

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
July 6, 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.

Roll call indicated the following present: Mayor Raymond Soliman, City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall, City Treasurer Glen Conklin, Alderperson Scott Dyke, Alderperson John Vershay, Alderperson Claudia Gazal, Alderperson Darrell Jefferson, Alderperson Tina Oberlin, Alderperson Mark Cipiti, Alderperson Nate Albert, Alderperson Joe Kubal.

Also present were: City Administrator Heather McGuire, Director of Public Works Mark Siefert, Deputy Chief Anthony Rossetti.

Absent were: Police Chief Ed Clark, Interim Planner Maura Rigoni, City Engineer Ron Wiedeman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 21, 2021 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderperson Gazal, seconded by Alderperson Jefferson, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 21, 2021 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(28)

(35) Alderperson Cipiti asked for an update on his request regarding legal services. Would that be on an upcoming agenda. Administrator McGuire asked to meet with Alderperson Cipiti regarding this matter. We are currently waiting for a decision from the Supreme Court. Alderperson Gazal asked if Alderperson Cipiti is asking for a correction on the minutes. Clerk Vershay-Hall indicated that he was just making a comment.

(84) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on June 14, 2021 for Council approval.

(#2) Motion by Alderperson Jefferson, seconded by Alderperson Gazal, to approve the minutes from the work session held on June 14, 2021 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(88)

(100) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on June 28, 2021 for Council approval. Alderperson Kubal asked for a correction to be made under the discussion regarding the Park District liaison from “from” to “for”. Alderperson Cipiti questioned the final interview process that was discussed at the work session. Discussion followed. Alderperson Gazal stated that she would be casting a no vote due to her input not being accurately reflected during discussion on the liaison.

(#3) Motion by Alderperson Kubal, seconded by Alderperson Dyke, to approve the minutes from the work session held on June 28, 2021 with the corrections as noted.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Gazal.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Albert.

There being six (6) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

(120)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (188) City Administrator Heather McGuire presented A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE SOUTHWEST AGENCY FOR HEALTH MANAGEMENT (SWAHM). Administrator McGuire noted two changes in section two and three.

(#4) Motion by Alderperson Albert, seconded by Alderperson Gazal, to approve A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE SOUTHWEST AGENCY FOR HEALTH MANAGEMENT (SWAHM).

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1112

(211)

(228) Administrator McGuire presented A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE SOUTHWEST AGENCY FOR RISK MANAGEMENT (SWARM).

(#5) Motion by Alderperson Albert, seconded by Alderperson Jefferson, to approve A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE SOUTHWEST AGENCY FOR RISK MANAGEMENT (SWARM).

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1113

(238)

(250) Administrator McGuire presented A RESOLUTION WAIVING BID AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL FOR METROPOLITAN FIRE PROTECTION AT THE CITY CENTER (FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM). This was discussed at a previous work session. Alderperson Oberlin questioned the use of Alderman and Alderwoman. Administrator McGuire explained that this has been changed to Alderperson on our website, social media, and written documents.

(#6) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderperson Vershay, to approve A RESOLUTION WAIVING BID AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL FOR METROPOLITAN FIRE PROTECTION AT THE CITY CENTER (FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM).

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1114

(267)

(292) Administrator McGuire presented the GovHR Proposal per the packet dated June 21, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session. Administrator McGuire reminded the Council that her last day with the City will be July 23, 2021. Alderperson Oberlin would like the Council to have more involvement with the interview process.

(#7) Motion by Alderperson Gazal, seconded by Alderperson Dyke, to approve the GovHR Proposal per the packet dated June 21, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(305)

(329) Administrator McGuire presented a request for the approval of the IML Conference Registration per the memo dated June 24, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#8) Motion by Alderperson Jefferson, seconded by Alderperson Gazal, to approve the IML Conference Registration per the memo dated June 24, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(338)

(355) Administrator McGuire announced that there will be a work session on Monday July 12, 2021 for discussion on staffing recommendations with additional topics being finalized. Alderperson Gazal questioned the change to Alderperson. Administrator McGuire

explained that this was passed into law by a formal State Statute. Alderperson Gazal would like to continue to be addressed as Alderwoman.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (391) Public Works Director Mark Siefert presented a request for the approval of the Water/Sewer Rate Study per the memo dated June 30, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#9) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderperson Cipiti, to approve a request for the approval of the Water/Sewer Rate Study per the memo dated June 30, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(410)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (431) There were no agenda items for discussion. The reports were on file.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (437) Deputy Police Chief Tony Rossetti presented a request for the approval of a Police Services Contract-Olive Productions LLC per the memo dated July 1, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#10) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderperson Dyke, to approve a Police Services Contract-Olive Productions LLC per the memo dated July 1, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Albert.

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

(447)

(469) Deputy Chief Rossetti presented the reports on file. Alderperson Gazal said that as of today we have eight citations. Is there anyway we can get a report on how many additional hours were worked. Two years ago, she was against the low fine for fireworks. Alderperson Gazal would like to see this discussed at a future work session and the fine for fireworks raised considerably. She thanked the Police Department for their quick actions in her subdivisions. She also stated that she is disappointed on how the Police were treated by certain individuals. Deputy Chief Rossetti explained that the Police responded to roughly 78 calls on the 4th of July. Forty-five of the calls were for fireworks which resulted in 10 tickets being issued. Deputy Chief Rossetti explained that the department tries their best to address all of the calls that we receive. Some of the calls we received were repeat calls. Alderperson Gazal feels that the ticket fee does not cover the cost of the additional Police presence. Unless we increase the penalty, it is going to continue to get worse. The Mayor thought that a large number of fireworks were confiscated. Deputy Chief Rossetti said that we confiscated about a pallet full. Alderperson Oberlin asked how the fireworks are disposed of. Deputy Chief Rossetti explained the procedure. As far as catching residents with illegal fireworks, sometimes it is difficult to pinpoint exactly where the fireworks are coming from. Alderperson Dyke asked if we could get a comparison of the

number of calls we received in the past versus the number of current calls we have received. Alderperson Dyke asked if we could take a look at a number of buses parked in the lot on Oakland Avenue that are in disrepair. Alderperson Jefferson asked how we make the public aware of the fireworks ordinance and fines. He explained that a number of his neighbors were not aware of the ordinances. Alderperson Gazal explained that we make our residents aware through social media, the website, on the cable scroll and it is also announced at the regular Council meetings. Fireworks are also banned per the State of Illinois. Alderperson Dyke commented that he was in a different City on the 4th of July where the residents shot off fireworks from roughly 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. It was quiet after that. The fireworks were still going here until the early hours of the morning.

MAYOR: (806) Mayor Raymond Soliman presented a request of a Forest Preserve Liaison per the memo dated June 30, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session. The Mayor is seeking concurrence from the Council for the appointment of Alderperson Nate Albert as the Forest Preserve Liaison.

(#11) Motion by Alderperson Albert, seconded by Alderperson Jefferson, to table the request for the appointment of a Forest Preserve Liaison per the memo dated June 30, 2021. On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(814)

(831) Alderperson Albert asked that this be placed on the next work session agenda for discussion.

CITY CLERK: (839) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall had no agenda items for discussion.

CITY TREASURER: (846) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from June 7, 2021 to June 20, 2021 in the amount of \$221,001.51.

(857) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$526,036.62 for Council approval.

(#12) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderperson Cipiti, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$526,036.62 as presented.

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.

(861)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (882) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (884) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (887) There were no committee/liaison reports.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (889) Alderperson Albert announced that the Crest Hill Lions Club will be hosting their annual picnic on September 5, 2021 at St. Joes Park. Alderperson Gazal announced that on Wednesday August 4, 2021 we will be holding the second meet in the park. This will take place in the park on Borio Drive. She also wished everyone a Happy National Fried Chicken day.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (951) There were no citizens wishing to address the Council.

(958) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there was a need for an executive session on personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)).

(#13) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderperson Gazal, to go into an executive session on personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)).

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Executive session 7:34 p.m.

(960)

(Tape #2 begins).

(#14) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderperson Gazal, to reconvene from the executive session on personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)).

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Reconvened 8:09 p.m.

There being no further business before the Council, and no action needed from the executive session a motion for adjournment was in order.

(#15) Motion by Alderperson Albert, seconded by Alderperson Dyke, to adjourn the July 6, 2021 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(14)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved this 19th day of July, 2021.

As presented ✓

As amended _____


CHRISTINE VESHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK


RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR