



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2013, 7:00 P.M.

Mayor David F. Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

I. Roll Call

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting attendees pledged allegiance to the United States flag.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular City Council Meeting – August 5, 2013

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

B. Committee of the Whole Meeting – August 12, 2013

Ald. Mazzuca inquired about the practice of including a vote count with a voice vote. City Clerk Henneman explained that it is optional whether it is included.

Moved by Ald. Smith. Seconded by Ald. Knight.

Ald. Sweeney explained that he was absent at this meeting. However, on page 3, the Roll Call deferring the AT&T matter included him as a voting member. Additionally, the minutes listed him as seconding a motion, also on page 3. He requested that the minutes be corrected and deferred the approval.

Motion to defer the approval of the August 12, 2013 minutes until August 26, 2013.

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

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.D.1. Approve Resolution Authorizing Mayor Schmidt to sign letters to be sent to elected officials concerning O'Hare International Airport

VII.F.1. Approve purchase order for diesel fuel, Avalon Fuel, 200 West Court Street, Kankakee, Illinois in the amount of \$23,303.34

VII.F.2. Approve purchase order for unleaded fuel, Al Warren Oil, 7439 Archer, Summit, Illinois in the amount of \$24,918.75

VII.F.3 Approve purchase order increase for mud jacking, AAA Concrete Raising, 326 Grayfriars Lane, Inverness, Illinois in the amount of \$1,400.00

VII.F.4. Approve first reading of Ordinance authorizing assignment of the license agreement with AboveNet Communications, Inc. to Zayo Group, LLC, 1805 29th Street, Boulder, Colorado 80301 for the installation of fiber optics

VII.F.5. Approve purchase order for Magnum Circuit Breaker Retrofill, Englewood Electrical Supply, 2401 Internationale Parkway, Woodridge, Illinois in the amount of \$200,000.00

VII.H.1. Approve warrants, reviewed by Ald. Milissis for the period ending August 15, 2013 in the amount of \$2,080,669.79

Motion by Ald. Sweeney. Seconded by Ald. Mazzuca.

Ald. Mazzuca requested that Item F.5. be removed from the Consent Agenda.
Ald. Sweeney requested that Item D.1. be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

Motion Carried, 7 – 0.

V. Reports of City Officials

A. Mayor

1. Presentation of the Badge of Office to City Manager Hamilton

Mayor David Schmidt presented City Manager Hamilton with the Badge of Authority.

2. Presentation of Residential Beautification Awards

Mayor Schmidt, City Manager Hamilton and Marian Sitkiewicz ,Chairman of the Beautification Committee of the Park Ridge Garden Club, presented property signs and prizes to the winners of the 2013 Beautification Contest. This year, thirty entries were received and there were ten winners. Judges from area communities evaluated the landscape design in the front yard of entrants. The Chamber of Commerce provides various coupons from local businesses.

Andy & Diane Annes	532 North Hamlin
Linck & Lisa Bascomb	519 North Hamlin
Carol Becker	1548 Parkside
Melanie Cottle	2108 Milton
Polly Dietz	533 Cedar
Charles & Linda Ferris	906 South Cumberland
Edwin Fleming	410 North Home
The Patrick Family	1632 Vine
Henry & Ela Pikul	363 Michaeljohn
Robert & Gail Trenkenschu	1012 South Washington

Mayor Schmidt commented on the poor condition of the Napleton parking lot and requested an update on the property. Community Preservation and Development Director Testin explained that tank removals have been an ongoing process. He was not certain who currently owned the land.

Mayor Schmidt thanked all of the Aldermen who came to the Bar-B-Q and assisted with the fundraiser for the Park Ridge Fine Arts Society. He also thanked them for their donations. He recognized Sue Knight who coordinated seamlessly and Allison Harrington who shopped for food goods for the event. He urged other members of the community to do the same for their favorite organization in town.

B. City Council

No report.

C. City Attorney

No report.

D. City Clerk

No report.

E. City Manager

1. Workmen's Compensation – Liability Questions

At the August 5, 2013 City Council meeting, City Manager Hamilton was directed to investigate two liability issues. In a memorandum, it was explained that the Plane Pull does not pose any liability threat to the City since the officers do not actually pull the plane. Students from the local High School pull the plane. It is understood that they would not participate in pulling the plane according to Deputy Chief Jogman.

However, City Manager Hamilton explained that the City would be liable for any injury caused in a workout room on City Property. However, it is his belief that the benefit of exercise for certain staff members is important which outweighs the liability.

Ald. Mazzuca questioned whether he had weighed the value of gaining extra space by the elimination of the workout rooms. Mayor Schmidt questioned whether the City could decrease the number of workout rooms. Fire Chief Zywanski explained that firefighters can work out before or after shifts. They are also allowed one hour after dinner to exercise. Ald. Mazzuca questioned if the City has ever researched other alternatives that would not expose the City to liability. He suggested a membership to the Park District facility as an example. City Manager Hamilton welcomed the suggestion and would look into the matter.

In response to Ald. Milissis, City Manager Hamilton explained the difference between injuries of Public Safety staff versus Public Works staff. Ald. Milissis asked that the appropriate committee look into the feasibility of consolidating the multiple workout facilities from various city buildings into an expanded single facility, preferably at one of the fire stations.

Mayor Schmidt suggested further discussion on this matter at the committee level. Ald. Mazzuca would like to see this as part of a Wellness program; one that reduces liability but is viewed as a benefit to all City employees. Ald. Knight suggested that the City Manager provide a report on this matter instead of sending it to committee. Mayor Schmidt would like the report be placed under "Other City Business" in one month.

City Manager Hamilton requested Deputy Chief Jogman to briefly comment on two recent bicycle accident involving youth. He explained that school is starting, children are going back to school and drivers are encouraged to pay more attention, especially during school hours. Mayor Schmidt asked people to please observe the STOP signs instead of rolling through the white line.

City Engineer Sarah Mitchell provided a construction update on the Fenton/Burton area sewer project.

Ald. Shubert announced that a Centennial Pool Reconstruction Town Hall meeting is planned for August 28 starting at 7 p.m. at the Park Ridge Senior Center. The Park District Park Board is hosting the meeting and Ald. Shubert will be participating in partnership with them along with the Police Department to answer any resident questions or concerns. He reiterated the importance safe driving in the pool construction area since it is located between two school zones, Washington Grade School and Lincoln Middle School.

Ald. Mazzuca commented on the Park District flyer that indicated that the Park District is committed to working with the Police Department and would be hiring an additional crossing guard. He asked if this has already been done. It was his assumption that the City would hire the crossing guard, they would be posted in front of the construction area, and that the City would be reimbursed for the expense by the Park District.

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

Linda Ruso (spoke at 7:08 p.m. during the Consent Agenda) from Cosa Linda Salon, 59 Summit, invited members of the Council to Dog Days of Summer, A First Friday Chamber of Commerce Event planned for September 6, 2013 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Also, Octoberfest is planned for October 4, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Both events will be held in the Uptown area.

Loretta Murphy (427 Northwest Highway) expressed her concerns about flooding and safety based on the proposed development planned at Greenwood and Northwest Highway. She was unaware that the project was moving forward.

Jim Borton introduced himself to the Council. He is employed by the Illinois Department of Transportation and was recently named as the Community Liaison for Park Ridge. Mayor Schmidt commented on the directional signs at Touhy and Prospect. He finds the signs very confusing and would like them to be revised.

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 Crossfit Park Ridge, Inc. at 10 South Prairie Avenue, Zoning Case V-13-03**

Motion by Ald. Sweeney. Seconded by Ald. Smith.

Ald. Sweeney explained that the matter was deferred at the last meeting so that Crossfit could be fully defined in the Ordinance.

Ald. Mazzuca had a concern that applicant had proposed to lease fourteen off-street spaces from an adjacent business and that it had not been made a part of a requirement. Attorney Hill confirmed Ald. Mazzuca's statement. With that being said, Ald. Mazzuca indicated that he would not support the Ordinance.

Roll Call:

AYES: Ald. Milissis, Smith, Shubert, Knight, Maloney and Sweeney (6)

NAYS: Ald. Mazzuca (1)

ABSENT: None (0)

Motion Carried, 6 – 1.

C. Liquor License Review Board – Mayor Schmidt

Ald. Knight inquired about the date of the next Liquor License Review Board meeting. City Manager Hamilton explained that the meeting is scheduled for September 16 at 6:00 p.m. at which time the sale of single serving size cans of beer will be addressed.

D. O'Hare Airport Commission – Ald. Maloney

- 1. Approve Resolution Authorizing Mayor Schmidt to sign letters to be sent to elected officials concerning O'Hare International Airport**

Motion by Ald. Maloney. Seconded by Ald. Smith.

Ald. Sweeney explained that would like to defer the matter since a draft letter with changes was provided to Aldermen before the meeting and that he had not been given an opportunity to review the changes. Mayor Schmidt and Deputy Clerk Peterson explained that only grammatical changes were made.

