

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
May 3, 2021

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 remaining standing for a moment of silence to remember our fallen Police Officers James Nink (1967) and Tim Simenson (1994).

(77) Mayor Soliman introduced Father Prodehl. Father Prodehl gave a brief speech and blessed the Council.

(212) Mayor Soliman thanked Father Prodehl for attending the meeting.

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 Joe Kubal.

Also present were: City Administrator Heather McGuire, Police Chief Ed Clark, Interim Director of Public Works Mark Siefert, Interim Finance Supervisor Kyle Cratty.

Absent was: Interim Planner Maura Rigoni.

PUBLIC HEARING: (241) Mayor Soliman presented A Public Hearing Regarding Appropriations for all Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2021 and Ending April 30, 2022 for the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois.

(#1) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to open the Public Hearing Regarding Appropriations for all Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2021 and Ending April 30, 2022 for the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(252)

The public hearing was opened at 7:10 p.m.

(263) Mayor Soliman gave a presentation on the appropriations and budget. Mayor Soliman asked for comments or questions from the audience on the appropriations and budget. There were none.

(#2) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Sklare, to close the Public Hearing Regarding Appropriations for all Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2021 and Ending April 30, 2022 for the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(507)

The public hearing was closed at 7:18 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (521) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 19, 2021 for Council approval.

(#3) Motion by Alderwoman Sklare, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 19, 2021 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(525)

(538) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on April 26, 2021 for Council approval.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to approve the minutes from the work session held on April 26, 2021 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(542)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (558) City Administrator Heather McGuire presented AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2021 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2022 FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL, IL. Interim Finance Advisor Kyle Cratty went over the background of the ordinance and the budget.

(#5) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2021 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2022 FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL, IL.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Ordinance #1864

(620)

(642) Administrator McGuire presented AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CITY-WIDE BUDGET FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR.

(#6) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Sklare, to approve AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CITY-WIDE BUDGET FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Ordinance #1865

(646)

(664) Administrator McGuire presented A RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION TO POLICE PENSION FUNDING POLICY FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL. Administrator McGuire went over the background of the resolution.

(#7) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Dyke, for A RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION TO POLICE PENSION FUNDING POLICY FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1102

(682)

(702) Administrator McGuire presented a request for the approval of the City Logo per the packet dated April 28, 2021. This was discussed at several work sessions.

(#8) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the City Logo as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Coladipietro, Gazal, Sklare, Vershay, Dyke, Kubal, Albert.

NAYES: Ald. Oberlin.

ABSENT: None.

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

(710)

(725) Administrator McGuire thanked the Council for their input and hard work that went into the choosing of the logo. We will start working on ordering the supplies with the new logo on them.

(738) Administrator McGuire announced that there was a grand opening at Thompson Barber Shop today. She thanked all of the City Officials that attended.

(742) Administrator McGuire informed the public that there will be a work session on May 10, 2021 for discussion on the Water Source Presentation with additional items being finalized.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (751) Interim Public Works Director Mark Siefert presented a request to award the CDBG2021 Concrete Repairs or Restoration Contract to J&J Newell Concrete Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$14,257.00 per the letter dated April 23, 2021. Interim Director Siefert explained where the work would be done.

(#9) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to award the Concrete or Restoration Contract to J&J Newell Concrete Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$14,257.00 per the letter dated April 23, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(773)

(793) Alderwoman Sklare thanked Director Siefert for the quick response in regard to some signage. Alderwoman Gazal also thanked Director Siefert for taking care of concern that came up regarding the parks.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (816) There were no agenda items for discussion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (821) Police Chief Ed Clark had no agenda items for discussion.

MAYOR: (832) Mayor Raymond Soliman presented a request for the reappointment of Patrick Camden to the Civil Service Commission for a three year term to expire on May 1, 2024 per the memo dated April 22, 2021.

(#10) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, for the reappointment of Patrick Camden to the Civil Service Commission for a three year term to expire on May 1, 2024 per the memo dated April 22, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(851)

(865) Mayor Soliman presented a request for the reappointment of Ken Carroll to the Plan Commission for a three year term to expire on May 1, 2024 per the memo dated April 22, 2021.

(#11) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Vershay, for the reappointment of Ken Carroll to the Plan Commission for a three year term to expire on May 1, 2024 per the memo dated April 22, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(877)

(890) Mayor Soliman presented a request for the reappointment of Bill Thomas to the Plan Commission for a three year term to expire on May 1, 2024 per the memo dated April 22, 2021.

(#12) Motion by Alderman Vershay, seconded by Alderman Albert, for the reappointment of Bill Thomas to the Plan Commission for a three year term to expire on May 1, 2024 per the memo dated April 22, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(903)

(926) Mayor Soliman presented a request for the reappointment of Mike Gale to the position of Deputy Liquor Commission for a four year term to expire on May 3, 2025 per the memo dated April 22, 2021.

(#13) Motion by Alderwoman Sklare, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, for the reappointment of Mike Gale to the position of Deputy Liquor Commission for a four year term to expire on May 3, 2025 per the memo dated April 22, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Albert.

ABSENT: None.

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

(940)

(953) Mayor Soliman presented a request for the reappointment of Dave Stengele to the position of Deputy Liquor Commission for a four year term to expire on May 3, 2025 per the memo dated April 22, 2021.

(#14) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, for the reappointment of Dave Stengele to the position of Deputy Liquor Commission for a four year term to expire on May 3, 2025 per the memo dated April 22, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(971)

(992) Mayor Soliman presented A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 9 THROUGH MAY 16, 2021 AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IN THE CITY OF CREST HILL. Members of the Council read the resolution.

(#15) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 9 THROUGH MAY 16, 2021 AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IN THE CITY OF CREST HILL.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1101

(1093)

(1113) Mayor Soliman gave a speech and presented a copy of the resolution to Police Chief Ed Clark. The Chief thanked the Council for the resolution.

(1154) Mayor Soliman presented a proclamation naming May 16, 2021 through May 23, 2021 as National Public Works Week. Members of the Council read the proclamation.

(#16) Motion by Alderman Vershay, seconded by Alderman Dyke, proclaiming May 16, 2021 through May 23, 2021 as National Public Works Week.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(1232)

(1254) Mayor Soliman gave a brief speech and thanked the Public Works Department for all that they do. He presented a copy of the proclamation to Interim Public Works Director Mark Siefert. Interim Director Siefert gave a brief speech. He thanked the Council for the proclamation.

CITY CLERK: (1307) City Clerk Vicki Hackney had no agenda items for discussion.

CITY TREASURER: (1324) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from April 12, 2021 to April 25, 2021 in the amount of \$241,877.28. Treasurer Conklin presented an additional payroll (comp time buy back) in the amount of \$39,140.84.

(1337) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$2,756,452.91 for Council approval.

(#17) Motion by Alderwoman Sklare, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$2,756,452.91 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(1346)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1363) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (1364) Mayor Soliman announced that we would be honoring our outgoing City Officials and swearing in the newly elected officials. The Mayor gave a speech.

(1366) Mayor Soliman presented A RESOLUTION HONORING BARBARA L. SKLARE FOR HER SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CREST HILL. Alderwoman Gazal gave a speech and read the resolution.

(#18) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve A RESOLUTION HONORING BARBARA L. SKLARE FOR HER SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CREST HILL.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1098

(1727)

(1730) The Mayor presented Alderwoman Sklare with a plaque. Alderwoman Sklare gave a speech. Members of the Council thanked Alderwoman Sklare for her service to the City.

(2096) Mayor Soliman presented A RESOLUTION HONORING MARCO COLADIPIETRO FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CREST HILL. Alderwoman Oberlin read the resolution and gave a speech.

(#19) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve A RESOLUTION HONORING MARCO COLADIPIETRO FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CREST HILL.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1099

(2172)

(2232) Mayor Soliman presented Alderman Coladipietro with a plaque. Alderwoman Oberlin gave a speech. Alderman Coladipietro gave a speech. Members of the Council thanked Alderman Coladipietro for his service to the City.

(2455) Mayor Soliman presented A RESOLUTION HONORING VICKI L. HACKNEY FOR HER SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CREST HILL. Alderwoman Oberlin read the resolution.

(#20) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve A RESOLUTION HONORING VICKI L. HACKNEY FOR HER SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CREST HILL.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1100

(2569)

(2605) Mayor Soliman presented City Clerk Hackney with a plaque. Alderwoman Oberlin gave a speech. City Clerk Vicki Hackney gave a speech. Members of the Council thanked City Clerk Hackney for her service to the City.

(3079) Mayor Soliman announced that we will begin the swearing in of the new City Officials.

(3081) City Clerk Vicki L Hackney swore in Christine Vershay-Hall as the incoming City Clerk. Clerk Vershay-Hall gave a speech.

(3303) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall swore in Nate Albert as Alderman in Ward IV. Alderman Albert gave a speech. He then took his place with the Council.

(3525) Clerk Vershay-Hall swore in Mark Cipiti as Alderman in Ward III. Alderman Cipiti gave a speech. He then took his place with the Council.

(3706) Clerk Vershay-Hall swore in Darrell Jefferson as Alderman in Ward II. Alderman Jefferson gave a speech. He then took his place with the Council.

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(100) Clerk Vershay-Hall swore in Scott Dyke as Alderman in Ward I. Alderman Dyke gave a speech. He then took his place with the Council.

(125) Clerk Vershay-Hall swore in Glen Conklin as City Treasurer. Treasurer Conklin gave a speech. He then took his place with the Council.

(157) Clerk Vershay-Hall swore in Raymond Soliman as Mayor. Mayor Soliman gave a speech. He then took his place with the Council.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (966) There were no committee/liaison reports. Mayor Soliman announced that the Memorial Day ceremony will take place on Monday May 31, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Covid protocol will be in place. There will be a clean up of the garden on Friday May 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are welcome to help with the garden clean up.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1024) Alderman Vershay thanked the outgoing Council members for their service and welcomed the newly elected officials. Alderman Jefferson commented that he is looking forward to working with the Council. Alderwoman Gazal congratulated the new officials. She announced that the food pantry that was held on May 1, 2021 was a success. On June 9, 2021 there will be a "Meet A Cop" at 6:00 p.m. at the Borio park. Alderwoman Oberlin wished all of the Mothers a happy Mother's Day. Alderman Cipiti thanked Marco Coladipietro for his years of service. He is looking forward to working with the Council and Staff. He also thanked the residents of his Ward for their support. Alderman Albert welcomed the new Officials and thanked the outgoing members. He also congratulated Emily Morris. Alderman Kubal wished the new member's good luck.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1209) Clerk Vershay-Hall thanked Vicki Hackney for her service and wished the new member's good luck. She thanked the outgoing members for their service to the City.

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

(#21) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the May 3, 2021 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.


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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Approved this 17th day of May, 2021.

As presented ✓

As amended _____


CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK


RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR