



## CITY OF PARK RIDGE

### MINUTES

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

REVISED

Monday, February 11, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

#### I. ROLL CALL

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

On roll call vote by K. Delk, the following Aldermen indicated their presence at the meeting Sweeney, Maloney, Smith, DiPietro, Mazzuca and Knight. Alderman Raspanti was absent. There was a quorum.

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### III. CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD ON A NON-AGENDA ITEM

#### IV. FINANCE AND BUDGET

##### A. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve the first reading of Ordinance Amending Article 11, Chapter 1, Section 9 of the Park Ridge Municipal Code (Public Services; Water and Sewer Systems; Rates and Fees)

Alderman Knight made the following motion. Alderman Sweeney seconded.

**MOVE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 11, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 9 OF THE PARK RIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE (PUBLIC SERVICES; WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS; RATES AND FEES)**

Alderman Knight discussed the background memo and read through the proposed charges for the specific meter sizes.

Finance Manager Oliven stated that the amount charged in the water and sewer funds is only enough to cover the short-term operating costs and the long-term capital costs. He further stated that those funds are not designed to make a profit

Alderman DiPietro made a motion to amend section A.1.c to read: City of Park Ridge variable water rate per 1,000 gallons: \$2.93 rather than \$3.05. Alderman Mazzuca seconded.

Alderman Sweeney disagreed. Numerous Staff members, including three Finance Directors, have stated that an automatic meter read system is necessary.

Alderman Mazzuca is in support of the amendment. While three Finance Directors have stated that a meter read system is necessary, none have produced a cost benefit analysis to prove that it would be worthwhile. The amendment at hand would save taxpayers money. Until the City has cost justified an increase then it may be appropriate to adopt a surcharge. But at this time the rate should remain at \$2.93 at this time.

Judy Barclay, 524 Courtland, agreed with Alderman DiPietro. There will be a 15% increase from the City of Chicago by 2016. The rates noted in the proposed ordinance amendment show more than a 15% increase.

Finance Manager Oliven stated that there was a calendar year cost to fiscal year revenue timing mistake made in the City of Chicago water rate shown in last year's Baxter & Woodman study. The proposed rates are a one-time fix for that mistake.

Finance Manager further stated that with the exception of the City of Chicago water rate and the debate over the remote read meters, the numbers shown in the proposed ordinance are cost neutral to the revenues shown in the rate study.

Ms. Barclay wondered if pay raises would be included in the proposed rates so that salary increases would not result in an increase in taxes. Finance Manager Oliven stated that most of the employees whose salaries are attributable to the enterprise funds are involved are part of a Union, so Staff will know exactly what their salaries would be.

Alderman Mazzuca asked if a cost benefit analysis has been done on the meter-reading project. Finance Manager Oliven stated that while a Park Ridge specific study has not been done to his knowledge, that Park Ridge is one of the last municipalities to adopt an automatic meter read system and that other municipalities around the country may have completed studies which might be applicable to Park Ridge.

Alderman Mazzuca wondered if the difference between the \$2.93 and \$3.05 rate would cover cost needed to adopt a remote meter read system. Finance Manager Oliven stated that the rate study stated that the \$3.05 would cover the cost through bonding or a loan.

Alderman Sweeney asked if this was an appropriate time to seek a loan to fund the automatic meter read system as he felt that it was an opportune time. Finance Manager Oliven stated that this was not the appropriate time to seek out a loan since the market is not in the right place.

Finance Manager Oliven added that he would like to properly notify residents through The Spokesman of the proposed meter rates. The deadline to submit articles for The Spokesman is May 4, 2013, which would require moving a new rate ordinance through both Council meetings between then.

Alderman Sweeney made a motion to postpone this item until there is a full City Council present. Alderman Smith seconded.

Alderman DiPietro noted that this item would require two reading. He did not feel that deferring this item for two weeks would be beneficial.

City Attorney Henn stated that typically when deferring an item, a set defer date should be noted in the motion.

The motion to postpone this item failed (4-3) by roll call vote with Aldermen DiPietro, Knight, Mazzuca and Maloney voting no.

The motion to amend failed (4-2) by roll call vote with Aldermen Sweeney, Alderman Smith, Alderman Knight, and Alderman Maloney voting no.

The main motion passed (6-0) by roll call vote.

2. Approve the following motions related to the hiring of a Temporary Accounting Clerk:
  - a. Approve a budget transfer for \$17,500.00 from Regular Wages to General Contracting; and
  - b. Approve Purchase Order – to hire a temporary accounting clerk; Sikich LLC, Naperville, Illinois in the amount the amount of \$17,500.00

Alderman Knight made the following motion. Alderman DiPietro seconded.

**MOVE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A BUDGET TRANSFER FOR \$17,500.00 FROM REGULAR WAGES TO GENERAL CONTRACTING.**

Alderman Sweeney asked how far the City is behind in some of its accounting. Finance Manager Oliven stated that since the full-time accountant left in July 2012 that the accounting has fallen behind. This will not solve the issue, but will help to catch the Department up.

Finance Manager Oliven stated that there is a lot of work that the Department needs to do in order to be ready for the upcoming audit. Sikich is one of the largest governmental audit firms in Illinois. They have the proper skill set to get the job done. They also know the software programs that the City is currently using.

Mayor Schmidt asked what types of controls Finance Manager Oliven has over the accountants that Sikich chooses to bring in. Finance Manager Oliven stated that he would have ultimate responsibility.

The motion passed (6-0) by roll call vote.

Alderman Knight made the following motion. Alderman seconded.

**MOVE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER TO HIRE A TEMPORARY ACCOUNTING CLERK; SIKICH LLC, NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,500.00.**

The motion passed (6-0) by roll call vote.

3. Approve Budget Amendment and Purchase Order Increase – for engineering services; Ament, Inc of Arlington Heights, Illinois in the amount of \$8,000.00

Alderman Knight made the following motion. Alderman Sweeney seconded.

**MOVE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000.00.**

The motion passed (6-0) by roll call vote.

Alderman Knight made the following motion. Alderman Sweeney seconded.

**MOVE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER INCREASE FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES; AMENT, INC OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000.00.**

The motion passed (6-0) by roll call vote.

**B. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Kane & McKenna Report

Bob Rychlicki, of Kane, McKenna and Associates, 150 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1600 provided background on the document that Kane, McKenna and Associates prepared for the City regarding the Uptown TIF.

Finance Chairman Knight introduced Bob Rychlicki by stating that the City Council commissioned an Uptown TIF report. Chairman Knight noted that the Uptown TIF is a problem that the City is struggling to deal with from a financial standpoint. He said that the report is a tool that can be used to navigate forward.

Acting City Manager stated that staff was happy with the work that was done. He stated that the report is the first step towards putting plans together and having conversations. He thanked Bob Rychlicki and Kane, McKenna for the work that they did.

Alderman Sweeney excused himself at 7:54 p.m., as he needed to leave the meeting.

Mr. Rychlicki stated that there was a lot of material for the City to absorb. He stated that Kane, McKenna's scope of services contained looking at the City actions to date, the City obligations as forecast, certain technical issues as it relates to the receipt of incremental tax monies from the County of Cook, and the calculation of new property under the intergovernmental agreements (IGAs), and that they completed all of those tasks.

Mr. Rychlicki began his presentation by stating the current facts, given certain assumptions.

Mr. Rychlicki stated that the City is in the same situation as a lot of its neighbors, but that it was looking for ways to navigate through the problems. He stated that the TIF started in 2003 and goes through 2026, with the final payment in December of 2027. He stated that the Cook County certified Base EAV at the establishment of the TIF was "\$37,158,000 and some change" and that was the bar. In tax year 2011 the EAV was 65 million, 934 thousand dollars but the high point was in 2009 at a little over \$78 million. He stated that with the state of the economy and the Cook County property tax valuations, there was a 16% slide, which has impacted TIF revenues. They looked at the 2012 uncertified, but projected EAV as being very close to the 2011 EAV. Therefore, the Kane McKenna report assumed flat growth.

Mr. Rychlicki summarized the current revenue and obligation projections. He stated that for revenues, you get that with new projects or increases in valuations. Projecting it forward was a little over \$2 million.

He stated that the key obligations are primarily debt service and intergovernmental agreements (IGAs).

For the debt service, over the term of the TIF cumulative interest and principal payment from the Uptown TIF fund and the General fund, was stated as \$40 million.

The intergovernmental agreements with the high school district, the grade school district, and the park district which allocates 39% of new growth revenues to those taxing bodies on an annual basis. That amount is fixed, except that it can only go up on an annual basis to adjust for new property from that year. That amount currently stands at around \$39 million, the bulk of which is attributable to the \$100+ million Uptown project. Those amounts total almost \$1 million per year or, over the term of the TIF, about \$5 million of the high school district, a million for the park district, and another \$1.2 million as it relates to Park District capital project improvement reimbursements. There is also the grade school district which totals over \$7 million, but that amount cannot be reimbursed out of the TIF and needs to come from other City revenues, such as sales taxes.

Mr. Rychlicki stated that, on a big picture level, Exhibit E of the report shows that the aggregation over the whole time period gives revenues of around \$33 million. Meanwhile, debt service payments aggregate to around \$40 million, the Park District and District 207 payments of a little over \$6 million, and the Park District capital payments and the tuition payments due to the two school districts of \$2 million. Adding those payments to the \$5 million carry forward that the Uptown TIF already owes the City's General Fund arrives at a total TIF obligation of \$53 million.

Mr. Rychlicki stated that, given the assumption of no new growth or new projects, the difference between the \$33 million in revenues and the \$53 million in obligations is \$20 million. Mr. Rychlicki noted that this \$20 million shortfall does not include the additional \$7 million that the City's General Fund would have to pay directly for the grade school district payments.

There was a discussion between Chairman Knight and Mr. Rychlicki which concluded that if there was unexpected property value growth or if there was new property growth, that the deficit would reduce in size. Mr. Rychlicki stated that before the downturn the expected property growth rate was 3.5%-4% per year.

With regards to the revenues, Mr. Rychlicki stated that there was a perfect storm.

First, he stated that on January 1, 2009 Cook County changed its classification system. This reduced the level of assessments for all properties. What that meant is where commercial properties were once assessed at 38% of value, it was changed to 25% "at the stroke of a pen", without a phase in. Residential properties went from a 16% assessment level to 10%.

Secondly, in 2010-2011, the County Assessor started taking a tough look at real estate values across the board. In many cases this led to lower property values, without even a protest or complaint to reduce the value being filed.

Those two revenue issues combined resulted in the 2009 to current decrease in EAVs.

Because of those “black box” decisions at the county level, Kane McKenna is still unsure of when to come out with a positive annual property value percentage again.

Mr. Rychlicki then transitioned to options for all of the stakeholders to improve the current situation.

First, Mr. Rychlicki stated that there is some ability for restructuring the tax exempt bonds in the current interest. However, he noted, that there is only one chance for an advance refunding. Therefore, you should do it as part of a comprehensive plan and not as soon as possible. It might save as much as \$1.6 million.

Second, there were two other things related to how Cook County calculates property. The first has to do with how Cook County segments individual parcels. The County aggregates parcels. Parcels that have gone down in value offset those that have increased under such a system. It is possible to have Cook County look at these two different kind of parcels separately. That could relate to \$230,000 to \$438,000 annually of additional increment collected. Although it is not automatic, Cook County has been receptive at times in the past to “rejigger the base a little bit” to a different tax code for the non-performing parcels so that they don’t drag down the whole. Those numbers could be between \$3 million to \$6 million.

Third, property growth was examined, specifically how new property growth is calculated. It is currently the entire number. It appears that new property is double counted which results in an additional \$80,000 or so annually, or \$1.2 million over the remaining TIF period.

Chairman Knight asked Mr. Rychlicki whether any of these three options can be done by the City unilaterally. Mr. Rychlicki responded that the City attorney should examine the redevelopment agreements, but he has seen other municipalities do the segmenting of tax parcels unilaterally.

Mr. Rychlicki noted that all of the stakeholders serve the same constituents. All of those stakeholders have shared in the drops in property tax values to some extent. In the spirit of what you have done in working with the other taxing districts when the times are good, it would be good to discuss with them the IGAs now.

Those payments that are made annual to the taxing districts are made based upon an EAV of around \$39 million. The incremental EAV for around the last three years has been around \$28 million. Therefore, there is now a disparity between the monies coming in and the basis for the payments (to the other taxing bodies in the IGAs).

Mr. Rychlicki stated that when these IGAs were drafted “life was good” with respect to real estate growth. He went on to say that an area of discussion with the school districts and the park district is that the TIF makes payments based upon a different number than Cook County uses to assess property taxes. And that \$11 million difference in numbers relates to around \$800,000 in annual taxes.

The fourth option relates to the termination of the debt. If all of the IGAs agreed, the TIF could be extended up to an additional 12 years with the help of the legislature. This can bring in an additional \$24 million in cash flow above the \$33 million. That gets the closest to repaying the fund balance, but only if the IGA is not extended.

A fifth option would be to allow the City to change the boundaries of the TIF district with the agreement of the other taxing bodies.

Alderman Mazzuca asked if, based on the flat assumption, the City is looking at a \$27,700,000 “give or take” deficit through 2027, or roughly \$2,000,000 extra needed per year. He wondered if there were any upsides to this financial situation. Mr. Rychlicki suggested looking at a more robust development scenario. If “the gods were kind” and growth were to increase by 4%, then the \$33 million revenue projection could be increased to \$43 million to \$45 million. It would not solve the problem, but it would cover the greater part of debt service obligations, tuition payments, the Park District capital improvements and leaves for discussion how the intergovernmental agreements could be viewed. Additional fill-in development, such as the Napleton Ford lot would also help.

Alderman Mazzuca asked if a 4% growth rate was a best case scenario. Mr. Rychlicki responded that Kane McKenna does feasibility reports for debt issues and, historically, 4% is what they were comfortable with in the past for a best case.

Alderman Mazzuca asked if other communities had to use tax dollars in order to fund new projects, or, if as the economy recovers will new projects handle take care of themselves? Mr. Rychlicki stated that in his experience, it has been a combination of both. Alderman Mazzuca asked Mr. Rychlicki if he agreed that there is not one single solution, such as new sales tax generation or in-fill development that will solve the issue. Mr. Rychlicki agreed.

Chairman Knight asked if it was typical to issue bonds early on in a TIF. Mr. Rychlicki said that it wasn't atypical. He cited an Evanston debt issuance of \$40 million for two parking lots and a Des Plaines downtown debt for infrastructure and debt as examples. Mr. Rychlicki thinks that around 70% of the cases have upfront financing through bonding.

Chairman Knight stated that in the original projections that the debt was going to max out in 2009 at \$2.4 million. He went on to note that the TIF currently owes the City over \$5 million and in the original projections the system was designed to make \$42 million. Now the City has the potential to be \$27 million in the whole.

Alderman Smith asked about changing tax parcel codes. Mr. Rychlicki noted that there are two tax codes for the City out there right now. Kane McKenna could segregate the positive from the negative parcels and put them into those two tax codes so the negative and positive ones were not added together.

Acting City Manager Hamilton stated that he and Finance Manager Oliven would follow up with the taxing districts. This is the first step in a process. He and Finance Manager Oliven will follow up with the Council on the next steps that need to be taken in the next 30 to 60 days. Ultimately, the school districts, the Park District, and the City are all in this thing together and all have the same constituents. It is with cooperation, communication, and collaboration that we can figure out what the next steps are. He stated that the City looks forward to working hand in hand to figure out how to solve this City's dilemma.

Chairman Knight thanked Mr. Rychlicki. Then Chairman Knight asked for questions from the audience. There were none. He concluded the Finance Committee of the Whole.

**C. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**V. PUBLIC WORKS**

**A. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approve Purchase Order –for the purchase of fuel; Bell Fuels, Cicero, Illinois, \$22,091.25

Alderman Maloney made the following motion, Alderman DiPietro seconded.

**MOVE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF FUEL; BELL FUELS, CICERO, ILLINOIS, 60804 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,091.25**

The motion passed (5-0) by voice vote.

2. Approve Purchase Order Increases – for the purchase of stone; Vulcan Materials, Naperville, Illinois, \$8,000.00 and \$5,000.00

Alderman Maloney made the following motion, Alderman DiPietro seconded.

**MOVE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PURCHASE ORDER INCREASE FOR THE PURCHASE OF STONE; VULCAN MATERIALS, NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS, 60563 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000.00.**

The motion passed (5-0) by roll call vote.

Alderman Maloney made the following motion, Alderman DiPietro seconded.

**MOVE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PURCHASE ORDER INCREASE FOR THE PURCHASE OF STONE; VULCAN MATERIALS, NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS, 60563 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00.**

The motion passed (5-0) by roll call vote.

3. Approve Purchase Order Increase – for the purchase of sewer and water repair parts; Ziebell Water Service Products, Elk Grove Village, Illinois, \$4,000.00

Alderman Maloney made the following motion, Alderman DiPietro seconded.

**MOVE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PURCHASE ORDER INCREASE FOR THE PURCHASE OF SEWER AND WATER REPAIR PARTS; ZIEBELL WATER SERVICE PRODUCTS, ELK GROVE VILLAGE, ILLINOIS, \$4,000.00**

The motion passed (5-0) by roll call vote.

4. Approve Purchase Order Increase and Budget Transfer – for the disposal of street sweeping waste and spoils; Sunset Logistics, Lake in the Hills, Illinois, \$18,000.00

Alderman Maloney made the following motion, Alderman DiPietro seconded.

**MOVE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PURCHASE ORDER INCREASE OF \$18,000.00 TO SUNSET LOGISTICS, LAKE IN THE HILLS, ILLINOIS, 60156 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,000.00**

The motion passed (5-0) by roll call vote.



Alderman Maloney made the following motion, Alderman DiPietro seconded.

**MOVE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFER FOR \$18,000.00 FROM 208 3043 947600 – SOLID WASTE SCAVENGER SERVICES TO 208 3043 947700 – SOLID WASTE REFUSE DISPOSAL FOR THE DISPOSAL OF REFUSE MATERIALS.**

The motion passed (5-0) by voice vote.

**B. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**C. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**

Director Zingsheim explained that if the water main breaks keep occurring he may have to go through the same action items again. However, they appear to be slowing down.

**VI. PUBLIC SAFETY**

**A. ACTION ITEMS – POLICE**

1. Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Petition to the Illinois Commerce Commission for an Order of Authority to Operate an Emergency Telephone System Board and Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Des Plaines for 911 Answering and Dispatch Services, 1420 Miner Street, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016 in the amount of \$1,250,000.00

Alderman Mazzuca made the following motion, Alderman DiPietro seconded.

**MOVE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A PETITION TO THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION FOR AN ORDER OF AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AN EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD AND APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF DES PLAINES FOR 911 ANSWERING AND DISPATCH SERVICES, 1420 MINER STREET, DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS 60016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,250,000.00**

Acting City Manager Hamilton stated that this Agreement would not change the structure currently in place. This amount is large, but less than what the City has been paying in the past. Residents will not see a change at all. Chief Kaminski and Chief Zywanski will continue to look at long-term options.

Chief Kaminski stated that this is the best short-term solution, but not necessarily the best long-term solution. Chief Zywanski agreed.

Alderman Maloney wondered if Des Plaines agrees that this arrangement is not the best long-term solution. Chief Kaminski stated that Des Plaines will be looking at this system from a cost effective perspective and it will take time to make a final decision.

Chief Zywanski stated that both Park Ridge and Des Plaines Fire Departments will continue to look at all options, including dispatching out of Red Center.

Alderman Knight asked for an explanation surrounding the forecasted costs noted in the agreement, wondering if this meant that the \$1,250,000 figure was not a set cost. Acting City

Manager Hamilton stated that this is a conservative number and that this figure is the “worst case scenario” number. In year two, there is a chance that the figure might go down.

The motion passed (5-0) by voice vote.

## **B. DISCUSSION ITEMS - POLICE**

### **1. 2012 Crime Statistics**

Chief Kaminski stated that crime is down 4% from last year. This is the lowest rate in the past five years. Calls for service are up over 5%. The Department continues to see positive trends. This is due to the philosophy adopted through involving the community in crime prevention and other initiatives. The Department continues to rebuild trust. He stated that the officers have continued to do a great job and most importantly they are willing to embrace new philosophies and try new things. Thank you to all of our community groups for all of their help.

### **2. ComEd Incident Command – Deputy Chief Jogmen (Deputy Chief Keller present – Deputy Chief Jogmen was not present at the meeting)**

Deputy Chief Keller stated that ComEd has partnered with municipalities in the North and Northwest suburbs. ComEd will open the Joint Operations Center to streamline communication. When ComEd experiences a power outage threshold of an area of 20% or more for three hours or more, the JOC will open. ComEd will contact the on-call municipality and that municipality is responsible for responding. Park Ridge will be on-call four times a year, for a week at a time. These are pre-set times. When not on-call during a JOC opening, the on-call JOC will contact the local EOC. This will not affect the residents, but will provide Staff with a real-time way of obtaining information.

### **3. Annual Report – Citizens Corp Council – Officer Luehr and J. Bennett (CERT)**

This item was heard at the start of the Meeting, as there was a large presence of CERT members in the audience.

Officer Luehr provided background on the CERT program.

Mr. John Bennett, team leader for Park Ridge CERT, described some of the initiatives that CERT participated in 2012. There were many members of the Park Ridge CERT in attendance at the meeting. There are currently 65 active members.

Mayor Schmidt congratulated Mr. Bennett on being named a Park Ridge Community Star.

## **C. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**

### **1. Monthly Report – January 2013**

### **2. Complimentary Letters – January 2013**

Chief Kaminski continues to receive many complimentary letters. He receives far more complimentary letters than he does complaints.

### **3. Police Dispatch**

The Department continues on the joint frequency. So far everything is working out.

4. Chief's Advisory Task Force

There is a meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, February 12, 2013. They will discuss their Council presentation at tomorrow's meeting.

5. Red Speed Report – January 2013

The contract is up in 2014. The Department will provide a summary report of what has been done in the past years.

**D. ACTION ITEMS – FIRE**

1. Approve Purchase Order – for the purchase of Fire Department cardiac monitor/defibrillator replacements; Zoll Medical Corporation, Chelmsford, Massachusetts in the amount of \$153,314.05

Alderman Mazzuca made the following motion, Alderman DiPietro seconded.

**MOVE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER – FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT CARDIAC MONITOR/DEFIBRILLATOR REPLACEMENTS; ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION, CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$153,314.05**

Alderman Knight asked Chief Zywanski to explain the 73% figure that he stated was the percentage that the cardiac monitor was used in emergency situations. Chief Zywanski described numerous scenarios in which the cardiac monitor is used. The monitor is used on a daily basis.

Alderman Knight asked to see the analysis/data that Chief Zywanski prepared when choosing Zoll. He asked that this be prepared for the next City Council Meeting.

The motion passed (5-0) by voice vote.

**E. DISCUSSION ITEMS – FIRE**

**F. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT – FIRE**

1. Monthly Report – January

The Department transported numerous very ill people due to the flu. This was the busiest January in four years. There was one structure fire in January. There were a significant number of automobile accidents that took place as well.

2. Complimentary Letters – January

Chief Zywanski thanked his groups as well. CERT continues to do a great job and is very happy to have their service.

**VII. PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS**

(Note: This item was discussed after Finance and Budget).

**A. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approve action to move forward with the scheduling of a Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearing for modifications to Section 14, Signs, of the Park Ridge Zoning Ordinance

Alderman DiPietro made the following motion, Alderman Maloney seconded.

**MOVE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ACTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SCHEDULING OF A PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING FOR MODIFICATIONS TO SECTION 14, SIGNS, OF THE PARK RIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE.**

Alderman Mazzuca stated that he has concerns related to the electronic signs and the times in which they would be used and also the amount they would be allowed to be updated. He wondered if it would be appropriate to amend the motion at this time. Alderman DiPietro suggested waiting until the Public Hearing as he felt that it would be discussed thoroughly at that time. Alderman Mazzuca agreed.

Alderman Smith expressed his dislike towards the way the proposed modification was written. He does not feel that it makes any sense and that it is very confusing for residents and also for the employees who would need to enforce it. He thinks that it should be rearranged and put into a logical order. He felt that a lesson could be learned from the field of computer science. What you are going to do is not as important as when and how you are going to do it.

Alderman Smith also noted that the part dealing with off premise signs along the Kennedy and Tollroad is a HOAX in that it seems to allow such signs but imposes restrictions such that no business would accept. For example, it imposes a maximum height of 20 feet even though the road nearby has an embankment over 30 feet.

Alderman Smith further noted that the new electronic signage part has no directional component. Smith gave several examples of electronic signage having inconsequential results.

The motion passed (4-1) by voice vote with Alderman Smith voting no.

**B. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**C. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**

**VIII. Other City Business**

**IX. New Business**

**X. Adjournment**

Alderman DiPietro made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Smith seconded.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.