



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, September 21, 2020

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 – arrived at 7:01 p.m.
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
Vince Laoang, Director of Public Works
William Schultz, Fire Chief
Susan Bishel, Public Information Officer
Sharon Barrett-Hagen, City Clerk

City Staff Electronically Present: Robert Lehnhardt, Finance Director
Dan Peck, Public Relations Coordinator

2. Presentations

Fire Chief Schultz presented a Fire Department Bravery Award to Firefighter Craig Williams for his efforts at a structural fire in West Chicago on April 17, 2019. Firefighter Williams was instrumental in assisting an elderly man trapped on the second floor of a home engulfed in fire. Through his efforts, the man was rescued alive and survived for approximately ten days after the fire.

Mayor Suess read and presented a proclamation to Ms. Colleen Attwell and Mr. Martin Attwell proclaiming September as “Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month” in the in the City of Wheaton. Mr. Attwell thanked the Mayor and City Council for the proclamation raising awareness about pulmonary fibrosis, which took the lives of both of their fathers.

Mayor Suess read a proclamation recognizing the 6th Annual National Gathering of Native Veterans which will be held as a virtual event at the Trickster Cultural Center in Schaumburg on Saturday, September 26, 2020.

3. Citizens to be Heard

Mr. Greg Cox, 214 N. Pierce Avenue, read and provided a statement about the negative health effects of electromagnetic radiation emitted by wireless technology. He recited studies documenting the effects on rats, mice and plants. He stated the City is not protecting the public health, welfare and safety of its citizens by allowing this technology in the City.

4. Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 regular Wheaton City Council meeting as submitted.
2. Approve Bond Waiver and Authorize Issuance of Raffle License to NAMI DuPage.
3. Adopt Resolution R-2020-76, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Certain Construction, Use, and Indemnification Agreement (1932 Jahns Drive).
4. Adopt Resolution R-2020-77, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Certain Construction, Use, and Indemnification Agreement (1220 W. Thomas Road).
5. Adopt Resolution R-2020-78, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Certain Construction, Use, and Indemnification Agreement (828 N. Wheaton Avenue).

Roll Call Vote on Consent Agenda:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Pass Ordinance No. O-2020-31, An Ordinance Amending Article 2 – Definitions and Article 24 – Accessory Uses and Home Occupations of the Wheaton Zoning Ordinance – Short-Term Rentals

Councilwoman Fitch moved and Councilman Rutledge seconded that Ordinance No. O-2020-31, An Ordinance Amending Article 2 – Definitions and Article 24 – Accessory Uses and Home Occupations of the Wheaton Zoning Ordinance – Short-Term Rentals, be passed.

City Manager Dzugan advised the Council reviewed text amendments to the Wheaton Zoning Ordinance at their September 8 and September 17 meetings. The proposed ordinance contains comments discussed at those meetings.

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. Receive Planning & Zoning Board Report Re: ZA #20-07/Rezoning and Special Use/303 E. Front Street/College Church

Councilwoman Robbins moved and Councilman Rutledge seconded that the Planning & Zoning Board Report Re: ZA #20-07/Rezoning and Special Use/303 E. Front Street/College Church, be received.

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

Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried Unanimously

Pass Ordinance No. O-2020-32, An Ordinance Amending City of Wheaton Ordinance No. E-3605, E-3906, F-0324 and F-0458, “An Ordinance Amending the Wheaton Zoning Map and Granting a Special Use Permit – College Church”

Councilwoman Fitch moved and Councilman Zaruba seconded that Ordinance No. O-2020-32, An Ordinance Amending City of Wheaton Ordinance No. E-3605, E-3906, F-0324 and F-0458, “An Ordinance Amending the Wheaton Zoning Map and Granting a Special Use Permit – College Church,” be passed.

Mr. David Bea, attorney representing College Church, stated he was available to answer any questions the Council may have.

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

7. Adopt Resolution R-2020-79, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreement No. 148 with Marquette Associates for Professional Consulting Services for an Analysis of Future Funding of Pension Liabilities for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$30,000

Councilwoman Bray-Parker moved and Councilman Barbier seconded that Resolution R-2020-79, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreement No. 148 with Marquette Associates for Professional Consulting Services for an Analysis of Future Funding of Pension Liabilities for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$30,000, be adopted.

City Manager Dzugan stated the Council has a memorandum from the Finance Director recommending approval of a resolution for professional consulting services from Marquette Associates to complete an analysis of funding options for managing the City’s police and fire pension funds’ unfunded liabilities.

Mr. Kweku Obed, Managing Director, asked Mr. Ben Mohr, Director of Fixed Income, to discuss the scope of the project. Mr. Mohr provided a brief summary of the steps Marquette Associations would take.

In response to Council questions, Mr. Mohr stated they would provide analysis and asset assessment consulting services to assist the City in developing financial options to address he unfunded liabilities of the police and fire pensions. He stated they provide opinions on policies and financial assets but do not underwrite bonds.

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. Adopt Resolution R-2020-80, A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Replacement Hydraulic Extrication Rescue Tool Systems from EMC Fire for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$93,803.50

Councilman Rutledge moved and Councilman Zaruba seconded that Resolution R-2020-80, A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Replacement Hydraulic Extrication Rescue Tool Systems from EMC Fire for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$93,803.50, be adopted.

City Manager Dzugan advised staff is seeking approval for the purchase of hydraulic rescue tools used for extrication manufactured by Genesis, a sole source for this equipment.

In response to Councilman Rutledge, Chief Schultz stated today's cars are being manufactured with stronger metals and the Department's existing equipment does not function well with the newer metals.

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

9. Adopt Resolution R-2020-81, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreement No. 154 with Swallow Construction Corporation for the Wesley Street Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$76,861

Councilman Barbier moved and Councilwoman Robbins seconded that Resolution R-2020-81, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreement No. 154 with Swallow Construction Corporation for the Wesley Street Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$76,861, be adopted.

City Manager Dzugan stated the City received eight bids for this work to replace a section of sanitary sewer between West Street and Wheaton Avenue. He stated previously installed liners are failing, resulting in the need to replace the sanitary sewer main.

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

Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried Unanimously

10. Adopt Resolution R-2020-82, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreement No. 155 with The Fields on Caton Farm, Inc. for the 2020 Tree Planting Program for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$29,960

Councilman Rutledge moved and Councilwoman Fitch seconded that Resolution R-2020-82, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreement No. 155 with The Fields on Caton Farm, Inc. for the 2020 Tree Planting Program for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$29,960, be adopted.

City Manager Dzugan stated the proposed resolution is for the City's Shared Tree Planting Program. He advised the City plants an average of 80 trees per year under this program.

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

11. Adopt Resolution R-2020-83, A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Five (5) Replacement Police Patrol Vehicles for Units 344, 350, 356, 358, and 362 Through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Joint Purchasing Program with Currie Motors Fleet for a Total Amount of \$187,899

Councilwoman Bray-Parker moved and Councilman Zaruba seconded that Resolution R-2020-83, A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Five (5) Replacement Police Patrol Vehicles for Units 344, 350, 356, 358, and 362 Through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Joint Purchasing Program with Currie Motors Fleet for a Total Amount of \$187,899, be adopted.

City Manager Dzugan stated the City is planning on replacing five patrol vehicles with Ford Utility Interceptor Hybrid SUVs. He advised staff had conducted a fairly extensive review when considering these vehicle replacements and provided Council with a comparison between the hybrid utility interceptor and the standard utility interceptor.

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

12. Adopt Resolution R-2020-84, A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of LED Streetlight Fixtures from Lighting Solutions of Illinois for a Total Amount of \$62,700

Councilman Rutledge moved and Councilwoman Fitch seconded that Resolution R-2020-84, A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of LED Streetlight Fixtures from Lighting Solutions of Illinois for a Total Amount of \$62,700, be adopted.

City Manager Dzugan advised the City received three bids for the purchase of 76 LED replacement lamps. He stated this is part of the City's on-going effort to replace less efficient HPS streetlights.

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

13. Council Comment

Councilwoman Robbins announced two events the DWA is presenting: “Windows into Art” from October 1 -31 and “Nights of Lights” in Adams Park from November 20 – January 3.

Councilwoman Bray-Parker encouraged everyone to check their voter status online at the DuPage County Election Commission.

Mayor Suess stated he attended a National Eagle Scout Court of Honor with Police Chief Murphy on Sunday for Troop 23 sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church. He indicated the troop goes back to 1955.

14. Approval of Warrant

Councilman Rutledge moved and Councilwoman Fitch seconded that Warrant No. 784 in the amount of \$2,595,611.94, 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

15. Closed Session: Personnel – City Manager Evaluation – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)

Councilman Barbier moved and Councilwoman Robbins seconded that the Wheaton City Council adjourn to closed session at 7:58 p.m. for the purposed of discussing Personnel – City Manager Evaluation – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).

Roll Call Vote:

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

Councilman Zaruba

Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried Unanimously

The City returned to the open portion of their meeting at 9:04 p.m.

16. Adjournment

Councilwoman Fitch moved and Councilman Zaruba seconded that the regular Wheaton City Council Meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Barrett-Hagen
City Clerk

Submitted for Approval: October 5, 2020