

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
(VIRTUAL MEETING)
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
June 1, 2020

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. Mayor Soliman indicated that tonight's meeting will be via video/telephone conference with Council and Staff members attending from their homes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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, Assistant City Administrator/HR Director Megan Fulara, Deputy Police Chief Brad Hertzman, Community Development Director Scott McMaster, Public Works Director Tom Migatz, Finance Supervisor Ashli Motyka.

Absent were: Deputy City Clerk Janet Serdar, Police Chief Ed Clark, Director of Water/Wastewater Mark Siefert.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 18, 2020 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Sklare, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2020 Council meeting 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.

Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on May 26, 2020 for Council approval.

(#2) Motion by Alderman Coladipietro, seconded by Alderman Kubal, to approve the minutes from the work session held on May 26, 2020 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: City Administrator Heather McGuire presented a RESOLUTION APPROVING WATER BILL CREDIT FOR COVID-19 PANDEMIC. Administrator McGuire explained that this was discussed at a previous work session. Alderwoman Oberlin asked for clarification on unit size. It would be for

four units or less. Alderwoman Oberlin commended everyone who worked on this resolution. She asked that if there are residents who feel they do not need the financial help, make a donation to a charity or someone who is struggling right now.

(#3) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve a RESOLUTION APPROVING WATER BILL CREDIT FOR COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

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.

Resolution #1079

Administrator McGuire presented a request for the Computer Replacement Program-Purchase Authorization per the memo dated May 29, 2020. Administrator McGuire went over the background of the replacement program. She was able to contact Lenovo directly and obtain a lower price on two of the models. They could not beat the Virtek quote on the third model which was the Yogo. This is the highest-level laptop. Lenovo could not beat the price for the docking stations either. Alderwoman Oberlin thanked Alderman Coladipietro and Treasurer Conklin for requesting we seek a new quote which was significantly lower.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Coladipietro, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin, to approve the Computer Replacement Program-Purchase Authorization per the memo dated May 29, 2020.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Administrator McGuire announced that there will be a virtual work session on Monday June 8, 2020 for discussion on the Kelly Avenue Storm Sewer Change Order.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Director of Public Works Tom Migatz had no agenda items for discussion. Alderwoman Oberlin commended Director Siefert on his hard work during the recent storm. Alderwoman Sklare also commended Director Siefert. Alderman Dyke asked for an update on the lights on the viaduct on Broadway. Director Migatz contacted IDOT and they will be contacting the railroad to get it taken care of.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: Community Development Director Scott McMaster had no agenda items for discussion. Director McMaster informed the Council there was information from the Will County CED regarding COVID-19 and the business community. Alderwoman Gazal asked if we had received any new applications for outdoor seating. We had not. Alderwoman Gazal asked if we are still reaching out to the businesses. We are.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Deputy Chief Brad Hertzman presented a request for a Community Service Officer Replacement per the memo dated May 28, 2020. This is a part-time position.

(#5) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the request for a Community Service Officer Replacement per the memo dated May 28, 2020.

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.

Deputy Chief Hertzman presented a request for the CPAT Replacement per the memo dated May 28, 2020. This would be to replace the Officer who was promoted to Sergeant. Alderwoman Oberlin feels that this is a good program that is a benefit to the Police Department.

(#6) Motion by Alderman Vershay, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve the request for the CPAT Replacement per the memo dated May 28, 2020.

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.

Deputy Chief Hertzman gave the Council an update on the situation that has occurred the last few nights in the area regarding the protests and disorderly conduct. One of the Sergeants suggested placing barricades at the entrances to the Hillcrest Shopping Center to minimize access. Additional Officers were called out to patrol. Three businesses had minimal damage and they were Walgreens, CK Liquors and Firewater. He thanked Public Works for placing the barricades. Mayor Soliman thanked the Police Department for their hard work and effort. Alderwoman Gazal also commended the Police Department. Alderwoman Oberlin also thanked the Police Department and City Staff.

MAYOR: Mayor Soliman presented a request for Commission re-appointments per the memo dated May 21, 2020. The first is for the re-appointment of Nick Weiss to the Civil Service Commission with the term to expire June 1, 2023.

(#7) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to approve the re-appointment of Nick Weiss to the Civil Service Commission for a term to expire June 1, 2023, per the memo dated May 21, 2020.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Mayor Soliman presented a request for the re-appointment of Jan Plettau to the Plan Commission for a term to expire May 1, 2023 per the memo dated May 21, 2020. Jan Plettau was recently nominated and voted in as Chairman to the Plan Commission.

(#8) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin, to re-appoint Jan Plettau to the Crest Hill Plan Commission with a term to expire May 1, 2023 per the memo dated May 21, 2020.

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.

Mayor Soliman presented a request for the appointment of Bill Thomas to the Plan Commission to fulfil a vacancy to expire May 1, 2021 per the memo dated May 21, 2020. Mayor Soliman went over Mr. Thomas' resume.

(#9) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Sklare, to appoint Bill Thomas to the Plan Commission with the term to expire May 1, 2021 per the memo dated May 21, 2020.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Mayor Soliman presented AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING OUTDOOR DINING PERMITS FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY ILLINOIS, IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) DISEASE 2019 PANDEMIC. This was discussed at a previous work session. The taverns and restaurants that were interested in outdoor seating were notified. City Clerk Hackney received 11 emails asking for outdoor entertainment or music. The Mayor read the 11 emails. The emails were in favor of allowing outdoor entertainment to help the businesses during this time. The emails were submitted by, A Wagner, A Hernandez, S Linko C Contos, J Mikan, T Dockery, D Brickley P Capina, K Dyer, K Molck, K Godinez. Four of the taverns are located in Ward I, one is in Ward 3 and one is in Ward 4. Alderwoman Sklare said that her only concern is the volume of the music. Alderman Coladipietro felt that the electronic music would be fine but expressed concern over live music. Alderman Albert agreed. Alderman Vershay and Alderman Dyke were not in favor of the outdoor music. Alderwoman Gazal does not feel that electronic music would be a problem.

(#10) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to approve AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING OUTDOOR DINING PERMITS FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY ILLINOIS, IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) DISEASE 2019 PANDEMIC.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Dyke, Vershay, Mayor Soliman.

NAYES: Ald. Kubal, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Albert.

ABSENT: None.

There being five (5) negative votes, the MOTION FAILED.

(#11) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING OUTDOOR DINING PERMITS FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY ILLINOIS, IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) DISEASE 2019 PANDEMIC and to allow electronic entertainment outdoors.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Vershay, Dyke, Kubal, Mayor Soliman.

ABSENT: None.

There being five (5) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #1842

Alderman Dyke said that he is concerned about the residents that live around these establishments and the noise factor. Alderman Vershay agreed and was concerned about the neighbors around the taverns. Alderwoman Sklare suggested having the tavern be in control of the volume of the music. Alderman Albert explained that it

is his intent that the establishment control the volume of the music, not the patrons. Alderwoman Oberlin felt that this is only for a short period of time to help out our small businesses. Mayor Soliman agreed with Alderman Dyke and Alderman Vershay. When he spoke to the tavern owners, none of them expressed interest in outdoor electronic entertainment.

Mayor Soliman announced that the City has enacted a curfew from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. due to the situation that occurred last night. This will get the businesses closed at 8:00 p.m. and help get everyone home safely. This curfew does not include those who are going to and from work or anyone who is seeking medical treatment. Mayor Soliman read the proclamation imposing the curfew. Mayor Soliman said that what happened to Mr. Floyd was a tragedy. Alderwoman Oberlin feels that the curfew is needed as Joliet had one in affect at this time. Alderwoman Gazal agreed that is better to be safe than sorry.

CITY CLERK: City Clerk Vicki Hackney had no agenda items for discussion. She confirmed that notices have been sent out to all license holders notifying them of the renewal date change from June to January. Clerk Hackney wished her husband a happy 35th anniversary.

CITY TREASURER: City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll for the period of May 11, 2020 through May 24, 2020 in the amount of \$213,369.74.

Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$1,296,069.01 for Council approval.

(#12) Motion by Alderwoman Sklare, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$1,296,069.01 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Alderman Kubal commended the Police Department. Alderman Albert also commended the Police Department. Alderman Coladipietro thanked the Police Department. Alderwoman Oberlin thanked the Police Department, Public Works and reminded everyone to stay home, stay safe and report any suspicious activity. Alderwoman Gazal thanked the Police Department and hopes everyone stays safe. She reminded everyone to keep their outdoor lights on at night. Alderwoman Sklare asked that everyone stay home, be safe and thank you to our Police Department. Alderman Vershay announced we are celebrating another 100-year-old resident This would be our 16th or 17th senior who reached 100. Alderman Dyke thanked the first responders and asked that everyone stay safe. Various members of the Council wished the Clerk and her husband a Happy Anniversary.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments were addressed under the Mayor's report. Clerk Hackney informed the Council that the 11 emails were acknowledged and no further were received by her office.

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