Move to defer until a final revised copy is submitted for approval.

Motion by Ald. Sweeney. Seconded by Ald. Mazzuca.

Ald. Mazzuca referred to the Resolution and confirmed with the Attorney Hill that the Mayor would have editorial leeway to make changes. Attorney Hill agreed. Ald. Mazzuca was not certain why the matter would need to be deferred.

Attorney Hill indicated that if two Aldermen suggest that an item be deferred, it is deferred. If two people vote in the affirmative, then the matter is deferred. Ald. Maloney would like clarification explaining when two votes are sufficient to defer and when a majority vote required.

Motion to defer, defeated.

Roll Call (Main Motion)

AYES: Ald. Smith, Shubert, Knight, Maloney, Mazzuca and Milissis (6)

NAYS: Ald. Sweeney (1)

ABSENT: None (0)

Motion Carried, 6 – 1.

E. Procedures and Regulations Committee – Ald. Mazzuca

F. Public Works Committee – Ald. Maloney

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Motion by Ald. Maloney. Seconded by Ald. Sweeney.

Ald. Knight questioned why the matter was placed on the Consent Agenda given the fact that there was extensive discussion on the matter at a Committee level meeting and a more detailed memorandum was requested. The item received a 5-1 vote at the Committee meeting. City Manager Hamilton took responsibility for its placement on the Consent Agenda and apologized. Mayor Schmidt suggested only items receiving unanimous votes should be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Ald. Mazzuca believed doing this without a competitive bid process was a bad idea.

Ald. Knight recognized Director Zingsheim for the explanation he provided regarding the name changes involved in the family transfer of ownership from the original installer of the equipment. Ald. Knight

questioned the second quote received in the amount of \$220K. Director Zingsheim informed the Council that another quote was received for \$220-\$235K, a ballpark figure, just this afternoon.

Director Zingsheim provided the Aldermen with various benefits of using Eaton. He explained that it will take 10-12 weeks to manufacture the equipment and then take time for installation. Director Zingsheim indicated that the selected company lowered their price to meet the budget the City reserved for the project.

Ald. Milissis recognized the importance of this project and the decision made by Director Zingsheim. He believes perhaps the other quotes should have been included in the memorandum.

Ald. Smith questioned Director Zingsheim about the bid process. In Director Zingsheim's opinion, an engineer would be required which would be more costly to the City. City Manager Hamilton explained that this project qualified under Section 2.9.9 of the Municipal Code. The project consists of the replacement of an existing piece of equipment which is covered under the code.

Ald. Mazzuca found it suspicious that the quote was exactly \$200K while the other quotes were not rounded-off numbers. Director Zingsheim reiterated that the original quote was higher but that he explained to the company that the City had only budgeted \$200K. Mayor Schmidt questioned if the other companies were extended the same option to meet the price. Director Zingsheim explained that the other two bids were received after the original bid was received.

Ald. Knight believes that the bid process needs to be reviewed to avoid skepticism by the Council and to display greater transparency.

Ald. Smith believes the City is getting the best price from the dealer. In his opinion, going out to bid would raise the internal costs for the city and that in an effort to be transparent, the City may also be extravagant.

Ald. Knight explained his reason for being completely transparent. Mayor Schmidt explained that it is the Council's job to watch over what is done. Ald. Mazzuca concurred, offering similar sentiments.

Ald. Sweeney called the question. All Aldermen concurred to take the vote.

Roll Call

AYES: Ald. Shubert, Maloney, Sweeney, Milissis and Smith (5)

NAYS: Ald. Knight and Mazzuca (2)

ABSENT: None (0)

Motion Carried, 5 – 2.

G. Public Safety Committee – Ald. Milissis

No report.

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 explained that at a prior discussion, a senior staff member indicated that they were not comfortable with the bidding process, nor did they trust it for major projects. He requested that City Manager Hamilton provide feedback as to how the bid process could be improved and trusted by staff. City Manager Hamilton indicated that information would be provided at the meeting after next.

Ald. Milissis wished Deputy Clerk Peterson a Happy Birthday.

Ald. Sweeney requested that a vote to reconsider the donation of a City Vehicle to the Maine Township Emergency Management Program (2002 XLS Ford Explorer) be added to the next Committee of the Whole agenda on August 26, 2013.

In response to Ald. Maloney's question, Attorney Hill explained who would be able to request a vote reconsideration.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Transcribed by:

Cheryl Peterson, Deputy Clerk

Approved by the Elected Officials this 3rd day of September, 2013

Attest:

David F. Schmidt, Mayor

Betty W. Henneman, City Clerk