



MINUTES

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS**

City Hall - Council Chambers
505 Butler Place
Park Ridge, IL 60068

August 20, 2012

Mayor Schmidt called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Henneman read the roll call. The following Elected Officials indicated their presence at the meeting: Ald. Sweeney, Di Pietro, Smith, Raspanti, Knight, Mazzuca, Maloney and Mayor Schmidt. There was a quorum.

Staff present: Stutts, Sorensen, Jogman, Henn, Hamilton, Peterson, Testin, Doczekalski, Zingsheim and Mitchell

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 16, Regular City Council Meeting

Moved by Ald. Sweeney. Seconded by Di Pietro.

Motion carried, voice vote.

2. July 30, 2012 Special City Council Meeting

Moved by Ald. Sweeney, Seconded by Ald. Raspanti.

Motion carried, voice vote.

3. August 13, 2012 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Moved by Ald. Sweeney. Seconded by Ald. Raspanti.

Motion carried, voice vote.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the Consent Agenda were considered as routine by the City Council and were enacted by one motion. No separate discussion took place on the listed items unless indicated.

F. Public Works Committee

1. Approve fuel purchase with Al Warren Oil in the amount of \$23,316.86
2. Approve purchase order with Superior Road Striping, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 for the 2012/2013 Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Program
3. Approve contract with DiMeo Brothers, Inc in the amount of \$667,443.00 for the 2012/2013 Watermain Program

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4. Approve contract with DiMeo Brothers, Inc in the amount of \$1,194,121.00 for the 2012/2013 Flood Reduction Program

G. Public Safety Committee

1. Approve purchase with Alpha Prime Communications in the amount of \$10,670.00 for narrowbanding, purchase, and installation of radio equipment

H. Finance and Budget Committee

1. Approve warrants, reviewed by Ald. Knight, for the period ending July 31, 2012 in the amount of \$2,284,239.04 and wire transfers, fees and EFT payments for the month of July 2012 in the amount of \$81,763.51
2. Approve warrants, reviewed by Ald. Maloney for the period ending August 15, 2012 in the amount of \$2,081,042.11
3. ~~Approve Resolution to remove Elected Officials from participation in IMRF~~
5. Approve modification to Council Policy Statement 21 – Unbudgeted expenditures
8. Approve contract with ADP effective 5/1/13 for a 3-year agreement totaling \$253,367.00
9. Approve contract with Ceridian, 5/1/12 – 4/30/13 in the amount of \$42,240.00

Ald. Di Pietro requested Item H.3. be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Ald. Sweeney moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. Seconded by Ald. Di Pietro.

Roll Call:

AYES: Ald. Di Pietro, Smith, Raspanti, Knight, Mazzuca, Maloney and Sweeney (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

Motion carried, 7-0.

V. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor

1. Motion to approve the following volunteers to Boards and Commissions:

Appearance Commission: Ellen Upton, term ending May 7, 2015

Community Health Commission: Bob Harrington, Eileen Manning and Yeyin Yi, terms ending September 1, 2014

O'Hare Airport Commission: Jim Argionis and Angelo Demeros, terms ending July 1, 2015

Ald. Di Pietro moved to approve the Mayoral appointments as presented. Seconded by Ald. Sweeney.

Ald. Smith moved to divide the question, voting on Ellen Upton individually.

Ald. Smith explained that he wanted to continue a discussion that took place a few weeks earlier. He gave his opinion the current appointment process and his belief on how he believes it should be done. Ald. Di Pietro provided follow-up comments explaining how appointments were made in the past and how volunteers are presently appointed. He spoke highly of Ms. Upton's credentials who is an attorney by profession. Ald. Sweeney, a former liaison to the Appearance Commission, indicated that Ms. Upton is a positive contributor to the Commission. All three Aldermen stated that they would support her appointment.

Roll Call:

AYES: Ald. Smith, Raspanti, Knight, Mazzuca, Maloney, Sweeney and Di Pietro (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

Motion carried, 7-0.

Ald. Sweeney moved to approve the volunteers appointed to serve on the Community Health and O'Hare Airport Commission. Seconded by Ald. Di Pietro.

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AYES: Ald. Raspanti, Knight, Mazzuca, Maloney, Sweeney, Di Pietro and Smith (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

Motion carried, 7-0.

Angelo Demeros and Bob Harrington were in attendance and recognized by Mayor Schmidt.

