



DRAFT MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
505 BUTLER PLACE PARK RIDGE, IL 60068

Monday, August 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

I. Roll Call

City Clerk Henneman read the Roll Call and the following Elected Officials indicated their presence:
Ald. Sweeney, Milissis, Smith, Shubert, Knight, Mazzuca, Maloney and Mayor Schmidt

Staff present: K. Oliven, M. Zywnski, F. Kaminski, E. Hill, S. Hamilton, C. Peterson, J. Testin, W. Zingsheim, and S. Mitchell

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular City Council Meeting – July 15, 2013

Moved by Ald. Sweeney. Seconded by Ald. Smith. **Motion carried, voice vote.** Ald. Mazzuca abstained.

B. Committee of the Whole Meeting – July 22, 2013

Moved by Ald. Sweeney. Seconded by Ald. Knight. **Motion carried, voice vote.** Ald. Mazzuca abstained.

IV. Consent Agenda

*All items listed with an asterisk are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of those items unless an Alderman so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

VII.H.1. **Approve warrants, reviewed by Ald. Shubert for the period ending July 31, 2013 in the amount of \$2,506,659.69 and wire transfers in the amount of \$235,618.16 for a total of \$2,742,277.85**

VII.H.2. **Approve the revised Library budget of \$58,218.00 for its Fiscal Year 2013-14 Window Replacement Project**

VII.H.3. **Approve the purchase order for the purchase of emergency equipment for four squads to Ultra Strobe, 920 Pyott Road, Unit 106, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014, in the amount of \$25,070.84**

Moved by Ald. Sweeney. Seconded by Ald. Milissis.

Roll Call:

AYES: Ald. Mazzuca, Maloney, Sweeney, Milissis, Smith, Shubert and Knight (7)

NAYS None (0)

ABSENT None (0)

Motion carried.

V. Reports of City Officials

A. Mayor

1. Concerts in the Park Fundraiser

Mayor Schmidt explained the details regarding a fundraiser that he is planning, along with the Elected Officials. On August 7, 2013 before the last summer Concert in the Park, the Elected Officials will be hosting a Bar-B-Q providing hot dogs and hamburgers for a set donation. Proceeds collected will benefit the Fine Arts Society, Concerts in the Park.

2. Maine Center for Mental Health Boat Cruise

Fran Hook Hume, the CEO of Maine Center and Kathy Hansen, Administrator, spoke about the 9th Annual Maine Center Brunch Boat Cruise event planned for Sunday, August 25 on the Odyssey boat docked at Navy Pier. This is Maine Center's only annual fundraiser. Ms. Hume provided background information about Maine Center and the services and assistance that is provided to the community.

3. Unincorporated Cook County Sub-Regional Meeting

Mayor Schmidt received an invitation from Mayor Przybylo of Niles a few weeks ago trying to arrange a meeting with mayors of municipalities that are adjacent to unincorporated Maine Township land. The meeting would also include King Harris, the Chairman of the Cook County Task Force on Unincorporated Land.

Mayor Schmidt explained that Maine Township has the largest population of any unincorporated land in Cook County. He also mentioned that Cook County is very interested in having the Township absorbed by local municipalities so that Police, Zoning and Building code enforcement would be provided, without annexation. Mayor Schmidt and Ald. Milissis (the City's Intergovernmental Liaison), plan to attend the meeting scheduled for August 7 and will keep fellow elected officials apprised of the meeting outcome.

Mayor Schmidt read about an event, the O'Hare Plane Pull, in which the Park Ridge Police plans to participate. Although Mayor Schmidt supports the cause which benefits the Special Olympics, he does not want to have any Police employees injured while partaking in this activity. He asked the City to investigate and find out if the City would be exposed to any liability/Workman's compensation claim if an injury was to occur. City Manager Hamilton indicated that he would research the matter and provide a response next week.

B. City Council

No report.

C. City Attorney

No report.

D. City Clerk

No report.

E. City Manager

No report.

VI. Citizens Who Wish to Address the City Council on a Non-Agenda Item

Pat Livensparger (413 Courtland) commented on the construction site next to City Hall. She advised the City that the site lacks proper fencing around the trees, noting that one of the trees has a gouge in its

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trunk. She explained that fencing is one of the requirements listed the Building Code and questioned why the City is not following its own rules. She also commented on the gravel in the roadway near the site. Chief Kaminski offered to talk to the contractor the following day.

VII. Reports of Boards, Commissions and Committees

A. Planning and Zoning Commission – Ald. Sweeney

No report.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals – Ald. Sweeney

- 1. Approve the final reading of an Ordinance for a variance to Section 12.13, Table 9 of the Zoning Ordinance to require no off-street parking spaces instead of the 14 spaces required for a health/fitness facility at 10 South Prairie Avenue, Zoning Case V-13-03**

Moved by Ald. Sweeney. Seconded by Ald. Knight.

Ald. Sweeney explained that one Alderman did not support the first reading. Therefore, the item was not placed on the Consent Agenda for this meeting. Additionally, in response to a question from Ald. Mazzuca, Mayor Schmidt indicated that he would not be voting on the matter since this was no relative to an overturn of a decision made by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

Attorney Hill explained that the zoning on the property would only be applicable if another cross fit type of business was to move into the building. It was his recommendation at the last meeting (July 15) to amend and define the type of facility within the Ordinance. In response to Ald. Mazzuca's inquiry, securing fourteen leased spaces of parking was not a ZBA condition placed upon the applicant, according to Community Preservation and Development Director Jim Testin.

Ald. Knight referred to the ZBA minutes. He was uncomfortable knowing that another cross-fitness type of business could move into the facility and make changes to their hours or have different traffic patterns. He would support the Ordinance only if it was clearly defined relating to this business only. He encouraged fellow Aldermen to do the same. Attorney Hill explained how the Ordinance could be changed: 1) strike Article A; add 2) Cross-Fit Health Fitness Facility, Inc.; and 3) the petitioner to provide no off street parking.

Move to amend, striking Article A and rewrite adding, to allow Cross-Fit Health Fitness Facility, Inc. to provide no off street parking.

Motion by Ald. Knight. Seconded by Ald. Mazzuca.

Ald. Knight questioned the urgency and suggested a deferral until August 19. After further discussion, the aforementioned amended motion and second was withdraw by the Ald. Knight and Mazzuca.

Move to defer the final reading until August 19, 2013.

Motion by Ald. Knight. Seconded by Ald. Mazzuca.

Ald. Sweeney questioned the deferral. Attorney Hill opined that if the amendment is made this evening and approved, the final reading could move forward and possibly be approved this evening. Ald. Knight preferred to see the Ordinance in writing with all of the changes made before taking a final vote on the matter. Ald. Milissis explained that the amendment is short and would be read into the minutes offering assurance that the revised motion would be correct. He was trying to find compromise without the need to defer.

Attorney Hill supported Ald. Knight's idea and indicated that he would like to revise the preamble, making it more specific to the petitioner.

Motion carried, voice vote.

2. **Approve the first reading of an Ordinance for two variances to allow a monument sign to be 12-feet in height and 67.22 square feet in size, instead of the maximum 6-feet high and 32 square feet, as permitted by Section 14.6.B.1, at 1030 W. Higgins Road, Zoning Case Number V-13-04**

Moved by Ald. Sweeney. Seconded by Ald. Knight.

The building is currently a Loyola medical facility and is approximately 30% occupied. The applicant is asking to have a larger sign to allow advertising space for businesses within the building. Loyola would use one third of the sign and the remaining two thirds would be used for tenants. The hardship was that the current sign is too small and cannot provide ample advertising space for tenants.

In response to a question presented by Ald. Mazzuca, CPD Director Testin indicated that the new sign would not meet the size requirement for the new Ordinance.

Pat Livensparger (413 Courtland) questioned whether Presence Health Care on Northwest Highway requested a sign of this magnitude of size. According to Ms. Livensparger, Presence has an Immediate Care Center and so does Lutheran General. These businesses do not require a big sign. Why does Loyola?

Ald. Sweeney explained that the two ZBA commissioners that voted against the matter had a difficult time assessing a hardship. Ald. Maloney did not believe that having too many tenants in the building was a hardship. He explained that the purpose of an address is to find the building. He too, had a difficulty understanding the hardship.

Ald. Mazzuca inquired about the size of the "Immediate Care" section of the sign, which actually was a size allowable by the City's Sign Ordinance.

Roll Call:

AYES: Ald. Sweeney, Milissis, Smith, and Knight (4)

NAYS Ald. Maloney, Shubert and Mazzuca (3)

ABSENT None (0)

Motion carried.

3. **Approve the first reading of an Ordinance for a variance to allow an at-grade patio to encroach 11-feet into the rear yard, instead of the required 15-foot rear yard setback as required by Section 7.3, Table 3 at 900 S. Western Ave, Case Number V-13-05**

Moved by Ald. Sweeney. Seconded by Ald. Mazzuca.

Director Testin provided background information regarding the case. The residents plan to place a patio in their rear yard setback. The vote of the ZBA was 4-3 and the hardship identified that there was no other area to construct a patio on their property.

Richard Balow (900 S. Western) is the property owner and presented himself before the Council, willing to entertain any questions.

Ald. Mazzuca visited the property and indicated that the applicant is using environmental friendly patio materials. He intends to support the variance.

Roll Call:

AYES: Ald. Sweeney, Milissis, Smith, Shubert, Knight, Mazzuca and Maloney (7)

NAYS None (0)

ABSENT None (0)

Motion carried.

C. Liquor License Review Board – Mayor Schmidt

No report.

D. O’Hare Airport Commission – Ald. Maloney

1. Support of FAiR (Fair Allocation in Runways) Request Letter

Ald. Maloney introduced Mr. Jim Argionis, Chairman of the City’s O’Hare Airport Commission (OAC). Mr. Argionis explained how the OAC initially came about meeting various groups on the Northwest side of Chicago that were opposed to airport expansion and the opening of a new runway. Argionis described the group as dynamic, aggressive community leaders from the Chicago Wards. The letter presented before the Council was drafted by Robert Murphy, president of the Forest Glen Community Club and member of FAiR, Coalition. Murphy was introduced by Chairman Argionis. Murphy explained that he is trying to educate the elected officials serving in his area. Additionally, he sought the support from the Park Ridge City Council by signing the letter.

After further discussion regarding the letter, Mayor Schmidt suggested having Ald. Maloney, Mr. Argionis and City Manager Hamilton modify the letter, if necessary, and bring it back before the Council in the form of a Resolution on August 19. Mayor Schmidt had no objections supporting the letter. Ald. Knight requested that it be tailored to Park Ridge. Argionis believes it would set a precedent if Park Ridge was to support FAiR.

Mr. Argionis also had an opportunity to speak with Senator Dan Kotowski. Argionis believed that Senator Kotowski would be able to retrieve data taken from the Maine South air monitor from the IL EPA website, similar to other monitors. Argionis checked with the IL EPA who said the data will not be available online like most data. It would instead be turned over to the CDA. Argionis intends to work with Senator Kotowski to access the data. The monitor belongs to the IL EPA. .

Ald. Milissis mentioned that he has been receiving information from a resident, Gene Spanos, regarding a Dr. Barbara Lichman, an aviation attorney. He wondered if the City has considered speaking to Dr. Lichman. Argionis explained that Dr. Lichman worked for the same company as Steve Tabor, an aviation attorney who once worked on behalf of the Park Ridge. Argionis believed it was worthwhile to listen to what she has to say, if it is a free discussion. City Manager Hamilton mentioned that he has spoken with Dr. Lichman, provided her with information from Hinshaw Culbertson, and indicated that staff is researching the matter and will bring forward any developing information.

Argionis briefly explained the Fly Quiet program.

E. Procedures and Regulations Committee – Ald. Mazzuca

No report.

F. Public Works Committee – Ald. Maloney

No report.

G. Public Safety Committee – Ald. Milissis

Ald. Milissis reminded the Council to attend National Night Out event.

H. Finance and Budget Committee – Ald. Knight

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VIII. New Business – For announcement, deliberation, and/or discussion only; no official action will be taken.

Ald. Mazzuca inquired about the status of the meeting with the ONCC-FAA. City Manager Hamilton explained that there was a preference to have an engaging meeting verses a “road-show.” The ONCC’s Executive Director was not willing to entertain the City’s idea of an engaging meeting. Mayor Schmidt requested that City Manager Hamilton contact the FAA to see if they would be interested in setting up a meeting to talk with the City.

Ald. Mazzuca would like to know about the City’s liability and Workman’s Compensation Claim exposure related to the workout rooms in the Police, Fire and Public Works Department.

Ald. Maloney questioned the rewrite of the Special Events policy. City Manager Hamilton hopes to have this matter before the Council in October, and new rules and regulations effective in 2014.

Mayor Schmidt inquired about the final invoice for the Taste of Park Ridge. City Manager Hamilton mentioned that he is still awaiting costs from some of the departments. Mayor Schmidt would like to know the City’s share of the profits and also indicated that the current agreement is a one-year contract with a one-year extension.

Ald. Maloney questioned whether definite dates have been set for the two flood meetings. City Manager Hamilton explained that there will be a Sewer 101 presentation; possibly on the September 30. Director Zingsheim suggested holding the meeting one hour before a Public Works Committee meeting. Staff is working on the presentation. Once the feasibility studies are complete, the second meeting could be held in November, prior to budget planning sessions. Ald. Knight requested to have the date options available on August 12 and presented at the COW meeting. Also, if any Aldermen have any agenda topics they want covered, they should forward their ideas to Director Zingsheim and City Manager Hamilton. Ald. Knight would like to have a form or information request form available so that residents can find out what is happening on their street and have information posted to the website. Ald. Shubert would like to time it accordingly so that a FAQ document is put together and published to the website after the meeting. He believes that the meeting will be very well attended and anticipates that residents will come to learn about the City’s system and also to learn about what will be done to mitigate flooding on their street. Mayor Schmidt suggested having the resident’s specific questions handled directly by staff, after the meeting.

Ald. Maloney questioned the completion date of the Communitywide Human Needs survey. Police Chief Kaminski indicated that the City should have information on September 21. Ald. Maloney would like to know what organizations supply what services and if any gaps are evident so that the City can address those areas. After gaps have been identified, City Manager would like to discuss with the Council what gaps they would like to address.

In response to an inquiry by Mayor Schmidt, City Manager Hamilton explained that the next monthly Financial Report for the City will be presented to the Council on August 26.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Transcribed by:

Cheryl L. Peterson, Deputy Clerk

Approve by the City Council this 19th day of August, 2013.

David F. Schmidt, Mayor

Betty W. Henneman, City Clerk