



WHEATON CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

MAYOR PHILIP J. SUESS

COUNCILMAN MICHAEL BARBIER | COUNCILWOMAN ERICA BRAY-PARKER | COUNCILWOMAN SUZANNE FITCH
COUNCILWOMAN LYNN ROBBINS | COUNCILMAN JOHN RUTLEDGE | COUNCILMAN CHRISTOPHER ZARUBA

WHEATON CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 303 W WESLEY STREET, WHEATON, ILLINOIS 60187

Monday, March 15, 2021

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The regular Wheaton City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Philip J. Suess. Upon roll call, the following were:

Physically Present: Mayor Suess
Councilman Barbier
Councilwoman Bray-Parker
Councilwoman Fitch
Councilwoman Robbins
Councilman Rutledge
Councilman Zaruba

Absent: None

City Staff Physically Present:

Michael Dzugan, City Manager
John Duguay, Assistant City Manager
James Knippen, City Attorney
James Kozik, Director of Planning & Economic Development
Joseph Tebrugge, Director of Engineering
William Murphy, Police Chief
Susan Bishel, Public Information Officer
Sharon Barrett-Hagen, City Clerk

Electronically Present: Daniel Peck, PR Coordinator
Sean Walsh, Public Works Sewer Superintendent
Andrea Rosedale, Executive Assistant

2. Presentation – Police Officer Swearing-in Ceremony

Mayor Suess presided over the swearing-in ceremony for Police Officers Cory Simpson and Evan Tschida following remarks by Police Chief Murphy.

In response to Mayor Suess, Chief Murphy described the water rescue Wheaton police officers performed at Rathje Park last week. He complimented his officers for doing a tremendous job.

3. Citizens to be Heard

Ms. Erica Nelson, 1734 Kay Road, read a statement in favor of a referendum on the April 6 ballot for the creation of a Milton Township Community Mental Health Board. She stated Illinois is rated 35th among states in spending on mental health and 43rd in spending for development disabilities. Ms. Nelson distributed a packet of information to members of the City Council and recited statistics about mental health and development disabilities experienced by both adults and children. She strongly encouraged the Council to read about the benefits of a Milton Township Mental Health Board and encouraged everyone to vote in favor of the mental health board referendum on April 6.

Ms. Paula McGowan, 1N443 Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn, also spoke in favor of the referendum to create a mental health board in Milton Township. She stated 1 in 5 adults experience mental health issues and 1 in 6 children have a developmental disability. Ms. McGowan indicated over 700 individuals in Milton Township are waiting for services. She strongly encouraged everyone to vote in favor of the mental health board referendum.

Mr. Michael Murray, 154 S. Prospect Avenue, Roselle, described his relationship with the Bloomingdale Township Mental Health Board and stated Bloomingdale was the first township to have a mental health board. He indicated his taxes only went up \$17 per year and feels his \$17 pays for a lot of services that help Bloomingdale Township residents. Mr. Murray also urged everyone to vote in favor of creating a mental health board in Milton Township.

4. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Robbins moved and Councilman Rutledge seconded that the following action be taken on the Consent Agenda items:

1. Approve the minutes of the March 1, 2021 regular Wheaton City Council meeting as submitted.
2. Adopt Resolution R-2021-15, A Resolution Approving The good News Publishers Plat of Consolidation No. 3.
3. Adopt Resolution R-2021-16, A Resolution Approving 1104 East Harrison Avenue Plat of Consolidation.
4. Approve Bond Waiver and Authorize Issuance of Raffle License to Lincoln Elementary School PTA.

Roll Call Vote on Consent Agenda:

Ayes: Councilwoman Robbins
Councilman Rutledge
Councilman Zaruba
Councilman Barbier
Councilwoman Bray-Parker
Councilwoman Fitch
Mayor Suess

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Pass Ordinance O-2021-10, An Ordinance Denying a Special Use Permit Request in the C-2 Retail Core Business District to Allow a Business and Professional Office (Insurance Agency) to Occupy the Main Floor of the Existing Commercial Space Located at 210 W. Wesley Street

Councilwoman Fitch moved and Councilman Barbier seconded that Ordinance O-2021-10, An Ordinance Denying a Special Use Permit Request in the C-2 Retail Core Business District to Allow a Business and Professional Office (Insurance Agency) to Occupy the Main Floor of the Existing Commercial Space Located at 210 W. Wesley Street, be passed.

City Manager Dzugan reported that at its meeting on March 1, 2021, the City Council directed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance denying a special use permit request to allow a business and professional office for State Farm to occupy space in the C-2 Retail Core Business District at 210 W. Wesley Street. He stated the proposed ordinance would deny the special use as the proposed use failed to prove attributes that would be consistent with the objectives of the Wheaton Comprehensive Plan and the C-2 Retail Core Business District.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Councilwoman Fitch
Mayor Suess
Councilwoman Robbins
Councilman Rutledge
Councilman Zaruba
Councilman Barbier
Councilwoman Bray-Parker

Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried Unanimously

6. Approve Appointment to City Boards and Commissioners

Mayor Suess moved and Councilman Rutledge seconded that Marisa Nickol be appointed to the Sister City Commission for a three-year term.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Mayor Suess
Councilwoman Robbins
Councilman Rutledge
Councilman Zaruba
Councilman Barbier
Councilwoman Bray-Parker
Councilwoman Fitch

Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Adopt Resolution R-2021-17, A Resolution Authorizing the Rental of One (1) Backhoe Loader and One (1) Dump Truck Through the Omnia Partners Purchasing Cooperative Joint Purchasing Program with Herc Rentals, Inc. for a Total Amount of \$26,850

Councilwoman Bray-Parker moved and Councilwoman Robbins seconded that Resolution R-2021-17, A Resolution Authorizing the Rental of One (1) Backhoe Loader and One (1) Dump Truck Through the Omnia Partners Purchasing Cooperative Joint Purchasing Program with Herc Rentals, Inc. for a Total Amount of \$26,850, be adopted.

City Manager Dzugan stated the Sewer Division Superintendent has recommended the short-term rental of a backhoe loader and dump truck to replace certain failing storm sewers. He stated this work is above what the City normally does and renting this equipment makes sense.

In response to Councilman Rutledge, Superintendent Walsh stated there is an option to extend the rental term if needed and additional costs would be billed at the same rate.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Councilwoman Bray-Parker
Councilwoman Fitch
Mayor Suess
Councilwoman Robbins
Councilman Rutledge
Councilman Zaruba
Councilman Barbier
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried Unanimously

8. Council Comment
None

9. Approval of Warrant

Councilman Rutledge moved and Councilwoman Fitch seconded that Warrant No. 7965 in the amount of \$1,084,608.25, be approved.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Councilman Rutledge
Councilman Zaruba
Councilman Barbier
Councilwoman Bray-Parker
Councilwoman Fitch
Mayor Suess
Councilwoman Robbins
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried Unanimously

10. Adjournment

Councilwoman Fitch moved and Councilwoman Bray-Parker seconded that the regular Wheaton City Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Councilwoman Fitch
Mayor Suess
Councilwoman Robbins
Councilman Rutledge
Councilman Zaruba
Councilman Barbier
Councilwoman Bray-Parker

Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Barrett-Hagen
City Clerk

Submitted for Approval: April 5, 2021