2. 2012 Beautification Award Winners

Mayor Schmidt and Marion Sitkiewicz, representing the Garden Club, recognized the following homeowners for participating in the Beautification Contest. Withstanding the heat, the homeowners worked hard to showcase their homes with beautiful front gardens. In recognition of their efforts, each winner was presented with an award certificate, a sign for their lawn, and a Chamber of Commerce gift certificate.

Lee & Deanna Mugnolo	200 N. Prospect	Barbara & Leonard Kuhr	340 W. Cuttriss
Gary & Susan Ziols	201 N. Aldine	Gordon E. Williams	234 Elmore
Kip Townsend	730 Park Plaine	Dan & Monica Sherlock	411 N. Merrill
Tony & Gisella Cupello	1485 N. Tyrell	Gabbi Bono	507 S. Chester
Cynthia & Paul Dickinson	503 Leonard St	Curt & Jennifer Barcal	1005 S. Lincoln

3. Summit Lot

Mayor Schmidt spoke about the deplorable condition of the parking lot located along the railroad tracks. It was his belief that construction would be done this year (2012). Director Zingsheim of Public Works indicated that work would be done during the present fiscal year (Spring 2013). He is waiting to see if the City would receive financial assistance through the ITEP Grant.

Mayor Schmidt also provided information about mosquito spraying. He explained that the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District (NWMAD) performs mosquito spraying and the City has no forewarning when that will be done. He explained that those with respiratory problems can sign up to receive spray warnings from NWMAD. He requested that a link be placed on the City's website to access the NWMAD website so that residents could check the spraying schedule and receive answers to frequently asked questions. Public Works Director Zingsheim indicated that NWMAD has treated catch basins with a larvicide that prevents larvae from developing. He requested that Director Zingsheim find out if there is a way for NWMAD to communicate with the City.

Mayor Schmidt also spoke about the increased sighting of skunks. The City no longer has traps available for residential usage. Community Preservation and Development Manager Jim Testin indicated that residents are encouraged to contact a pest control agency or visit the City's website for additional information. Residents should also treat their lawn for grubs since skunks like grubs. In response to Ald. Maloney's question about wildlife traps, Director Zingsheim estimated that it was about four years ago that the City had stopped the program.

Mayor Schmidt made the following announcements:

- Harry O'Brien Walk /Run is scheduled for Saturday, August 25 at 8:30 a.m.
- The Center of Concern is currently having a matching fund campaign through September 15
- Center of Concern Oktoberfest Fund raiser, September 21 at Tam Golf Course in Niles

B. City Council

No report

C. City Attorney

No report.

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D. City Clerk

Motion to adjourn to Closed Session to review and approve minutes of Closed Session meetings pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 c 21: February 6, 2012 (Collective Negotiating Matters and Review of Closed Session Minutes); March 21, 2012 (Litigation); April 2, 2012 (Litigation update); April 16, 2012 (Collective Negotiating Matters); May 4, 2012 (Employment/City Manager); May 14, 2012 (Employment/Community Preservation & Development Manager), May 21, 2012 (Collective Negotiations); June 4, 2012 (Litigation/Workman's Compensation Settlement); June 4, 2012 (Litigation/805 N. Northwest Hwy); June 4, 2012 (Litigation/DeCook); June 18, 2012 (Litigation/DeCook); June 18, 2012 (Litigation update); and June 18, 2012 (Litigation/Vine).

Moved by Ald. Di Pietro. Seconded by Ald. Sweeney.

Roll Call:

AYES: Ald. Knight, Mazzuca, Maloney, Sweeney, Di Pietro, Smith and Raspanti (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

Motion carried, 7-0.

E. City Manager

1. **City Manager Shawn Hamilton requested the Council's approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Park Ridge and the Illinois Council of Police and Sheriffs (ICOPS), May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2015.**

Moved by Ald. Di Pietro. Seconded by Ald. Sweeney.

Human Resource Manager Cathy Doczekalski provided a summary of the various employment positions that are included in the ICOPS Contract.

Ald. Knight indicated that he would not support this proposal, nor would he support any proposed increase in wages until a comprehensive review is done regarding the City's pay practices and salary structure. He has become frustrated in seeing that consideration is not given on the impact of these increases on the City's financial position. He would like the City Manager to find a way to address this matter holistically, instead of by piecemeal.

Roll Call:

AYES: Ald. Maloney, Sweeney, Di Pietro, Smith and Raspanti (5)

NAYS: Ald. Mazzuca and Knight (2)

ABSENT: None (0)

Motion carried, 5-2.

2. City Manager Shawn Hamilton provided an update on the Taste of Park Ridge (TOPR). He spoke about the 90-day Irrevocable Letter of Credit which the TOPR, LLC had provided to the City as part of their contract. The TOPR committee has requested an early release of the Letter of Credit due to the overlap of a future event (Chamber of Commerce, PizzaFest) while the Letter of Credit is still valid.

City Attorney Hill explained that the matter would not need to be referred to a committee, however, it would be a waiver of a provision within the contract. Ald. Di Pietro suggested that the matter be placed on the August 27, 2012 Procedures and Regulations Committee of the Whole agenda.

Ald. Raspanti questioned the amount that was billed for City services to the TOPR. Mayor Schmidt inquired about the profit sharing. Ald. Knight was not certain why the matter was being discussed and why it was brought before the Council.

3. Human Resource Update

Ms. Doczekalski provided a hard-copy report to the Council.

4. Video System/Storage for Police Station

City Manager Hamilton spoke about the immediate need for this expenditure. Although the matter constitutes an emergency expense, he wished to receive a consensus of the Council. Ald. Mazzuca questioned who was the

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manufacturer of the original equipment, its warranty period, and whether the City retained a list of contractors provide inferior business for the citizens of Park Ridge.

Deputy Chief Jogman indicated that all cameras are working. He explained that last year, Chubb assessed the system and brought the system up to minimum compliance. City Manager Hamilton would like the new system to be expandable. After further discussion of the perceived emergency, possible equipment failure and the use of budgeted funds, City Manager Hamilton sought consensus of the Council for this expenditure. Finance Director Stutts spoke about a policy regarding unbudgeted expenditures in which this expense falls. Ald. Sweeney spoke about the critical need to have all equipment working properly.

City Manager Hamilton extended his thanks to staff and the Council for allowing him to serve the City of Park Ridge.

Marcy Feinberg (44 Park Lane) questioned whether the City has a maintenance contract for the system in the event of a failure.

VI. CITIZENS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No comments.

VII. REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

A. Planning & Zoning Commission

1. **Ald. Sweeney moved to remove from the table, text amendments to Sections 14.6.c and 14.12.b of the Zoning Ordinance regarding replacement of sign panels of non-conforming ground pole signs in the B-1 District.** Seconded by Ald. Di Pietro.

Ald. Sweeney provided the reason for revisiting the matter.

Motion carried, voice vote.

2. **Ald. Sweeney moved to affirm the Planning and Zoning Commissions denial of text amendments to Section 14.6.c and 14.12.b of the Zoning Ordinance regarding replacement of sign panels of non-conforming ground pole signs in the B-1 District, Case Number TA-12-04.** Seconded by Ald. Di Pietro.

Ald. Sweeney provided an overview of the matter before the Council. Attorney Hill explained that a super majority vote (6 NAY votes) would be required to override the Planning and Zoning Commission's decision. Ald. Maloney requested input from Community Preservation and Development Manager Testin. Testin explained that ground monument signs are preferred in the B-1 District which is the entranceway into the community. He affirmed the decision made by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Ald. Di Pietro indicated that the commission voted unanimously on the matter.

Ald. Smith presented various questions to Mr. Testin regarding the Planning & Zoning Commissions Findings of Fact. Ald. Smith questioned Mr. Testin on Item # 1 which was relative to promoting public health. Ald. Smith believed the City was operating against a businessman for not doing something that in his opinion was impossible to achieve. He did not understand why the proposed amendment would need to be relevant to the comprehensive plan.

In Ald. Sweeney's opinion, this property is not part of the gateway into the City. He believes the sign is an eyesore and that the City is failing to be business friendly.

Ald. Raspanti questioned who would be responsible for placing the monument ground sign. According to Ald. Sweeney, the building owner would be responsible party but that he has no intentions of doing so. According to Ald. Raspanti, he heard that the owner of the Dunkin Donuts was willing to pay to have the pole sign restored and that time and business reasons were motivation factors.

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Mr. Vishal Shah (3726 Miller Drive, Glenview), co-owner of the Dunkin Donuts located at Touhy and Greenwood, wants to be a good neighbor and would like to beautify the sign without any financial burden to the landlord or any other renter in the small strip mall. The business is currently set back off the street and signage would provide necessary advertising to increase business revenue.

Ald. Knight questioned the co-owner about his lease with the owner. The owner admitted he was unaware of the City's sign ordinance when he entered into the contract with the lessor of the property.

Ald. Di Pietro presented various questions regarding the sign and allowances based on the Council's decision. According to Mr. Testin, the sign already exists. If the Council upholds the recommendation, the blank panel would remain on the pole sign.

Missy Langan (1924 Canfield) questioned why a text amendment is being sought instead of a variance with a condition. She found it disturbing that the landlord is unwilling to follow the ordinance and provide proper signage for his tenants. She believes other avenues should have been considered before requesting a text amendment which would prevent the sign to be brought into conformance.

Mr. Shah indicated that they would consider taking down the pole sign and replacing it with a monument sign if the owner of the cleaners was to relocate. Mr. Shah did not want to place a financial burden on his business neighbor.

Ald. Di Pietro spoke about the applicant's option to present the matter to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Attorney Hill indicated that use variances are not permissible under the Zoning Ordinance.

Ald. Smith indicated that he is dissatisfied with the Findings of Fact by the Commission. He is willing to overrule the Planning and Zoning Commission. He believes the City is unwilling to make a minor accommodation for a small businessman. He does not believe applicants are being treated equally.

Mayor Schmidt spoke about the variance that was applied for and granted to Panino's through the Zoning Board of Appeals. He indicated that the change being discussed would impact everything in the B-1 District. It is the City's desire to get rid of the pole signs through attrition.

Ald. Knight questioned who allowed Panino's their variance. He also requested an inventory of the pole signs that remain in the B-1 District, both single and multi-tenant. Ald. Knight would like to have the answers to these questions before making any decision.

Ald. Knight made a motion to defer the matter until September 4, 2012. Seconded by Ald. Mazzuca.

Roll Call:

AYES: Ald. Maloney, Sweeney, Di Pietro, Smith, Raspanti, Knight and Mazzuca (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

Motion carried, 7-0.

3. **Ald. Sweeney moved final approval of Ordinance for text amendments allowing a new proposed use, "Heritage Center" in the B-1 District, Case Number TA-12-05.** Seconded by Ald. Di Pietro.

Ald. Sweeney explained that this motion relates to the Kalo Center.

Roll Call:

AYES: Ald. Raspanti, Knight, Mazzuca, Maloney, Sweeney and Di Pietro (6)

NAYS: Ald. Smith (1)

ABSENT: None (0)

Motion carried, 6-1.

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4. **Ald. Sweeney moved final approval of an Ordinance to allow a Special Use for a “Heritage Center” at 255 and 257 North Northwest Highway, Case Number SU-12-03 with conditions:**

1. **Granting an exception to allow the existing building to encroach 10.86 feet into the required 15-foot rear yard setback required by Section 8.3, Table 4; and**
2. **Granting an exception to allow the existing building to encroach 3.45 feet into the required five-foot interior side yard setback required by Section 8.3, Table 4; and**
3. **Granting an exception to allow for less than the required number of parking spaces, per Section 12.13, Table 9; and**
4. **Granting an exception to allow the existing parking area to remain within five feet of the south property line, per Section 12.7.B; and**
5. **Waiving the rear yard and interior side yard transitional yards required by Section 13.12; and**
6. **The applicant must promote and publicize the use of required parking lots.**

Seconded by Ald. Smith.

Ald. Di Pietro moved to amend Item #6 of the Special Use as follows:

#6. The Heritage Center shall promote and publicize the use of the Northwest Highway public lot and other non-residential parking that may be available within two blocks of the Heritage Center in the following manner:

1. **Public parking in non-residential areas shall be encouraged on the Heritage Center’s website; and**
2. **A permanent sign shall be posted on the front door of the Heritage Center directing patrons to use available non-residential parking; and**
3. **Guests shall be encouraged to use available non-residential parking on invitations or other mailings publicizing a Heritage Center event.**

Seconded by Ald. Maloney.

Ald. Di Pietro explained, on July 16, 2012 he offered a similar expanded amendment to Item #6 which caused many meaningful objections voiced by members of the Kalo Foundation. He has modified the language of the amendment accordingly.

Bobbi Oschgar (311 Root Street) stated that 50% of homes on Root Street have no driveways and must use parking in front of their homes. Residents are asking Kalo to take the one sentence from their website and put it on a permanent sign on its front door and include it on all invitations to events at the Heritage Center. She also believes it is important to include the wording in the Ordinance so that new Board members are aware of this matter for coming years. She requested that the Aldermen support the amendment.

Atul Karkhanis (316 Root), resident and Zoning Board of Appeals Commissioner believes Kalo is doing everything they have been requested to do by the area residents. He supports Ald. Di Pietro’s amendment.

Judy Barclay (524 Courtland), resident, Board member of Kalo and Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission, indicated that Ald. Di Pietro’s amendment changed from the last time it was presented. She does not favor having the amendment included in the Ordinance and believes it would set a precedent. She indicated that Kalo is currently doing everything that has been requested.

Roll Call (for the amendment):

AYES: Ald. Di Pietro, Raspanti, Mazzuca, Maloney and Sweeney (5)

NAYS: Ald. Smith, Knight (2)

ABSENT: None (0)

Motion carried, 5-2.

Roll Call (main motion, as amended):

AYES: Ald. Raspanti, Knight, Mazzuca, Maloney, Sweeney and Di Pietro (6)

NAYS: Ald. Smith (1)

ABSENT: None (0)

Motion carried, 6-1.

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B. Zoning Board of Appeals

No report.

C. Liquor License Review Board

No report.

D. O'Hare Airport Commission

Ald. Maloney provided a summary of the O'Hare Airport Commission's (OAC) last meeting. The Law Firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP is in the process of drafting a follow-up letter addressing questions raised in the initial letter that still remain unanswered. He also reported that a letter is being drafted to send to the Elected Officials asking their support for a mandatory Fly Quiet Program and for stopping runway decommissions. Information will be included in the upcoming issue of the Spokesman. City Manager Hamilton explained that the OAC did not hold an official meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

H. Finance & Budget Committee

6. Ald. Knight moved to reconsider final approval of an Ordinance amending Article 11, Chapter 1, Section 9 of the Park Ridge Municipal Code which modifies the water and sewer rate structure.

Seconded by Ald. Sweeney.

Ald. Mazzuca requested leniency from the Mayor, which he was granted, and asked for a show of hands of residents who were attending the meeting for this issue. After a few questions were presented, Ald. Di Pietro and Ald. Raspanti called for a Point of Order. Ald. Di Pietro indicated, if the motion was to be defeated, there would be no reason to proceed.

Ald. Di Pietro explained why the item was being reconsidered. He did not believe all residents had an opportunity to foresee the major amendment and requested the Council's support.

Bill Sauer (1725 Pavilion Way) understood that Chicago has increased their water rates. Park Ridge is following suit. He questioned if rates were being increased by the same percentage as Chicago's increase. He requested that consideration be given to condominium buildings because they have their own pumps. He believes it takes less energy to pump the water to a condo unit. He believes it is unfair for condo owners to get a larger increase than residential homes. He also added that the condo association is responsible for its own sewer system. He spoke of how the City actually saves money with the condominium buildings.

Phil Lavery (400 Ascot, 4G and Bristol Court Condominium Property Manager) indicated that a letter was submitted to the Elected Officials containing over 200 signatures of residents. He indicated that Bristol Court joins others and requests consideration of the proposed fees. Based on his understanding of the proposed Ordinance, Bristol Court would realize a 10% increase due to this change and cause another increase in taxes paid by townhome and condominium owners. He believes all customers should be treated equally with the same rate and recommended that a fair usage based system be approved. Mr. Lafferty indicated that he and a few other residents presented the petition. Ald. Mazzuca took time to clarify misunderstandings that Mr. Lavery had regarding the proposed Ordinance. He also explained that the proposal would cost each Bristol Court unit \$1.90 per month. Also, he indicated that units would pay 97% less than single-family homeowners.

Ald. Raspanti stated that he was uncomfortable with the cross-examination between Ald. Mazzuca and Mr. Lavery. He believed it would be more appropriate for Ald. Mazzuca to share his comments during the Council's discussion.

Marcy Feinberg (44 Park Lane, Unit 336) presented petitions signed by members of the Park Lane Condominium Association and from the Boardwalk Townhome Association. She reminded the Council that condominium owners pay taxes just the same as individual homeowners. Park Ridge benefits from the monies paid by her Association. She also indicated that the Homeowner Association provides many of their own maintenance services.

John Schwartz (75 Boardwalk Place) indicated that he did not see much information in the study about sewers.

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He viewed the information provided on the City's website relating to the matter and concluded that he liked the Baxter Woodman study. He believes the fairest billing would be based on usage.

Ms. Yokiosho (1 N. Dee Road, 3A) came before the Council representing the Vista Del Lago Association. She also presented signed petitions to the Council.

Gail Mountcastle (2701 Sibley), Executive Director of the Park Ridge Park District, indicated that the Park District presented a letter to the Council at the previous meeting. She thanked Allison Stutts, the City's Finance Director, for explaining some of the meter charges. She believes charges should be billed on the basis of usage. She is unclear about how a larger water meter affects the amount of water usage. She urged the Council to proceed with the Baxter Woodman recommendation, which in her opinion is a fair assessment, and in her calculation would result in an \$11,000 increase for the Park District, versus a \$28,000 increase annually.

John Vandenbrink (30 Boardwalk) indicated that nothing he has heard makes any sense. He believes that residents should be charged a flat rate, free from any hidden charges.

Finance Director Stutts explained; there are three components to the water rate; the fixed charge (fixed costs for the water administration and the billing of the water which provides a continual stream of revenue); a flat rate per 1000 gallons from the City of Chicago; and a flat rate per 1000 gallons from the City of Park Ridge. Larger meters in town would bear the larger percentage of the fixed charges with smaller meters bearing a smaller amount of the fixed charges. She indicated that the Council directed Baxter Woodman to set the base rate and fixed charge at 1.5" and smaller. Ald. Mazzuca later introduced his amendment which was adopted. Both are variations of the Baxter Woodman methodology suggested by the American Water Works Association. The City of Chicago rate per 1000 gallons is \$2.51 and the Park Ridge rate is \$2.85 per 1000 gallons.

John Schwarz, (75 Boardwalk) questioned Director Stutts about various charges.

Bill Sauer (1725 Pavilion Way) believes that all residents should have the same flat rate. It should not be dependent on the meter size.

Jim Huntman (500 Thames) stated that 50% of the units in his building has only 1 tenant per unit verses several occupants that may live in a home. He concurred that the increase should be the same for all.

Ald. Mazzuca felt inclined to comment. He explained the methodology used when drafting his amendment, which in his opinion, created a more equitable balance. When addressing the Park District's issue, he indicated that the increase could be included in a tax levy which would be tax deductible to residents. He believes that there is increased awareness for water conservation due to the rate increase. Ald. Mazzuca presented the cost savings/expenses for various condominium associations as a result of the rate change. Ald. Mazzuca was upset with the inaccurate information that had been circulated to Bristol Court residents. He intends to focus on the actual facts and figures and would like Bristol Court to do the same with any future communications.

Ald. Di Pietro suggested taking a vote to reconsider.

Ald. Sweeney requested Ald. Maloney's input on the matter. Ald. Maloney believes there is a significant change taking place and most residents are unaware of the water rate change. After further review and receiving well-defined explanations from Ald. Mazzuca, Ald. Maloney indicated that he is finally comfortable with what has been presented. In his opinion, it is a fair increase and he supports Ald. Mazzuca's proposal.

Ald. Knight believes the proposal is fair and concurred with comments made by Ald. Maloney.

Ald. Smith requested Director Zingsheim to comment on suggestions that he had made to the Park District about ways to conserve water.

Ald. Raspanti explained that this rate determination has been an 8-month process. The City commissioned a company to provide a study which was performed by professionals. He is nervous about a change that is being considered at the last minute. He encouraged fellow Aldermen to reconsider the matter since nothing precludes the Council from revisiting this matter during the next budget cycle.

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Ald. Smith believes the City needs to move forward with this issue. The City has been losing revenue by underpricing water for many years. In his opinion, it is a fiscal hemorrhage that needs to be fixed as soon as possible.

Ald. Sweeney voted no against the amendment and plans to do the same about the rate structure. He believes it is a reflection that the City is anti-development for larger businesses that would require larger meters. In his opinion, the City is creating more aggravation and problems.

Roll Call:

AYES: Ald. Raspanti, Sweeney and Di Pietro (3)

NAYS: Ald. Knight, Mazzuca, Maloney and Smith (4)

ABSENT: None (0)

Motion failed 3-4.

Therefore, Item #4 was stricken from the agenda.

Mayor Schmidt called for a 5-minute recess at 9:46 p.m.

The Council continued to address Finance and Budget Agenda Items.

