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Mayor Soliman asked that everyone remain standing to honor Joe Lopykinski a former Alderman and City employee. Mayor Soliman asked that we also honor Martin Luther King for his contributions to our country.

Roll call indicated the following present: Mayor Raymond Soliman, City Clerk Vicki Hackney, City Treasurer Glen Conklin, Alderman Scott Dyke, Alderman John Vershay, Alderwoman Barbara Sklare, Alderwoman Claudia Gazal, Alderwoman Tina Oberlin, Alderman Marco Coladipietro, Alderman Nate Albert, Alderman Tom Inman.

Also present were: Assistant City Administrator/HR Director Megan Fulara, City Attorney Chris Spesia, Deputy City Clerk Janet Serdar, Police Chief Ed Clark, Public Works Director Tony Torres, Economic Development and Zoning Manager Scott McMaster.

Absent were: City Administrator Heather McGuire, Director of City Services Greg Koch, Director of Water/Wastewater Mark Siefert, Finance Supervisor Ashli Motyka.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 18, 2017 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Sklare, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 18, 2017 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Albert, Inman, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

(95)

(106) Mayor Soliman asked to deviate from the regular agenda for several presentations. Jeff Hendricks and Carla Freed gave a presentation on the Com-Ed Smart Meter program. Ms. Freed answered questions from the Council regarding notifications, brown outs, and streetlights. Mr. Hendricks went over the streetlight replacement program.

(1032) Ryan from Bricks and Mini Figs the new Lego store at 20649 Renwick Road gave a presentation on the business. Members of the Council welcomed the business to the City.

PUBLIC HEARING: (1499) Mayor Soliman asked for a motion to open the public hearing on the annexation of the property located at 20318 W Renwick Road.

(#2) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin, to open the public hearing on the annexation of the property located at 20318 W Renwick Road.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Inman, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro, Albert.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

(1504)

The public hearing was opened at 7:43 p.m.

(1521) Mayor Soliman presented a request for the annexation of the property located at 20318 W Renwick Road. The annexation agreement was discussed at the Plan Commission meeting held on January 10, 2018. Mayor Soliman asked for comments and questions from the Council. There were none. Mayor Soliman asked for comments and questions from the audience. There were none.

Mayor Soliman asked for a motion to close the public hearing on the annexation of the property located at 20318 W Renwick Road.

(#3) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to close the public hearing on the annexation of the property located at 20318 W Renwick Road.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Sklare, Vershay, Dyke, Inman, Albert, Coladipietro, Oberlin, Gazal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

(1578)

The public hearing was closed at 7:46 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY: (1598) City Attorney Chris Spesia presented A RESOLUTION DENYING RENWICK ROAD INVESTMENTS, LLC'S, PETITION FOR DISCONNECTION PURSUANT TO 65 ILCS 5/7-3-4. Attorney Spesia went over the background of the resolution.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to approve A RESOLUTION DENYING RENWICK ROAD INVESTMENTS, LLC'S, PETITION FOR DISCONNECTION PURSUANT TO 65 ILCS 5/7-3-4.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Inman, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro, Albert.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #1004

(1641)

(1678) Attorney Spesia presented AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT (20318 W. Renwick Road). Attorney Spesia went over the background of the ordinance.

(#5) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Sklare, to approve AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT (20318 W. Renwick Road).

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Vershay, Dyke, Inman, Albert, Coladipietro, Oberlin, Gazal, Sklare, Mayor Soliman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being nine (9) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #1765

(1718)

(1744) Attorney Spesia presented AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF CREST HILL, ILLINOIS (20318 W. Renwick Road). Attorney Spesia went over the background of the ordinance.

(#6) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin, to approve AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF CREST HILL, ILLINOIS (20318 W. Renwick Road)

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Coladipietro, Oberlin, Gazal, Sklare, Vershay, Dyke, Inman, Albert, Mayor Soliman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being nine (9) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #1766

(1762)

(1789) Attorney Spesia presented AN ORDINANCE REZONING (MAP AMENDMENT) PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS (20318 W Renwick Road). Attorney Spesia went over the background of the request.

(#7) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderwoman Sklare, to approve AN ORDINANCE REZONING (MAP AMENDMENT) PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS (20318 W. Renwick Road).

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro, Albert, Inman, Dyke, Vershay, Mayor Soliman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being nine (9) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #1767

(1814)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (1847) Assistant City Administrator/HR Director Megan Fulara announced that City Administrator McGuire will be returning to work on January 18, 2018.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (1864) Director of Public Works Tony Torres presented a recommendation to award the 2018 Manhole Rehab Contract to RMS in an amount not to exceed \$294,425.00 per the memo dated January 11, 2018. Director Torres went over the background of the request.

(#8) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the request to award the 2018 Manhole Rehab Contract to RMS in an amount not to exceed \$294,425.00 per the memo dated January 11, 2018.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Coladipietro, Albert, Inman, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

(1932)

(1968) Director Torres presented a request for approval of the Local Limit Evaluation per the memo dated January 3, 2018. Director Torres went over the background of the request.

(#9) Motion by Alderman Coladipietro, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the Local Limit Evaluation per the memo dated January 3, 2018.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Albert, Inman, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

(2022)

(2040) Director Torres presented a request for the approval of the Concentric Integration T&M Agreement per the memo dated January 11, 2018. Director Torres went over the background of the request.

(#10) Motion by Alderwoman Sklare, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to approve the request for the Concentric Integration T&M Agreement per the memo dated January 11, 2018.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Albert, Inman, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

(2067)

(2098) Director Torres announced that the City is in receipt of two awards from the American Public Works Association. Director Torres explained what the awards were for. Members of the Council commended the City Staff on the awards.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (2191) Economic Development and Zoning Manager Scott McMaster had no agenda items for discussion. Manager McMaster announced that Any Time Fitness is now open on Weber Road. Manager McMaster announced that the fourth quarter activity report is on file. Alderman Albert asked who would handle complaints when residents push the snow back onto the streets. Manager McMaster would have to talk with the Public Works Director and get the information for the Alderman.

(2263) Alderman Albert reminded the residents that you cannot park on the streets during a 2" or more snowfall. Once the streets are plowed curb to curb, parking is again allowed. You are also not allowed to plow or shovel snow onto the City streets. Alderman Dyke would like to see something worked out for the areas that have no off street parking. Possible odd, even parking during snow removal.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (2327) Police Chief Ed Clark had no agenda items for discussion. Chief Clark reminded residents that parking is not allowed after a 2" snowfall until the street is plowed curb to curb. The Department wrote roughly 70 tickets during the recent snowfall. The Mayor suggested signing up for smart messaging through the City. Alderwoman Sklare thanked the Chief for looking into a matter she brought up.

MAYOR: (2409) Mayor Soliman announced that the tobacco license report and the liquor license report are on file. Alderman Coladipietro questioned a business on Weber Road. The Mayor explained that the Building Department is handling the matter.

CITY CLERK: (2494) City Clerk Vicki Hackney presented a request for the hiring of a part-time secretary for the Clerk's Office per the memo dated January 11, 2018. This is to fill a vacancy caused by a recent retirement.

(#11) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin, to approve the hiring of a part-time secretary for the City Clerk's Office per the memo dated January 11, 2018.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Coladipietro, Albert, Inman, Dyke, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin.

NAYES: Ald. Vershay.

ABSENT: None.

There being seven (7) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

(2517)

(2540) Clerk Hackney announced that the job will be posted on the website and in the paper. Clerk Hackney thanked Assistant Administrator/HR Director Fulara for creating the job description. Clerk Hackney congratulated Karyn Bazzarone on her retirement after 18 years of service in the Clerk's Office.

CITY TREASURER: (2580) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from December 11, 2017 through December 24, 2017 in the amount of \$206,967.52. Treasurer Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from December 25, 2017 through January 7, 2018 in the amount of \$243,940.13.

(2604) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$735,077.00 for Council approval. Alderman Dyke questioned the Air Gas bill. Discussion followed.

(#12) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$735,077.00 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Coladipietro, Albert, Inman, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

(2613)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (2710) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (2712) Mayor Soliman presented the Plan Commission recommendation for the denial of the request from Amazon for a sign variance (V-17-5-11-1) for the property located at 16825 Churnovic Lane. Economic Development Manager McMaster informed the Council that the request was denied by the Plan Commission. There was further discussion on the variance request at the last work session. Mayor Soliman asked for comments and questions from the City Council. Alderman Albert felt that the sign is too large and does not see what purpose it would serve. A representative from Doyle Signs addressed the Council. He went over the size and lighting of the proposed sign. Alderman Albert is in agreement of the sign being off the ground. He disagrees with the size of the proposed sign. Mayor Soliman asked for comments and questions from the audience.

(3013) Dave Swanson is opposed to granting the variance. The City should use the sign as a tool to negotiate with the Amazon for improvements to the property.

(3104) Harry Blackburn is opposed to the size of the sign. It should be constructed per current City codes.

(3233) Alderman Albert would like to see a motion made to concur with the Plan Commission recommendation to deny the sign variance. No members of the Council seconded the motion. Alderman Dyke asked which way the sign would be angled. Manager McMaster explained it would be at a northwest angle. It will be placed where the temporary sign is currently located.

(#13) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE TO THE CREST HILL SIGN CODE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 16825 CHURNOVIC LANE IN THE CITY OF CREST HILL, ILLINOIS.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Coladipietro, Inman, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin.

NAYES: Ald. Albert.

ABSENT: None.

There being seven (7) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #1768

(3250)

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (3327) There were no committee/liaison reports.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (3339) Alderman Albert welcomed Bricks & Mini Figs to the City. Alderman Coladipietro congratulated the Public Works Department on the awards they received. He also welcomed Bricks & Mini Figs to the City. Alderwoman Oberlin commended Public Works. She reminded the residents to check up on your elderly or handicapped neighbors during the cold weather. Alderwoman Gazal agreed with the previous comments. She congratulated Karyn Bazzarone on her retirement. Alderwoman Sklare congratulated the Public Works Department on the awards. She also welcomed Bricks & Mini Figs. Alderwoman Sklare reminded everyone to be careful driving during snowy conditions. Alderman Vershay welcomed Bricks & Mini Figs. Alderman Dyke agreed with the previous comments. Alderman Vershay asked for time in an upcoming work session to discuss a raise that was given to an individual. Treasurer Conklin commended the City on the economic development that has occurred over the last year.

(Tape #2 begins)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kim Libersher is concerned about the overflow parking from the barber shop on Plainfield Road. Cars are parking on the side streets and it is causing a dangerous situation.

(252) Dave Swanson expressed concern over the amount of noise being caused by the Amazon facility. Discussion followed.

(469) Harry Blackburn commended the Council for the traffic signals at Division and Gaylord Road. He welcomed Bricks & Mini Figs to the City. He thanked Friaco's for great beverages and Taco Tuesday's. Mr. Blackburn commended the Police Department for the left turn enforcement on Division Street. Mayor Soliman explained that they are stepping up enforcement of the no left turn. There are also numerous signs posted within the facility regarding the no left turn.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion for adjournment was in order.

(#14) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the January 15, 2018 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro, Albert, Inman, Dyke, Vershay.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

(637)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of February, 2018
As presented X
As amended _____



VICKI L. HACKNEY, CITY CLERK



RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR