



**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL**

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, AT 7:00 P.M.**

**I. Call to order**

Acting Mayor Maloney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Acting Deputy Clerk Madden read the roll call and the following Elected Officials indicated their presence:  
Ald. Moran, Milissis, Van Roeyen, Shubert, Mazzuca and Acting Mayor/Ald. Maloney

Staff present:

J. Sorensen, F. Kaminski, A. Simon, J. Gilmore, B. Madden, J. Brown, W. Zingsheim

Acting Mayor Maloney explained that Ald. Van Roeyen has elected to participate electronically and his reason for doing so is one of the qualifying reasons stated in Council Policy Statement 35.

Acting Mayor Maloney reported that the speakerphone was placed in the center of the dais and that all votes of the meeting will be by roll call vote.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Attendees of the meeting pledged their allegiance to the United States flag.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**1. Regular City Council Meeting of January 17, 2017**

Moved by Ald. Moran. Seconded by Ald. Mazzuca.

**ROLL CALL**

**AYES: Ald. Moran, Milissis, Van Roeyen, Shubert, Mazzuca and Maloney (6)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

**ABSENT: None (0)**

**Motion carried, 6 – 0.**

**2. Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 23, 2017**

Moved by Ald. Moran. Seconded by Ald. Shubert.

**ROLL CALL**

**AYES: Ald. Milissis, Van Roeyen, Shubert, Mazzuca, Maloney and Moran (6)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

**ABSENT: None (0)**

**Motion carried, 6 – 0.**

**V. 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.

- VI.A.5. **Proclamation commemorating the Park Ridge Newcomers Club, 70th Anniversary (presented January 13, 2017 at event)**
- V1.E.1. **Approve Resolution for Norwegian Day Parade – May 21, 2017**
- V1.E.2. **Approve Resolution for the Memorial Day Parade – May 29, 2017**
- V1.E.3. **Approve Resolution with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the amount of \$1,200,000 for the 2017/2018 Street Resurfacing Program**
- VIII.F.1. **Approve the issuance of a late fee penalty to Pink Taxi, 1420 Renaissance Drive, #301-E in the amount of \$250**
- VIII.F.2. **Approve Final Reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Park Ridge Amending Article 10, Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code of Park Ridge Regarding Livery Certificates of Operation**
- VIII.G.1. **Approve Purchase Order for emergency watermain repair with DiMeo Brothers, Elk Grove, Illinois 60007 in the amount of \$49,190.00**
- VIII.G.2. **Approve Purchase Order for Flusher Repair to Sewer Equipment of Illinois, Island Lake, Illinois in the amount of \$18,532.32**
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- VIII.H.1. **Approve the purchase order for one Holmatro Rescue System Pump and bracket accessories from A.E.C. Fire Safety and Security, Springfield, IL in the amount of \$7,258.00**
- VIII.I.1. **Approve FY17 warrants for period ending January 31, 2017 in the amount of \$1,930,029.82 reviewed by Acting Mayor Maloney.**
- VIII.I.1. **Approve a purchase order increase for GovTempsUSA, LLC**

Moved by Ald. Moran. Seconded by Ald. Milissis.

Ald. Moran asked whether the \$250 late fee has been received from Pink Taxi. Acting City Manager Gilmore explained that Council approval would set that process in motion.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**AYES: Ald. Van Roeyen, Shubert, Mazzuca, Maloney, Moran and Milissis (6)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

**ABSENT: None (0)**

**Motion carried, 6 – 0.**

#### **VI. Reports of City Officials**

##### **A. Mayor's Report**

###### **1. Legislative update**

No Report.

###### **2. Resolution commemorating Alderman Daniel J. Knight, 1958-2016**

Ald. Moran, Milissis, Shubert and Mazzuca joined Acting Mayor Maloney at the podium. The Elected Officials had an opportunity to express their personal thoughts and remembrances. Acting Mayor Maloney read the Resolution, which honored the late Alderman Daniel J. Knight. The resolution was presented to Alderman Knight's wife Sue, who was accompanied by their son Will.

###### **3. Recognition of the Maine South 2016-17 Constitution Team**

Acting Mayor Maloney invited the members of the Maine South Constitution Team to the podium. He explained that the Constitution Team won the State Title on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and will compete at the national level in April. Mr. Andrew Trinkle is the coach of the team. He acknowledged their hard work throughout the year.

###### **4. Recognition of the Maine South Band, Orchestra and Choir**

Acting Mayor Maloney invited members of the Maine South Band, Orchestra and Choir to the podium. He spoke about their success at the Presidential Inauguration Heritage Festival. Ms. Teralyn Keith, Chair of the Fine Arts Department, outlined the awards won at the competition. Mr. Matthew Haynes and Mr. David Hutter introduced the students present.

**5. Proclamation commemorating the Park Ridge Newcomers Club, 70th Anniversary (presented January 13, 2017 at event) / Approved by omnibus vote**

**6. Life Saving Award – Officer Karyn Wisniewski**

Police Chief Kaminski recognized Officer Karyn Wisniewski for her life saving efforts on November 18, 2016. He explained that an individual had a heart attack while shopping at Whole Foods. Officer Wisniewski was immediately able to respond and administered CPR until the Fire Department arrived. This individual has made a full recovery. Her son was present and thanked Officer Wisniewski for saving his mother's life and visiting her in the hospital. He presented Officer Wisniewski with flowers.

Officer Wisniewski was presented the Life Saving Award by Police Chief Kaminski and Acting Mayor Maloney. Officer Wisniewski's husband pinned the medal on his wife.

**7. Report: Mayoral appointment of Adam Sciortino – Member of the Bike Task Force**

Acting Mayor Maloney explained that Adam Sciortino was appointed to the Bike Task Force, replacing a member that had not attended any meetings.

**8. Approve the Mayoral appointment and City Council confirmation of Charlie Melidosian to fill the vacancy of Fifth Ward Alderman**

Moved by Ald. Shubert. Seconded by Ald. Mazzuca.

Acting Mayor Maloney invited Joan Sandrik and Judy Barclay, members of the Interview Committee to provide an overview of the process for selecting the Fifth Ward Alderman. He stated that the other members of the Committee were Sue Knight, Michael Reardon (Chairman) and Sal Raspanti.

Ms. Sandrik read a statement from Sue Knight.

Both Ms. Sandrik and Ms. Barclay stated that they were honored to serve on the Interview Committee. Ms. Barclay indicated that this process for appointing an Elected Official has been used for a number of years. Ms. Sandrik explained that it is important for the residents of the ward to have a voice in determining their Alderman.

Ald. Milissis asked how the questions for the candidates were determined. Ms. Sandrik explained that the Committee members came up with the questions, some of which were used when selecting Ald. Van Roeyen.

Ald. Milissis thanked the Interview Committee for their work and time. He explained the City's current position and the number of important decisions ahead and expressed concern with the fact that he was not given the opportunity to provide input throughout the selection process. Ald. Milissis added that one of the interview sessions was scheduled during a Committee of the Whole meeting. He described himself as a "passive observer" of the process. Ald. Milissis stated that he would like more information prior to making a decision, specifically on Mr. Melidosian's views on City matters. He explained that although the same process was used to select Ald. Van Roeyen, it was different because Ald. Van Roeyen had just stood for the election and participated in candidate forums and his positions on City issues were known. Ald. Milissis acknowledged that the audio of the interviews was available on the City's website, but the first interview session was not available until this afternoon due to a technical issue. He described the procedure as "flawed" and asked that the process be taken over by the Mayor's Advisory Board. Ald. Milissis indicated that he would be voting "No" due to inadequate information needed to make a decision.

Ald. Van Roeyen thanked the interview team for their efforts and spirit of volunteerism. He explained that he reviewed the audio of the interviews and stated that Mr. Melidosian's interview was not available until this afternoon. Ald. Van Roeyen explained that the comments and conversations during the deliberations indicated a personal bias toward the selected candidate. He indicated that we would be voting "No."

Ald. Shubert also thanked the Interview Committee for their service. He stated that he listened to all of the audio from the interviews, read the minutes and saw a number of social media posts over the last week. He explained that he had an issue with the process since his first experience with it when appointing Ald. Van Roeyen. Ald. Shubert agreed that the Mayor's Advisory Board would be better suited to make the appointment. He acknowledged the importance of resident input, but ultimately the Mayor's Advisory Board should have control over the interview process and the questions used. Ald. Shubert stated that a process change must occur and now would be a good time to consider that.

Acting Mayor Maloney described the comments of Ald. Milissis, Van Roeyen and Shubert as orchestrated. Ald. Milissis objected to the statement that the comments were orchestrated.

Acting Mayor Maloney asked Ms. Sandrik and Ms. Barclay to address the comment by Ald. Van Roeyen that there was a personal bias toward Mr. Melidosian. Ms. Sandrik stated that if the Aldermen had concerns with the appointment process at the time Ald. Van Roeyen was appointed, they should have addressed it at that time or objected when the process began this time. She explained that it is insulting to the Interview Committee to substitute their judgement, the judgement of the residents, with that of the Council. Ms. Barclay explained that the Committee deliberated during two meetings and the audio should indicate that it was not an easy decision. She stated that the Council had plenty of opportunities to request changes to the process.

Ald. Milissis stated that the Committee members are not elected representatives of the Fifth Ward and therefore do not represent the entire Fifth Ward. He explained that the process is imperfect and there is more legitimacy in the decision if the Mayor's Advisory Board makes it. Ald. Milissis acknowledged the fact that he should have objected to the process sooner, but felt that the process began quickly and with little consultation to the Aldermen.

Acting Mayor Maloney explained that he does not feel slighted by the comments of the Aldermen, but rather disappointed that they feel their judgement is better than those residents of the Fifth Ward.

Ald. Mazzuca explained that while the Alderman did thank the Committee members, their comments do not respect the residents. He stated the process is intended to focus on the needs of the residents of the specific ward that has the vacancy. Ald. Mazzuca explained that the process is more transparent than ever before, with more candidates for a vacancy than ever before. He then thanked the members of the Interview Committee and stated that they carefully thought about the needs of the ward's residents and explained their actions as deliberate, smart and reasonable. Ald. Mazzuca stated that for those Aldermen that have questions, Mr. Melidosian is present. He indicated that he would be supporting the appointment of Mr. Melidosian.

Ald. Moran asked whether any of the Aldermen attended any of the interview or deliberation sessions. He did acknowledge that one conflicted with a Committee of the Whole Meeting. Ms. Sandrik and Ms. Barclay indicated that none of the Alderman were present.

Ald. Moran explained that this is a step back from transparency and accountability. While he is a member of the Mayor's Advisory Board, he stated that no one in the Fifth Ward holds him accountable. He questioned whether the Aldermen would feel differently if it were their seat being filled.

Ald. Van Roeyen stated that he listened carefully to the audio and explained that the Committee came to a logical conclusion; his earlier comments were not intended to imply that anyone on the Committee did anything wrong. However, he felt that in many instances the Committee was quite friendly with Mr. Melidosian.

Ald. Moran thanked the eight candidates, who he described as well qualified. He recognized that none of the candidates were present to speak out against the appointment process.

Ald. Milissis explained that this process by definition is not ideal; the only true, accountable way to fill a vacancy is an election. He stated that depending on the outcome of the upcoming election, the

appointment of an Alderman would be required again. Ald. Milissis explained that he is open to discussing how to improve this process. He suggested re-interviewing the candidates.

Gareth Kennedy, 300 S Cumberland Ave, was a final candidate for the Fifth Ward vacancy. He stated that deliberations were fair and transparent. He acknowledged that he was not as well known as Mr. Melidosian to the Interview Committee and stated that it was recognized in the deliberations. Mr. Kennedy stated that he supported the appointment of Mr. Melidosian.

Mr. Barclay expressed her disappointment with the comments about changing the process at this time. Acting Mayor Maloney explained that they process would not be changed at this time.

Pat Livensparger, 413 Courtland Ave, stated that there were no residents of the Fifth Ward present to complain about this appointment.

Ald. Mazzuca addressed the comments about members of the Interview Committee knowing Mr. Melidosian socially. He explained that being active in the community should not disqualify a candidate. Ald. Mazzuca explained that he was appointed to his seat through this same process, and the subsequent spring was elected by the residents as the Sixth Ward Alderman. He stated that the timing of these concerns is suspicious.

Richard Whalen, 533 Elmore St., agreed that an election would be best. He stated that every ward is different and therefore, the next best solution is an open meeting with people of the specific ward. He acknowledged the City's spirit of volunteerism. Mr. Whalen stated that if he had to select a candidate to continue Ald. Knight's philosophy, the letter by Mrs. Knight confirms that the selected candidate does share those same values. Acting Mayor Maloney recognized that Mr. Whalen served as Alderman of the Fifth Ward in the 1990s.

Mr. Melidosian addressed the City Council. He explained that the primary purpose of this process is to represent the residents of Fifth Ward. He added that a responsibility of an Alderman is to be a steward of City resources, which historically have not been well managed. Mr. Melidosian explained that Dave Schmidt sought to change this as an Alderman and as the City's Mayor. He stated that he shares the philosophies of both Mayor Schmidt and Ald. Knight. Mr. Melidosian agreed that residents of the Fifth Ward, not the Alderman on the Mayor's Advisory Board, should make the decision. He welcomed questions from the residents and the Aldermen.

Ald. Milissis explained that he still has reservations on the appointment process and acknowledged that the Mayor's Advisory Board would have likely selected Mr. Melidosian as well. He stated that he is prepared to support the appointment of Mr. Melidosian if the Council take steps to change the appointment process. He added that he would work with Ald. Mazzuca to ensure it is an agenda item at an upcoming Procedures and Regulations Committee meeting.

Ald. Moran stated that he appreciates the comments of Ald. Milissis. He suggested that the Mayor's Advisory Board interview the members of the Interview Committee to insure they are unbiased and have a grasp of the issues facing the City.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**AYES: Ald. Mazzuca, Maloney, Moran and Milissis (4)**

**NAYS: Ald. Shubert and Van Roeyen (2)**

**ABSENT: None (0)**

**Motion carried, 4 – 2.**

#### **9. Administering the Oath of Office to Charlie Melidosian, Fifth Ward Alderman upon City Council approval by Brigid Madden, Acting Deputy City Clerk**

Charlie Melidosian was administered the Aldermanic Oath of Office by Acting Deputy Clerk Madden. He then took a seat at the dais with fellow Aldermen.

**B. City Council**

No Report.

**C. City Attorney**

No Report.

**D. City Clerk**

No Report.

**E. City Manager**

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

**VII. Reports of Boards, Commissions and Committees**

**A. Planning and Zoning Commission – Ald. Van Roeyen**

No Report.

**B. Zoning Board of Appeals – Ald. Moran**

1. **Approve the first reading of an Ordinance Granting a Zoning Variance for an Encroachment into a Side Yard at 119 S. Greenwood Avenue (Case V-16-08)**  
Moved by Ald. Moran. Seconded by Ald. Shubert.

Jim Brown, Director of Community Preservation and Development, indicated that there was an error in the cover memo. The Zoning Board of Appeals approved the variance 6 – 1; it was not a unanimous vote. He explained that the variance would only apply to current house. The plans for the addition have been attached as Exhibit C to the Ordinance.

Ald. Moran added that no neighbors were present at the hearing and the addition would not encroach any more than house currently is.

**ROLL CALL**

**AYES: Ald. Mazzuca, Maloney, Moran, Milissis, Van Roeyen, Shubert and Melidosian (7)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

**ABSENT: None (0)**

**Motion carried, 7 – 0.**

**C. Liquor License Review Board – Acting Mayor Maloney**

Acting Mayor Maloney stated that the Liquor License Review Board is meeting February 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss requests by Beer on the Wall, as well as event hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

**D. O'Hare Airport Commission – Ald. Mazzuca**

Acting Mayor Maloney explained that Al Rapp has been appointed as the City's representative to the ONCC Technical Committee.

**E. Historic Preservation Commission – Ald. Shubert**

Ald. Shubert explained that the Commission would discuss the development plans of the Park Ridge Historical Society at Prospect Park at its March meeting.

**F. Procedures and Regulations Committee – Ald. Mazzuca**

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**I. Finance and Budget Committee – Ald. Moran**

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

Acting Mayor Maloney asked Ald. Melidosian to consider serving as the liaison to the Library Board.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

*Note: The minutes are a summary of business transacted at the meeting.  
They are not a verbatim copy of the recording.*

Transcribed by:

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Brigid Madden, Acting Deputy Clerk

Approved by the City Council this 20th day of February, 2017

Attest:

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Marty Maloney, Acting Mayor

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Betty W. Henneman, City Clerk