1. **Approve warrants, reviewed by Ald. Knight for the period ending July 31, 2012 in the amount of \$2,284,239.04 and wire transfers, fees and EFT payments for the month of July 2012 in the amount of \$81,763.51 / Approved under the Omnibus vote designation**
2. **Approve warrants, reviewed by Ald. Maloney for the period ending August 15, 2012 in the amount of \$2,081,042.11 / Approved under the Omnibus Vote designation**
3. **Ald. Knight moved to approve the rescission of the IMRF Resolution for Elected Official participation in IMRF for the Mayor, the governing body and the treasurer. Seconded by Ald. Raspanti.**

Finance Director Stutts reported that an audit was performed early in July, at which time it was determined that the Mayor and Elected Officials were not meeting the hourly work requirements for IMRF participation. The City no longer has a treasurer. At IMRF's recommendation, the City's Resolution is being rescinded. Currently, the only Elected Official contributing to IMRF is Mayor Schmidt. Any monies contributed by Mayor Schmidt would be returned to him.

Frank Bartolone (905 Cleveland), resident and former Alderman, questioned how anyone could possibly determine the actual hours that an Elected Official works. He finds it difficult to make that determination.

Ald. Stutts provided the determining factors set forth by the IMRF.

Many Aldermen and the Mayor agreed it was difficult to quantify the actual hours.

Sean O'Leary (2060 Manor Lane) does not doubt the hours invested by the Elected Officials. He believes their decision to decline this benefit would be viewed favorably as a good-will gesture.

Ald. Smith moved the question.

Roll Call:

AYES: Ald. Knight, Mazzuca, Maloney, Sweeney, Di Pietro, Smith and Raspanti (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

Motion carried, 7-0.

4. **Ald. Knight moved to approve modifications to Section 2-9-6 which governs revisions to the annual budget. Seconded by Ald. Di Pietro.**

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Ald. Knight provided preliminary comments regarding the revision and requested Finance Director Stutts to continue. She explained that modifications made to budgets in previous years were lenient. The new amendment rules are meant to be more stringent with accountability.

Budget amendments between departments within the same fund with the same object code regardless of dollar amount need Department Head, Finance Director and City Manager approval.

Budget amendments between departments within the same fund with different object codes need Department Head, Finance Director and City Manager approval, if the transfer is greater than \$1,000.00, City Council approval is also required.

Budget amendments within the same department and within the same fund with different object codes would require approval from the Department Head, the Finance Director and the City Manager. If the transfer is greater than \$10,000.00, City Council approval would be required.

Attorney Hill commented favorably about the “real” rules set forth that the City now will need to follow.

Ald. Knight explained that this change should make the Council more aware of what is happening with staff. He urged Aldermen to support the revision.

Roll Call:

AYES: Ald. Mazzuca, Maloney, Sweeney, Di Pietro, Smith, Raspanti and Knight (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

Motion carried, 7-0.

5. Approve modification to Council Policy Statement 21- Unbudgeted expenditures / Approved under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

6. (addressed earlier in the meeting)

7. ~~Final approval of Ordinance amending Article 11, Chapter 1, Section 9 of the Park Ridge Municipal Code which modifies the water and sewer rate structure.~~ (This item was not address since the vote on #6 failed)

8. Approve contract with ADP effective 5/1/13 for a 3-year agreement totaling \$253,367.00 / Approved under the Omnibus Vote Designation

9. Approve contract with Ceridian, 5/1/12 – 4/30/13 in the amount of \$42,240.00 / Approved under the Omnibus Vote Designation

10. Ald. Knight moved approval of the Professional Account Management for processing and collecting City citations with a total annual cost not to exceed \$114,000.00 for a period of one-year from the effective date for the signed agreements with an option to cancel or renew for 2 additional years. Seconded by Ald. Di Pietro.

Finance Director Stutts explained to Ald. Mazzuca the reason for which the Police Department requires six handhelds. She also indicated that a provision was added to the contract making Duncan Solution’s aware that they must perform to the City’s standards.

Ald. Mazzuca indicated that he was comfortable with approving six handhelds.

Roll Call:

AYES: Ald. Maloney, Sweeney, Di Pietro, Smith, Raspanti, Knight and Mazzuca (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

Motion carried, 7-0.

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E. Procedures and Regulations

1. **Ald. Di Pietro moved to remove question B from the Real Property Disclosure Statement, re-index the remaining questions, and rename the document, "Ethics Disclosure Statement."**
Seconded by Ald. Sweeney.

Roll Call:

AYES: Ald. Sweeney, Di Pietro, Smith, Raspanti, Mazzuca and Maloney (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Ald. Knight (1)

Motion carried, 6-1.

2. **Ald. Di Pietro moved to approve an increase in wages to non-union, non-library employees, which includes 1% wage increase for employees who meet expectations, and 2% wage increase for employees who exceed expectations effective May 1, 2012.** Seconded by Ald. Raspanti.

Ald. Knight indicated that he would vote no and reiterated comments made earlier. He plans to have a future discussion with the Acting City Manager. He plans to vote no on all future salary increases and will do so until a comprehensive look is given to the salary structure which includes comparables. He indicated that the City does not have funds for this purpose.

Mayor Schmidt spoke about the monetary woes of the City, the precarious economy, and the proposed property tax increase. He believes the City needs to reduce employee expenses across the board.

In response to a question brought forth from Ald. Raspanti, City Manager Hamilton indicated that he has a clear understanding of what Ald. Knight was requesting. He believes that the current budget is not sustainable long term. However, he cannot make any recommendation for reductions after being with the City for just 3 weeks. At his recent staff meeting, he had advised department heads that any conversation related to an expenditure must be brought to him budget neutral. He is currently observing, data gathering and putting together recommendations. He estimates that he would be ready to present his recommendations to the Council 60-90 days after being with the organization.

Ald. Raspanti does not believe what staff has presented is perfect, but in his opinion, is improved. He looks forward to hearing Mr. Hamilton's recommendations.

In response to Ald. Maloney's question, the City Manager Hamilton explained, if the increase was approved, he would require each department head to make the expenditure budget neutral. He would prefer that the Council make a decision. He believes that increases should be merit based according to performance. However, he does not know whether or not a raise for a particular position is too high or low.

Mayor Schmidt explained, if there is \$48,000 that can be cut, the raises should be voted down and the \$48,000 cut. The City needs the money.

Roll Call:

AYES: Ald. Di Pietro, Smith, Raspanti, Mazzuca and Maloney (5)

NAYS: Ald. Knight and Mazzuca (2)

ABSENT:

Motion carried, 5-2.

3. **Ald. Di Pietro moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance to approve modifications to Section 21-1-2; Regulations of Helistops, Permit Required.** Seconded by Ald. Sweeney.

Ald. Di Pietro pointed out that this is the first reading of Ordinance. Additionally he indicated that Advocate Lutheran General Hospital currently pays the City a monthly fee which is the reason for the proposed revision.

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Roll Call:

AYES: Ald. Smith, Raspanti, Knight, Mazzuca, Maloney, Sweeney and Di Pietro, (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

Motion carried, 7-0.

F. Public Works Committee

1. **Approve fuel purchase with Al Warren Oil in the amount of \$23,316.86 / Approved under the Omnibus Vote designation**
2. **Approve purchase order with Superior Road Striping, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 for the 2012/2013 Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Program / Approved under the Omnibus Vote designation**
3. **Approve contract with DiMeo Brothers, Inc in the amount of \$667,443.00 for the 2012/2013 Watermain Program / Approved under the Omnibus Vote designation**
4. **Approve contract with DiMeo Brothers, Inc in the amount of \$1,194,121.00 for the 2012/2013 Flood Reduction Program / Approved under the Omnibus Vote designation**

G. Public Safety Committee

1. **Approve purchase with Alpha Prime Communications in the amount of \$10,670.00 for narrowbanding, purchase, and installation of radio equipment / Approved under the Omnibus vote designation**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Sweeney informed the Council that the Park District does not intend to go to referendum in November 2012 regarding the purchase of a portion of the Youth Campus. However, they do plan to place an Advisory Referendum question on the April 2013 Election ballot.

Ald. Raspanti sought clarification on the redistricting of the 3rd and 4th Wards which would affect his and Ald. Smith's Ward. City Clerk Henneman reported that everything is in order and the redistricting would require an update to the City's Municipal Code which would require the Council's approval. She expects that to go before the Council in September.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned to Closed Session at 10:37 p.m. and returned to its regular meeting at 10:50 p.m.

The Council adjourned its regular meeting at 10:50 p.m.

Approved by the Council this 4th day of September, A.D., 2012.

Transcribed by Cheryl Peterson, DC

Attest:

David F. Schmidt, Mayor

Betty W. Henneman, City Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.