

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
July 5, 2022

The regular meeting of the City of Crest Hill was called to order by Mayor Raymond R. Soliman at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1610 Plainfield Road Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Mayor Soliman asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence to honor those who lost their lives in Highland Park Illinois on July 4, 2022.

Roll call indicated the following present: Mayor Raymond Soliman, City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall, City Treasurer Glen Conklin, Alderman Scott Dyke, Alderman John Vershay, Alderwoman Claudia Gazal, Alderman Darrell Jefferson, Alderperson Tina Oberlin, Alderman Mark Cipiti, Alderman Nate Albert, Alderman Joe Kubal.

Also present were: City Administrator Jim Marino, Director of Public Works Mark Siefert, City Attorney Mike Stiff.

Absent were: Finance Director Lisa Banovetz, City Engineer Ron Wiedeman, Interim Planner Maura Rigoni, Economic and Development Director Tony Budzikowski, Director of Information Technology Service Timothy Stinnett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 20, 2022 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to approve the minutes from the regular Council meeting held on June 20, 2022 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

(77)

(88) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on June 27, 2022 for Council approval.

(#2) Motion by Alderman Vershay, seconded by Alderman Dyke, to approve the minutes from the work session held on June 27, 2022 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

(92)

(98) Alderman Cipiti asked to make a statement about the June 27, 2022 work session so that the minutes can reflect what was discussed. Discussion was held regarding the ongoing construction issues of the overbudget City Center project. At the beginning of the discussion the Council was given a set of rules to follow. The Council would each be allowed to make comments, and only direct questions to certain individuals. There was to be no discussion among the members about this important subject. Alderman Cipiti explained that when he attempted to engage another member in discussion, he was gaveled by the Mayor and told he would have his time to speak. When it was his turn, he voiced his objection to the meeting format. He felt that the meeting violated civil discourse, which is an engagement or conversation and mutual airing of views without rancor. It is to enhance understanding and is a function of our freedom of speech. It was a disservice to the residents to not allow the officials to discuss matters related to the City Center or any manner of public interest. Government is a group effort. We work together even when everyone does not agree. This is for the betterment of the City. Alderman Cipiti would hope that this format that does not allow discussion does not continue into the future. Alderperson Oberlin, Alderwoman Gazal, and Alderman Vershay all agreed with Alderman Cipitis comments.

CITY ATTORNEY: (190) City Attorney Mike Stiff had no agenda items for discussion. He requested time in executive session later in the meeting.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (199) City Administrator Jim Marino presented AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2023, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY CENTER PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,129,384.00 per the memo dated July 5, 2022. Administrator Marino explained the additional work that is needed at the City Center was discussed in a previous work session. The list of items was prepared by Harbour Contractors Inc. They would also oversee the continuation of the work to be completed that has been deemed high and medium priority. The employee coatroom was removed from the original list. Administrator Marino is requesting an amendment to the appropriation ordinance so that the work at the City Center can continue. Alderwoman Gazal asked if this includes the dais. It did not. She asked if there is a way that we can move the individual coat cabinets from the executive offices to the front office area. Administrator Marino will contact Warehouse Direct for the cost of the additional closets and bring this back to Council for their review. Alderwoman Gazal said that the Council did not feel there was a need to build one closet for the Clerk's Office, Finance Department and Building Department. She feels that we should move the slim cabinets to the front area. The executive offices have locking doors on them. The employees up front have nowhere to store their coats. Administrator Marino was not sure if the cabinets were connected as part of the furniture but would find out. Alderperson Oberlin asked that if there is a deviation or additional expenses, the Council be notified immediately and vote on them. The only upcoming items so far would be the dais and the furniture. Alderperson Oberlin asked the Treasurer to go over the increases to the construction budget. Treasurer Conklin updated the Council on the increases that have occurred.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Kubal, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2023, FOR

CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY CENTER PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,129,384.00 per the memo dated July 5, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Gazal, Oberlin, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay.

NAYES: Ald. Jefferson.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Cipiti.

There being six (6) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #1907

(429)

(447) Alderwoman Gazal is uncomfortable with the continuation of the City Center. She is disappointed that the Council was not kept informed or authorized the cost overrun for the project. She repeatedly asked for the status and updates from upper management to no avail. We were only recently given information. Unfortunately, we cannot stop the project and must continue with the construction. Alderperson Oberlin explained that when we questioned the people that were in charge of the project we were told that to many questions were being asked. Unfortunately, we never got the answers, and we are in a predicament where we need to complete the project. She wants the residents to know that the Council was not kept abreast of what was happening with the project but stepped up when the information was given to them. Mayor Soliman said that he will have a statement during his portion of the agenda. Mayor Soliman said that going back to 2019 to present, we have had 43 work sessions in which items involving the City Center were discussed. There were also 43 votes taken over the three years for the City Center and were unanimous. The Council was informed. There were items that the Mayor was not informed of. When a new person was brought in, items were discovered, and we were notified of it. Treasurer Conklin asked to make a comments. Mayor Soliman informed him that only elected officials that can vote will be allowed to comment. Alderwoman Gazal would like to hear the Treasurers comments. Treasurer Conklin said that during the construction of the new buildings Council repeatedly asked for updates and were not told how much over budget the construction was. The Mayor explained that he was not informed either and we now need to move forward with this project.

(658) Roll call then followed motion #3. Alderman Kubal said that the three people that we put in place on this project are no longer with the City. He commended the new Administrator on the lead he has taken on this project.

(710) Administrator Marino presented a request to Approve a Change Order with Harbour Contractors, Inc. to Provide Construction Management Services for the City Center Project in an Amount not to Exceed \$277,480.00 per the memo July 5, 2022. This would be to oversee the City Center project with a supervisor to be onsite. They are looking at January of 2023 occupancy, but do not think it will take that long. Alderman Cipiti asked if the price could increase. Administrator Marino explained that we are approving an amount not to exceed \$277,480.00.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to Approve a Change Order with Harbour Contractors, Inc. to Provide Construction Management Services for the City Center Project in an Amount not to Exceed \$277,480.00 per the memo July 5, 2022.

On roll call vote, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.
(739)

(771) Alderwoman Gazal asked if we are going to get the hiring of additional personnel on the next agenda. Administrator Marino said that he can look into it. She explained that the Administrator replied to her by email and said discussion would be on the next agenda. Why do we keep stopping this process. Administrator Marino explained that we currently don't have the staff to keep up with the work load. He is currently serving as Administrator along with HR and everything else he is required to do. She would like to see this on the next agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (805) Public Works Director Mark Siefert presented a request to Approve a Contract with Camco Construction Not to Exceed Amount of \$41,141.75 to Construct Storm Sewer Improvements on Theodore Street per the memo dated June 28, 2022. This is to address the issues we have had with flooding on Theodore Street west of the Jewell store. This proposal was provided to six companies with only two responding. Alderperson Oberlin asked if the existing sewer could handle the water. Director Siefert explained that part of the problem is the debris that gets caught in the grates and how this project will help with that problem. Alderman Cipiti asked for a brief explanation of the project. Alderman Cipiti asked in what direction does the water flow and will this have an impact on that area. Director Siefert explained where and how the water will enter the area. Alderman Vershay asked if Camco has done work for us in the past. They had. Director Siefert also explained with the reconstruction of West Plant, how we can accommodate the water. Alderman Jefferson asked if the bid price is locked in. It is. Alderman Vershay asked if this catch basin has ever been cleaned out. Director Siefert explained it is the grates that are the problem, not the catch basin itself.

(#5) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, Alderman Jefferson, to Approve a Contract with Camco Construction Not to Exceed Amount of \$41,141.75 to Construct Storm Sewer Improvements on Theodore Street per the memo dated June 28, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.
(1018)

(1037) Director Siefert presented a request to Approve AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 12.32 (BUS STOP BENCHES) OF THE CREST HILL CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES per the memo dated July 5, 2022. This was discussed at a previous work session. Alderman Cipiti asked if Fuel Media would be responsible for finding advertisers. They would and there is a certain criteria they have to follow.

(#6) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to Approve AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 12.32 (BUS STOP BENCHES) OF THE CREST HILL CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES per the memo dated July 5, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #1908

(1084)

(1128) Director Siefert presented a request to Approve a Contract with Fuel Media Holdings for the Bus Bench Advertisements and Bench Replacements throughout the City per the memo dated July 5, 2022. Director Siefert went over the contract and what it entails.

(#7) Motion by Alderman Cipiti, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to Approve a Contract with Fuel Media Holdings for the Bus Bench Advertisements and Bench Replacements throughout the City per the memo dated July 5, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

(1155)

(1172) Director Siefert presented a request to APPROVE AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2023 FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS per the memo dated July 5, 2022.

(#8) Motion by Alderman Kubal, seconded by Alderman Dyke, to APPROVE AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2023 FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS per the memo dated July 5, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #1909

(1186)

(1210) Director Siefert presented a request to Approve Execution of a Seven-Year Financing Agreement with Tax Exempt Leasing Corp for the Purchase of a Vactor Combination Sewer Jetting Truck to Perform Sewer Rodding and Vacuum Excavation per the memo dated July 5, 2022.

(#9) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Albert, to Approve Execution of a Seven-Year Financing Agreement with Tax Exempt Leasing Corp for the Purchase of a Vactor Combination Sewer Jetting Truck to Perform Sewer Rodding and Vacuum Excavation per the memo dated July 5, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.
(1227)

(1255) Alderman Dyke asked for an update on the landscaping on Broadway. Director Siefert explained that we have entered into a contract with the Fields. Would this be maintained on a monthly basis. Currently they are going to restore it and then do monthly maintenance on it.

CITY ENGINEER: (1289) There were no agenda items for discussion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (1292) There were no agenda items for discussion. The reports were on file.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (1295) Police Chief Ed Clark presented a request to approve AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.01.10-618 (SPECIAL PARKING PROHIBITIONS) OF DIVISION VI (PARKING REGULATIONS) ARTICLE 10 (SPECIAL PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE CITY OF CRES HILL), CHAPTER 10.01 (CREST HILL VEHICLE CODE), TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL, CODE OF ORDINANCES per the memo dated July 6, 2022. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#10) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.01.10-618 (SPECIAL PARKING PROHIBITIONS) OF DIVISION VI (PARKING REGULATIONS) ARTICLE 10 (SPECIAL PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE CITY OF CRES HILL), CHAPTER 10.01 (CREST HILL VEHICLE CODE), TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL, CODE OF ORDINANCES per the memo dated July 6, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #1910

(1318)

(1345) Alderman Dyke asked for a citation report for the July 4, 2022 weekend along with a comparison of last year. Can we also find out what the fireworks fine is in other communities. He also asked how many tickets were issued per calls or by driving past and seeing offenders. The Chief explained that we were not patrolling as normal, and a few citations were written. Unfortunately, we were low on staffing. In years past we have had more personnel out there. Sadly, we had 10 traffic incidents, a felony, a dui, and various other problems. Alderman Dyke asked if there is anyway we could use the CSO to issue citations for fireworks. The Chief explained why he did not feel this would be a good idea. Alderman Dyke asked if we could add the fireworks fine to a work session agenda. Discussion followed on the fine and a potential increase. Alderwoman Gazal felt the fine was too low.

MAYOR: (1496) Mayor Raymond Soliman presented a request for the Approval of Independent Hearing Officer Agreement with Charles J. DeVriendt per the memo dated July 5, 2022. The Mayor thanked the outgoing Hearing Officer for his service to the City.

(#11) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to approve a request for the Approval of Independent Hearing Officer Agreement with Charles J. DeVriendt per the memo dated July 5, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Jefferson.

There being seven (7) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

(1553)

(1578) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that Mr. DeVriendt's first hearing will be on July 20, 2022.

(1588) Mayor Soliman gave an update on the City Center. As with any project you have concerns and problems. We have struggled through the pandemic, supply chain issue and rising cost of goods and labor. Over the past year, we have had many changes to the leadership of the City internally. We were made aware of additional expenses that contributed to the increased budget for the City Center. It became apparent that the staff members that were overseeing the project became overwhelmed with the duties and responsibilities. Therefore, Harbour was hired to oversee the project. It became apparent at the time that many of the contracts were not completed properly or in a timely manner. Also, it was discovered that some of the workmanship performed was substandard. Corrections are needed to be made. In May there was a malfunction of a sprinkler head which caused damage to the Council Chambers and a portion of the Police Department. The City is currently working with the insurance company on this matter. This has allowed the City to make some changes to the damaged areas. Harbour is contacting contractors to address warranty issues and work to be completed. We are hoping to have City Staff moved into the facility by the end of this year. The original budget for the City Center was \$13.5 million dollars. With the 7% contingency and unforeseen changes in cost would increase the budget to \$14.5 million dollars. The current projections to complete the project will bring the cost up to \$18.3 million dollars. \$1.2 million for the purchase of the land is included in the price and should not have been. This cost came out of the reserves we had. Also, if you eliminate the \$500,000.00 for retainage, add in the \$2 million dollars that we were awarded from the State Capital Fund program and \$1.5 million dollars for the eventual sale of the current City Hall property, it brings the cost down to \$14.1 million dollars, which is \$400,000.00 less than the original projected cost. It was the intent to complete the project in house to save the taxpayers money. We could have chosen a different avenue to take with the construction of the project, but at a higher cost. Even though there has been criticism in regard to the project, the Mayor feels that the decision we made was for the best. Mistakes and bad decision were made, but we need to move forward and complete the project. The City's finances are still healthy, and we have an AA bond rating. The goal has always been to construct a City Hall that is safe, functional, and professional. With Harbour overseeing the project the Mayor is hoping to be in the new building by the end of this year. Alderperson Oberlin asked if the \$13.5 million included the land. It did not. Did the \$2.5 million and the \$1.5 million come off of the original price.

Finance Director said that it came off the top. That would have brought it down to \$11 million. Alderwoman Gazal agreed that Covid did have an affect on the construction of the City Center. Over the last two years she asked for updates on the project and who was managing it and was given no answer. Someone has to approve the purchase orders. The Mayor said that a lot of the changes were not presented to the Council and done internally. But there were a number of votes that were taken on changes on the City Center and Public Works. Alderwoman Gazal was upset that the Council was not notified of or approved the changes that were made that increased the building budget. Who was in charge of the project and made the decisions. The Mayor said that when the errors were brought to light, the Council was notified. There are 133 entries made since 2017 on votes that were taken. We are now going to move forward with Harbour and finish the project. Alderwoman Gazal felt that if we have so much in reserves, we should be spending it on the streets that are in disrepair. She stated that questions came up that were not addressed. When we found out there were problems, why weren't they brought to the Council immediately instead of months down the road.

CITY CLERK: (2261) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall had no agenda items for discussion.

CITY TREASURER: (2269) City Treasurer Conklin presented AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PLACES FOR EATING TAX IN THE CITY OF CREST HILL AS CHAPTER 3.20 TAX ON THE GROSS RECEIPTS OF PLACES FOR EATING OF TITLE 3, REVENUE AND FINANCE OF THE CREST HILL, CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES per the memo dated July 5, 2022. This was discussed at a previous work session. Alderwoman Gazal asked why the Treasurer was presenting the ordinance. Alderperson Oberlin also questioned this. Mayor Soliman explained that we are a non-home rule community. We don't have the same authority that home-rule communities do. The ordinances that are proposed are either new or updates to existing ordinances and are based on user fees. If you use the service, you will pay for them. Alderman Jefferson questioned the projection and the plus and minus on it. Finance Director Banovetz explained that we need to get this in place to allow the restaurants time to adjust. We may fall slightly below what we projected. Alderman Cipiti asked if the revenue is based on the past several years. It was. Director Banovetz explained that she is going to work on a program where this can be paid online to eliminate some of the paperwork. Alderman Albert said that the surrounding communities have a higher sales tax rate than we do, and this is a way for the City to generate additional revenue since our tax rate is capped out. Alderman Cipiti asked if this was for sit down establishments only. It was.

(#12) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PLACES FOR EATING TAX IN THE CITY OF CREST HILL AS CHAPTER 3.20 TAX ON THE GROSS RECEIPTS OF PLACES FOR EATING OF TITLE 3, REVENUE AND FINANCE OF THE CREST HILL, CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES per the memo dated July 5, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Jefferson.

NAYES: Ald. Gazal, Oberlin, Vershay.

ABSENT: None.

There being five (5) affirmative votes, there MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #1911

(2556)

(2660) Treasurer Conklin presented AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 5.48.020, 5.48.030, AND 5.48.060 OF TITLE 5, BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 5.48 AUTOMATIC AND MANUAL BURGLAR AND FIRE ALARMS OF THE CREST HILL CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, per the memo dated July 5, 2022. This was discussed at a previous meeting. Alderman Jefferson questioned the increase in the fee. Treasurer Conklin went over the background of the request. Alderman Jefferson had conversations with several residents regarding the alarm registration. Discussion followed.

(#13) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Kubal, to approve AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 5.48.020, 5.48.030, AND 5.48.060 OF TITLE 5, BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 5.48 AUTOMATIC AND MANUAL BURGLAR AND FIRE ALARMS OF THE CREST HILL CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, per the memo dated July 5, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Jefferson, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke.

NAYES: Ald. Vershay, Gazal.

ABSENT: None.

There being six (6) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #1912

(2865)

(2897) Treasurer Conklin presented AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.10.020 OF TITLE 5, BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 5.10 TOBACCO, ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS OF THE CREST HILL CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES per the memo dated July 5, 2022.

(#14) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Oberlin, to approve AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.10.020 OF TITLE 5, BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 5.10 TOBACCO, ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS OF THE CREST HILL CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES per the memo dated July 5, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #1913

(2918)

(2950) Treasurer Conklin presented AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF VIDEO GAMING FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL per the memo dated July 5, 2022. Mayor Soliman explained that we have 107 machines in the City and have never charged a license fee before. Home-rule communities charge a tax on the machines. Questions arose on proposed section 5.77.060 license fees. Treasurer Conklin asked if the Council would like to table this ordinance to get further clarity on the fees.

(#15) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, to table AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF VIDEO GAMING FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL per the memo dated July 5, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED, and the REQUEST WAS TABLED.

(3150)

(3177) Treasurer Conklin presented AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.36.035 LICENSE; FEE OF TITLE 5, BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATION, CHAPTER 5.36 SOLICITORS OF THE CREST HILL CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES per the memo dated July 5, 2022. Alderperson Oberlin asked, if each person is going to be charged a fee. They would. Alderman Jefferson asked if we shouldn't be charging the organization, not the individual. Administrator Marino explained that we are only changing the fee.

(#16) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to approve AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.36.035 LICENSE; FEE OF TITLE 5, BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATION, CHAPTER 5.36 SOLICITORS OF THE CREST HILL CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES per the memo dated July 5, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #1914

(3195)

(3312) Treasurer Conklin presented AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15.08, INCLUDING SECTIONS 15.08.020, 15.08.030, 15.08.040, 15.08.50, 15.08.055, 15.08.070 AND 15.08.100 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL, ILLINOIS per the memo dated July 5, 2022.

(#17) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15.08, INCLUDING SECTIONS 15.08.020, 15.08.030, 15.08.040, 15.08.50, 15.08.055, 15.08.070 AND 15.08.100 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL, ILLINOIS per the memo dated July 5, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #1915

(3339)

Tape #2 begins.

(3378) Treasurer Conklin thanked Finance Director Banovetz for the work she did on the finances.

(13) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from June 6, 2022 through June 19, 2022 in the amount of \$255,183.59.

(26) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$661,338.87 for Council approval.

(#18) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$661,338.87 as presented

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

(36)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (53) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (55) Treasurer Conklin requested that a copy of ordinance #1689 be provided to the Council for discussion at an upcoming work session. Alderman Jefferson expressed concern over the cost of the City Center. He was not here when the project began. He is concerned over how the cost is going to impact the residents. He would like a full account of the expenses of the construction.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (130) There were no committee/liaison reports.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (133) Alderwoman Gazal announced that the meet and greet in the park will take place on July 20, 2022 at Renaissance Crossings Park on Zausa Drive. She thanked Public Works and the Police for participating in the past and upcoming event. Alderman Albert said that the decisions made tonight will get us closer to moving into the new City Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (205) Mayor Soliman reminded the audience that this is for comments only and there is a three minute limit. Mr. Soifer explained that he has a number of items he would like to address. Is it a three minute limit per item or total discussion. The Mayor said that this rule has been in place since 2014 and is for total discussion. Mr. Soifer asked in the change order for \$1.12 million, which included \$277,000.00 for Harbour, but then there was also a separate change order in that same amount. Can we clarify this. In the overruns, does this include the change order from November regarding bullet proof glass change out in the Police Department. Mr. Soifer said that Alderperson Oberlin identified several dollars that are being factored into the building budget, so those funds come away anyway. This is not really a benefit because they are already there. The Mayor thanked Mr. Soifer for his comments and indicated that if Mr. Soifer would like to stay after the meeting, or stop in tomorrow so we can address his questions.

(321) Paul Siegel thanked the Council and staff members who got back to him on a problem he is experiencing with the signage for Cottonwood Lane. When that intersection was put in, there were negotiations done between him, the developers, the County and City at the

time. Part of the non-written verbal approval at the time was the placement of the signage. The Cottonwood Lane signage was for the area to the west and there was additional signage for the road which had a different name heading to the east through the development.. The unlit sign is still at the intersection for Cottonwood Lane, but there is a new lit sign for City Center Blvd. Mr. Siegel is asking that the name be changed back to Cottonwood Lane. He feels that this is in violation of the original agreement.

(480) Alderwoman Gazal said that in the past we used to have a chamber full of residents attending the meetings and never limited anyone speaking to three minutes. We only had two individuals asking to speak tonight. Shouldn't we have let them have a few more minutes. Why have the slogan of City of Neighbors if we're not going to stand by it. Part of the discussion at the visionary meetings was respect, but that is something we don't have anymore.

(533) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there was a need for an executive session on litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11))

(#19) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Albert, to go into an executive session on litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)).

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Executive session 8:42 p.m.

(538)

(#20) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Albert, to reconvene from the executive session on litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)).

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Reconvened 9:37 p.m.

(558)

There being no further business before the Council, and no action needed from the executive session a motion for adjournment was in order.

(#21) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

(576)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Approved this 18th day of July, 2022
As presented ✓
As amended _____


CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK


RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR