

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
April 17, 2023

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 stated that the month of May has a special meaning and would like everyone to remain standing. Mayor Soliman asked for a moment of silence for the two Police Officers, James Nink who was killed in the line of duty on September 16, 1967 and Timothy Simenson who was also killed in the line of duty on September 28, 1994. The City of Crest Hill extends their condolences to the widows, children, and their families of the fallen officers. Mayor Soliman thanked the officers and their families on behalf of the City of Crest Hill for the sacrifices they have made. Mayor Soliman also asked to include all Police Officers, First Responders, Fireman, and hospital personnel in the moment of silence.

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

Also present were: City Administrator Jim Marino, Finance Director Lisa Banovetz, Police Chief Ed Clark, Assistant Director of Public Works Blaine Kline, City Engineer Ron Wiedeman, Deputy City Clerk Karen Kozierka, City Attorney Mike Stiff.

Absent were: City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall, Director of Public Works Mark Siefert, Interim Planner Maura Rigoni.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 3, 2023 for Council approval. Alderwoman Gazal makes a motion to amend the minutes with a technical revision correcting the name of Victoria Gonzalez to Pilar Gonzales on page 54.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the minutes with a correction on page 54 [as amended] from the regular meeting held on April 3, 2023.

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.

Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on April 10, 2023 for Council approval.

(#2) Motion by Alderman Jefferson seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve the minutes from the work session on April 10, 2023.

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.

Mayor Soliman asked to deviate from the regular agenda to announce that the City of Crest Hill has sworn in two new police officers. Police Chief Ed Clark introduced and welcomed the two new Police Officers, Andrew Black, and Andrew Gorski. He stated this makes our 33rd and 34th officer on the force. Chief Clark stated both new Police Officers have military experience and will serve our City of Crest Hill very well. Andrew Black stated he has grown up in the City of Joliet and is excited to get to know everyone and be a member of the City of Crest Hill. Andrew Gorski thanked all for giving him the opportunity to be a part of the City of Crest Hill. Mayor Soliman reminded them they now represent the City of Crest Hill on every call, no matter how minor or serious, we ask you to treat everyone with respect, manage the situation appropriately, be safe and have a long career with the city. All members of the Council congratulated and welcomed Andrew Black and Andrew Gorski.

Mayor Raymond Soliman presented a Proclamation to Promote Motorcycle Awareness Month, per the memo dated April 17, 2023. Mayor Soliman stated that we have David a.k.a. 'Pink Floyd' from A.B.A.T.E of Illinois Motorcycle Group to accept a Proclamation to promote awareness month in the City of Crest Hill. All members of the City Council read the Proclamation.

(#3) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve a Proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

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.

Mayor Soliman stated it is our honor to present David from A.B.A.T.E of Illinois Motorcycle Group with the Proclamation, and to make residents aware there are motorcycles on the streets, not only in the month of May but always, so please look both ways to keep everyone safe. David from A.B.A.T.E of Illinois Motorcycle Group stated their moto is 'Look Twice Save a Life.' He also stated that they were established in 2003 and this year is their 20th anniversary. David stated their organization holds meetings and also teaches teens motorcycle awareness.

CITY ATTORNEY: There were no agenda items for discussion.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Administrator Jim Marino requested to approve the execution of a lease agreement between the City of Crest Hill and the Lockport Township Park District per the memo dated April 17, 2023. Administrator Marino stated that this is for office space the park district will have in the new City Hall. The main points of the lease

are the annual rent will be \$1.00, with two office days per week. He also stated the Park District covers their own internet and phone service and the term of the lease is twenty (20) years. City Attorney Mike Stiff stated that the change requested to the lease agreement has been done and sent to the park district attorney who has approved this.

(#4) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve the Execution of a Lease Agreement between the City of Crest Hill and the Lockport Township Park District per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

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.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Assistant Director of Public Works Blaine Kline requested an Approval of Pay Request #9 from Williams Brother Construction Inc. with Direction to Send it to the IEPA for Approval and Disbursement for a Total Amount of \$193,346.91 per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

(#5) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin and seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, for Approval of Pay Request #9 from Williams Brother Construction Inc. with Direction to Send it to the IEPA for Approval and Disbursement for a Total Amount of \$193,346.91 per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

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.

Assistant Director of Public Works Blaine Kline requested an Approval of Pay Request #3 from Vissering Construction Inc. with Direction to Send it to the IEPA for Approval and Disbursement for a Total Amount of \$380,019.97 per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

(#6) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal and seconded by Alderman Jefferson, for Approval of Pay Request #3 from Vissering Construction Inc. with Direction to Send it to the IEPA for Approval and Disbursement for a Total Amount of \$380,019.97 per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

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.

Assistant Director of Public Works Blaine Kline requested to Approve the Purchase of Three Vehicles, Two from Ron Tirapelli Ford and One from Currie Ford, for a Total Purchase Price of \$106,952.52 from Ron Tirapelli Ford and \$31,785.24 from Currie Ford per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

(#7) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin and seconded by Alderman Albert, to Approve the Purchase of Three Vehicles, Two from Ron Tirapelli Ford and One from Currie Ford, for a Total Purchase Price of \$106,952.52 from Ron Tirapelli Ford and \$31,785.24 from Currie Ford per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

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.

Assistant Director of Public Works Blaine Kline requested to Approve a Resolution for an Intergovernmental Agreement By and Between the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois, and the Village of Romeoville, Will County, Illinois for an Illuminated Street Sign at Pinnacle Dr. and Renwick Rd. per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

(#8) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin and seconded by Alderman Albert, to Approve a Resolution for an Intergovernmental Agreement By and Between the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois, and the Village of Romeoville, Will County, Illinois for an Illuminated Street Sign at Pinnacle Dr. and Renwick Rd. per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

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.

Resolution #1170

CITY ENGINEER: City Engineer Ron Wiedeman requested to Approve the Execution of the MFT Forms for the Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code for 2023/2024 MFT Program not to Exceed an Amount of \$922,759.00 per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

(#9) Motion by Alderman Dyke seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to Approve the Execution of the MFT Forms for the Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code for 2023/2024 MFT Program not to Exceed an Amount of \$922,759.00 per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

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.

Resolution #1171

City Engineer Ron Wiedeman requested to Award the Contract to Parvin-Clauss for the City Center Driveway Signs and Wayfinding Signs in the Amount of \$59,965.00 per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

(#10) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal seconded by Alderman Jefferson to Award the Contract to Parvin-Clauss for the City Center Driveway Signs and Wayfinding Signs in the Amount of \$59,965.00 per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

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.

City Engineer Ron Wiedeman requested to Award the Contract to Chicago Sign Group, LLC for the City Welcome Signs Fabrication, and Installation in the Amount of \$190,000.00 per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

(#11) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Albert to Award the Contract to Chicago Sign Group, LLC for the City Welcome Signs Fabrication, and Installation in the Amount of \$190,000.00 per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

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.

City Engineer Ron Wiedeman requested to Approve the Execution of the Cost Sharing Agreement between the City of Crest Hill and Hillcrest Shopping Center, LLC by Resolution in Satisfaction of One of the Conditions of Ordinance 1930 passed in October, 2022 for the Water Main Location per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

(#12) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Cipiti to Approve the Execution of the Cost Sharing Agreement between the City of Crest Hill and Hillcrest Shopping Center, LLC by Resolution in Satisfaction of One of the Conditions of Ordinance 1930 passed in October, 2022 for the Water Main Location per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

City Engineer Ron Wiedeman requested to Approve the Execution of the BRT Outdoor, LLC Agreement Based on the Approved Ordinance 1927 and the Requirements to Include the Legal Descriptions and Easements for two (2) Locations and the Wording Added by the City Attorney for the Menards and Future Locations per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

(#13) Motion by Alderman Albert seconded by Alderman Dyke to Approve the Execution of the BRT Outdoor, LLC Agreement Based on the Approved Ordinance 1927 and the Requirements to Include the Legal Descriptions and Easements for two (2) Locations and the Wording Added by the City Attorney for the Menards and Future Locations per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

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.

Alderwoman Gazal asked if we could post an update on the website or Facebook for the residents regarding the construction for the Gas 'n' Wash on Weber Road and Division Street. City Engineer Wiedeman stated that he will work with the Building Department to get something on the website.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT: There were no agenda items for discussion, but Police Chief Ed Clark announced that May 19, 2023 is the 'Cop on a Rooftop' fundraiser at our local Dunkin Donuts from 5:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. All donations go to the Special Olympics. Chief Clark also announced that they were awarded the Gold Award for excellence in policy management by Lexipol. Chief Clark stated that he is very proud of the people who maintain and keep the policies and training up to date. Several Council members congratulated Chief Clark.

MAYOR: Mayor Raymond Soliman presented a request for the reappointment of Nick Weiss to the Civil Service Commission for a three-year term to expire on May 1, 2026 per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

(#14) Motion by Alderman Albert seconded by Alderman Jefferson for the reappointment of Nick Weiss to the Civil Service Commission for a three-year term to expire on May 1, 2026 per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

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.

Mayor Raymond Soliman presented a request for the reappointment of Jan Plettau to the Plan Commission for a three-year term to expire on May 1, 2026 per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

(#15) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Albert, for the reappointment of Jan Plettau to the Plan Commission for a three-year term to expire on May 1, 2026 per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

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.

Mayor Raymond Soliman presented a request for the reappointment of Angelo Deserio to the Plan Commission for a three-year term to expire on May 1, 2026 per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

(#16) Motion by Alderman Dyke seconded by Alderwoman Gazal for the reappointment of Angelo Deserio to the Plan Commission for a three-year term to expire on May 1, 2026 per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

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.

Mayor Soliman thanked Marco Coladipietro for serving the Police Pension Board. Mayor Soliman stated there is a vacancy on the Police Pension Board and he will have a candidate at the meeting on April 24, 2023 for consideration. He also stated that if there is anyone considering an appointment of any boards made through the Mayor's Office, please contact his assistant, Marybel DeHaro, or go online for any application you are interested in.

Mayor Raymond Soliman presented an Arbor Day Proclamation per the memo dated April 17, 2023. All members of the Council read the Proclamation.

(#17) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderwoman Gazal for the Arbor Day Proclamation per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Mayor Soliman announced that our Veteran's Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on May 29, 2023 at 2:00p.m. located at the new City Center, 20690 City Center Boulevard. This is next to Menards by the White Oak Library. Mayor Soliman announced we are privileged to have a guest speaker Anthony Vaughn, who is the Assistant Director of Illinois Department of Veteran's Assistance and Services attending the ceremony. He also stated that we will have another guest speaker, Anthony Hernandez, who is from Will County who helps with the veteran's issues and challenges our veterans have. Mayor Soliman also announced that there will be entertainment from Frankfort Brass Band and a rededication of the stones and the site. Refreshments will be available.

CITY CLERK: There were no agenda items for discussion.

CITY TREASURER: City Treasurer Glen Conklin requested to Approve an Ordinance Supplementing the Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2022, and Ending April 30, 2023, for the Transfers of Line-Item Expenditures from the One Account Code to Another, per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

(#18) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to Approve an Ordinance Supplementing the Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning May

1, 2022, and Ending April 30, 2023, for the Transfers of Line-Item Expenditures from the One Account Code to Another, per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Ordinance #1950

City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from March 27, 2023 to April 9, 2023 in the Amount of \$249,003.97 per the memo dated April 3, 2023.

City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the list of bills through April 18, 2023 in the amount of \$1,524,726.35 for Council approval per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

(#19) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Cipiti to approve the list of bills through April 18, 2023 in the amount of \$1,524,726.35 for Council approval per the memo dated April 17, 2023.

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: There were no agenda items for discussion.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Alderwoman Gazal announced that the Pop-up Pantry will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m. at the White Oak Library. Alderwoman Gazal also thanked the Aurora Food Pantry for their generous support and the White Oak Library for allowing us to use their parking lot. She wished good luck to the Richland Symphonic Band who are going to IGSM District Band Championships on Saturday April 29, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there was a need for an executive session on Sale of Property Owned by the Public Body 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) and Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

(#20) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to go into an executive session on Sale of Property Owned by the Public Body 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) and Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

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.

Executive Session 7:46p.m.

(#21) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to reconvene from the executive session on Sale of Property Owned by the Public Body 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) and Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

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.

Reconvened 9:43p.m.

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

(#22) Motion by Alderman Dyke seconded by Alderman Vershay to adjourn the April 17, 2023 City Council meeting.

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45p.m.

Approved this 1 day of May, 2023

As presented ✓

As amended _____


CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK


RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR