

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
June 19, 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, 20600 City Center Boulevard, Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Roll call indicated the following present: Mayor Raymond Soliman, City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall, 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: Finance Director Lisa Banovetz, Police Chief Ed Clark, Director of Public Works Mark Siefert, City Engineer Ron Wiedeman, Building Commissioner Don Seeman, City Attorney Mike Stiff, Deputy Clerk Karen Kozierka.

Absent were: Interim Planner Maura Rigoni.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on May June 5, 2023 for Council approval per the memo date June 19, 2023.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 5, 2023 per the memo dated June 19, 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 Raymond Soliman asked to deviate from the regular agenda to the Mayor's Report requesting to Approve a Three-Day Liquor License Waiver for Festa Italiana – American Italian Cultural Society per the memo dated June 19, 2023. Mayor Soliman stated that the Italiana Cultural Society is having their annual Festa Italiana from August 11<sup>th</sup> through August 13<sup>th</sup>. He also stated it has been the City of Crest Hill's tradition to waive the liquor license fee and the signs and permit fees.

(#2) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin and Alderwoman Gazal, to Approve a Three-Day Liquor License Waiver for Festa Italiana – American Italian Cultural Society per the memo dated June 19, 2023.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Kubal, Dyke, Verhsay.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Cipiti, Albert.

ABSENT: None.

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

Mayor Soliman requested to Approve a Sign Permit Waiver for Festa Italiana – American Italian Cultural Society per the memo dated June 19, 2023.

(#3) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, to Approve a Sign Permit Waiver for Festa Italiana – American Italian Cultural Society per the memo dated June 19, 2023 per the memo dated June 19, 2023.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Cipiti, Albert.

ABSENT: None.

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

Mayor Soliman requested to Approve a Parade Road Closure for Festa Italiana – American Italian Cultural Society per the memo dated June 19, 2023. Mayor Soliman commented that this would include use of a Police Officer to lead the parade around town on Sunday after the mass.

(#4) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to Approve a Parade Road Closure and an officer to lead the parade for Festa Italiana – American Italian Cultural Society per the memo dated June 19, 2023.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Albert, Cipiti.

ABSENT: None.

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

Mayor Soliman invited Chairwoman Christina Hayden and Chairman Dan Brandolino to the podium who are in the audience representing the American Italian Cultural Society. Christina Hayden announced Friday, August 11, 2023 begins the Festa Italiana Picnic from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. that will go through Sunday, August 13, 2023. She gave the band line up, entertainment schedule, and the food menu that will be served. She announced Sunday, August 13, 2023 will be the mass which will begin at 11:00 a.m. along with other events throughout the day. Dan Brandolino commented that they have been doing the fest for twenty-three years and have won Will County Best Fest Award the last seven years. He also thanked City of Crest Hill for all the help and stated the American Italian Cultural Society appreciates all the city has done.

Mayor Soliman asked to deviate from the regular agenda to the Police Department requesting an Approval of Police Records Supervisor Salary per the memo dated June 19, 2023. Chief Clark introduced Lisa Kikkert as the new Police Records Supervisor. He stated she has worked at the Will County Sheriff's Office for the last thirteen years and has been the records supervisor there for the last five years. Chief Clark requested the salary to be set at \$70,000.00 per year.

(#5) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, for Approval of the Police Records Supervisor Salary in the Amount of \$70,000.00 per the memo dated June 19, 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.

Police Chief Clark stated that the department is excited to have Lisa and welcomed her aboard and asked Lisa to approach the podium and introduce herself.

Lisa Kikkert introduced herself and stated that she is excited to be a part of the City of Crest Hill and is looking forward to working with everyone and thanked the Council for the opportunity.

Mayor Soliman and the City Council welcomed Lisa Kikkert to the City of Crest Hill.

CITY ATTORNEY: City Attorney Mike Stiff requested Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Crest Hill, Officer Ryan Tetlow, and Metropolitan Alliance of Police #15 per the memo dated June 19, 2023. He stated that this was tabled at the last meeting to make some changes and the changes have been made. The change was just a clarification of how the payments have been made through CCMSI and we had added if any extension to the agreement it would need further City Council action.

(#6) Motion by Alderman Dyke seconded by Alderman Vershay, to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Crest Hill, Officer Ryan Tetlow, and Metropolitan Alliance of Police #15 per the memo dated June 19, 2023.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Oberlin, Albert.

ABSENT: None.

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: There were no agenda items for discussion.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Public Works Director Mark Siefert thanked everyone who has supported him and his family in the last fifteen years that he has been employed in the City of Crest Hill. He commented that his resignation was not something he took lightly but at this time it was decided that this is best for himself and his family.

Mayor Soliman thanked Mark Siefert for his commitment and dedication to the City of Crest Hill for the last fifteen years.

Alderperson Oberlin wished Mark well.

Alderwoman Gazal stated that they went way back and saw how he grew in the city and had big hopes for him. She has always supported him and is disappointed that he is leaving.

Alderman Dyke thanked Mark for all his years with the city. He stated it is always good to see someone start at the bottom and work their way up. Alderman Dyke asked if he knew which contractor did the painting on the fire hydrants since the blue is fading? Director Siefert stated it was one contractor throughout the entire six years of the program and there is only a six-year warranty, which has been over six years now.

Alderman Cipiti thanked Mark on his service with the city and wished him the best of luck.

Alderman Vershay thanked Mark for his fifteen years of service.

Alderman Albert stated that with Alderman Dyke asking Mark a question and Mark following up with an answer is showing the commitment Mark has with the city. Alderman Albert stated that he will really miss him.

Alderman Kubal thanked Mark for his service and wished good luck to him and his family.

CITY ENGINEER: City Engineer Ron Wiedeman requested to Execute Two Contracts with Patriot Pavement Marking for the 2023/2024 MFT Crack Control Program (Section No 24-00000-00-GM)

- Execute Contract A for the 2023/2024 MFT Crack Control Program in the Amount of \$15,900.50 per the memo dated June 19, 2023. Engineer Wiedeman commented this contract would be for wards three and four.

(#7) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Albert, to Execute Contract A for the 2023/2024 MFT Crack Control Program in the Amount of \$15,900.50 per the memo dated June 19, 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.

- Execute Contract B for the 2023/2024 MFT Crack Control Program in the Amount of \$19,000.00 per the memo dated June 19, 2023. Engineer Wiedeman commented that this would be for ward one.

(#8) Motion by Alderman Dyke seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to Execute Contract B for the 2023/2024 MFT Crack Control Program in the Amount of \$19,000.00 per the memo dated June 19, 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.

Engineer Ron Wiedeman requested to Approve Change Order No. 1 with Construction Solutions of Illinois, Inc. for the Water Main Relocation Work at the Hillcrest Shopping

Center due to the Construction of New Recruiting Building which will Increase the City Share from this Work for Construction to \$365,534.90 per the memo dated June 19, 2023.

(#9) Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to Approve Change Order No. 1 with Construction Solutions of Illinois, Inc. for the Water Main Relocation Work at the Hillcrest Shopping Center due to the Construction of New Recruiting Building which will Increase the City Share from this Work for Construction to \$365,534.90 per the memo dated June 19, 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.

Engineer Wiedeman requested to Approve Change Order No. 1 with V3 Companies for the Chaney and Center Water Main and Roadway Rehabilitation Project which will increase the Contract Amount to \$3,535,133.30 per the memo dated June 19, 2023.

(#10) Motion by Alderman Dyke seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to Approve Change Order No. 1 with V3 Companies for the Chaney and Center Water Main and Roadway Rehabilitation Project which will increase the Contract Amount to \$3,535,133.30 per the memo dated June 19, 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.

Engineer Wiedeman requested to Execute the Route 66 Community Monuments Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between Heritage Corridor Convention and Visitors Bureau and City of Crest Hill per the memo dated June 19, 2023. He stated that since the last work session discussion he has reached out to the owner of Lucky Brothers to discuss placing this sign on Lucky Brothers property and we are still waiting for an official response. He also stated that if we have not heard anything from the Lucky Brothers before the sign is delivered, we will just keep the sign at the City Center until we hear from Lucky Brothers or find a new location to install the sign.

(#11) Motion by Alderman Albert seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to Execute the Route 66 Community Monuments Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between Heritage Corridor Convention and Visitors Bureau and City of Crest Hill per the memo dated June 19, 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.

Engineer Wiedeman requested to Approve a Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding by and Between the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois and Heritage

Corridor Convention and Visitors' Bureau, an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation per the memo dated June 19, 2023.

(#12) Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Albert, to Approve a Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding by and Between the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois and Heritage Corridor Convention and Visitors' Bureau, an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation per the memo dated June 19, 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 #1177

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: Mayor Raymond Soliman called Mr. James Sankey of Cheesecake by James and Events and Venues by James to the podium. Mayor Soliman stated he handled himself very poorly and his actions were wrong at the last meeting on June 12, 2023 and wanted to publicly apologize to Mr. Sankey for his actions. Mr. Sankey accepted the apology. Mayor Soliman announced that Interim Planner Maura Rigoni could not be at the meeting and our City Attorney Mike Stiff would be overseeing her items.

Attorney Stiff requested to Approve an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit with Respect to Certain Real Property Located within the Corporate Boundaries of Crest Hill [Application of Events and Venues by James (James Sankey)] per the memo dated June 19, 2023. Attorney Stiff stated that six (6) conditions were agreed upon by James Sankey and are included in the ordinance.

Mr. James Sankey thanked everyone involved and hoped to see everyone at the grand opening for coffee and cheesecake only.

Mayor Soliman read the six (6) conditions, as follows:

- Consumption of alcohol on the property, both inside and outside the building, is prohibited.
- Review and approval of a security plan by the Crest Hill Police Department.
- Occupancy of the events space and the area associated with Cheesecakes by James shall be limited to a total of seventy-five (75) people.
- All events must conclude by 10PM with the facility being closed by 11PM.
- There shall be no preparation of food on-site, with the exception of cheesecakes/desserts. All other food may be catered.
- At no time shall any door to the outside of the property be propped open.

Mayor Soliman asked Mr. Sankey if he agrees with all six (6) conditions. Mr. Sankey agreed. Mayor Soliman asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the special use, please step to the podium. There was no one in the audience that stepped up to the podium.

(#13) Motion by Alderman Albert seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to Approve an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit with Respect to Certain Real Property Located

within the Corporate Boundaries of Crest Hill [Application of Events and Venues by James (James Sankey)] with six (6) conditions per the memo dated June 19, 2023.

On roll call, the votes 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 # 1952

City Attorney Mike Stiff requested to Approve an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit with Respect to Certain Real Property Located within the Corporate Boundaries of Crest Hill [Application of Home Essentials Furniture] per the memo dated June 19, 2023. Attorney Stiff stated that this is a Special Use to allow U-Haul trucks to solely for the purpose of customers taking delivery from Home Essentials Furniture and to transport the furniture purchased. He stated that this was a favorable recommendation with conditions from the Plan Commission at their last meeting. The conditions were as follows:

- Prohibition of on-site advertisement of the U-Haul Operation.
- Limitation of the total number of trucks to two (2) on-site at one time.
- All trucks must be parked in the rear of the property, and at no time shall a U-Haul truck associated with the business be located in the front parking lot of the shopping center.

Mayor Soliman asked a representative from Home Essentials Furniture to step to the podium. Renee Altamimi, the store owner's sister, who is the Sales Manager at Home Essentials introduced herself and stated they like to keep the truck minimal, and they do not market the trucks at the store. She also stated that the conditions will be easy to follow. Mayor Soliman asked if anyone had questions of the representative. There were no questions. Mayor Soliman read the conditions again and asked the representative of Home Essentials Furniture, Renee Altamimi, if she agrees to the conditions. Renee Altamimi agreed to the three conditions. Mayor Soliman asked if anyone in the audience had any questions or concerns regarding this special use. There was no one in the audience with questions or concerns.

(#14) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to Approve an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit with Respect to Certain Real Property Located within the Corporate Boundaries of Crest Hill [Application of Home Essentials Furniture] with three (3) conditions per the memo dated June 19, 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.

Ordinance #1953

Attorney Stiff requested a Resolution Approving an Engagement Letter Between the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois, and Ryan LLC for Financial Consulting Services Related to the Division Street Tax Increment Financing District per the memo dated June 19, 2023.

(#15) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal seconded by Alderman Vershay, to Approve a Resolution Approving an Engagement Letter Between the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois, and Ryan LLC for Financial Consulting Services Related to the Division Street Tax Increment Financing District per the memo dated June 19, 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.

Resolution #1178

Attorney Stiff requested to Approve an Ordinance Correcting a Scrivener's Error in the Legal Description in Exhibits to Ordinances Nos. 1946, 1947, and 1948 per the memo dated June 19, 2023. Attorney Stiff stated that scrivener's error is in the legal description and not sure who determined there is a scrivener's error in the Ordinance. He also stated the Ordinances that have the error is 1946, 1947, and 1948 that were passed on April 3, 2023 and the exhibit that was attached to the legal description had the error. The Ordinance tonight will correct that scrivener's error and direct the City Clerk's Office to replace the exhibits from those original ordinances with the correct legal description.

Alderman Albert asked who was the first person to produce the legal description of this property? Attorney Stiff stated that he did not know. Alderman Albert stated that he feels like whoever was the person to produce this legal description first, needs to be responsible for this scrivener's error.

(#16) Motion by Alderman Jefferson seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, to Approve an Ordinance Correcting a Scrivener's Error in the Legal Description in Exhibits to Ordinances Nos. 1946, 1947, and 1948 per the memo dated June 19, 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.

Ordinance #1954

Building Commissioner Don Seeman requested to Approve Change Order with Cosgrove Construction, Inc. for Construction Work at the City Center in the Amount of \$12,915.00 per the memo dated June 19, 2023. He stated that this would be for installation of ten wi-fi locks, thirteen window lite kits for office doors, and sound insulation for the Executive Conference room.

(#17) Motion by Alderman Albert seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to Approve Change Order with Cosgrove Construction, Inc. For Construction Work at the City Center in the Amount of \$12,915.00 per the memo dated June 19, 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.



Building Commissioner Seeman requested to Approve Change Order with LVS Solution, Inc. for Construction Work at the City Center in the Amount of \$5,030.00 per the memo dated June 19, 2023. He stated that this is for installing wi-fi locks.

(#18) Motion by Alderman Kubal seconded by Alderman Vershay, to Approve Change Order with LVS Solution, Inc. for Construction Work at the City Center in the Amount of \$5,030.00 per the memo dated June 19, 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police Chief Ed Clark requested to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois – Retirement of Police Canine Simo per the memo dated June 19, 2023. He stated that as we discussed at the last meeting Officer John McHale resigned from the Police Department on May 29, 2023 and he was the canine handler for Simo. Chief Clark stated that it was our initial intention to have training for Simo with a new handler, but Will County States Attorney James Glasgow was aware of Officer McHale's resignation and provided an alternative. Attorney Glasgow offered to purchase a new dog and the training at no cost to the City of Crest Hill. Chief Clark stated that to do this we need to have an Ordinance approved to surplus Simo to Officer McHale in the sum of \$1.00 and Approve Acquisition of a new Police Dog.

(#19) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Albert, to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois – Retirement of Police Canine Simo per the memo dated June 19, 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.

Ordinance #1955

Chief Clark stated that he would update the Council as the progress begins with the new canine.

MAYOR: Mayor Raymond Soliman announced that he has a Resolution Honoring the Zdravlevich Family on the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Merichka's Restaurant in the City of Crest Hill per the memo dated June 19, 2023. Council members read the Resolution.

(#20) Motion by Alderman Dyke seconded by Alderman Vershay, to Approve a Resolution Honoring the Zdravlevich Family on the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Merichka's Restaurant in the City of Crest Hill per the memo dated June 19, 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 #1176

Mayor Soliman stated that he was contacted by Joseph Zdravich, III and Ryan George informing the mayor that unfortunately they could not attend tonight's meeting. Mayor Soliman stated that we want to recognize this Crest Hill business. He stated if you grew up in Crest Hill you probably worked there since they have employed thousands of people in their 90 years. Mayor Soliman stated this is a tremendous accomplishment for the same family to be operating the business for 90 years. Mayor Soliman commented that they are the oldest restaurant in Will County.

Mayor Soliman announced that the railroad crossing at Oakland Avenue is in serious need of resurfacing over the tracks and it will be closed June 22 through June 23, 2023 for these repairs.

Mayor Soliman also announced that on Saturday June 17, 2023 he was at 1919 Cora Street for a ribbon cutting at this property. This property was donated to Habitat for Humanity. He stated they built the house through a lot of donations and volunteers and is happy to report that a local veteran and his family are going to be moving into the home. This is the third Habitat for Humanity home in the City of Crest Hill.

Mayor Soliman announced that on June 10, 2023 he was at Lockport Township Park District for the grand opening of the Pickle Ball Courts. There are six courts, and they are beautiful. He stated that this Saturday, June 24, 2023 is the grand opening and ribbon cutting at Prairie Bluff Golf Course for the driving range with simulators. He thanked Lockport Township Park District for investing so much in the City of Crest Hill.

CITY CLERK: City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall requested to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Donation or Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois to the Illinois Rock & Roll Museum on Route 66 per the memo dated June 19, 2023. City Clerk Vershay-Hall commented that they are a 501C Organization.

(#21) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Vershay, to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Donation or Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois to the Illinois Rock & Roll Museum on Route 66 per the memo dated June 19, 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.  
Ordinance #1956

CITY TREASURER: City Treasurer Glen Conklin commented we have received a lot of late water bills for this billing period, and it turns out it was the result of an issue with the mail getting to the City Center with the address issues and this will result in late fees. He

stated he was contacted by the Utility Billing Supervisor, Regina Cabay, regarding the resident's payments getting to the City Center late and applying a late fee to the residents for this billing cycle. Treasurer Conklin commented that with the inability to contact the Council, he went ahead and authorized to waive the late fees. He stated that it seemed unfair to our residents to apply a late fee when they mailed their payments on time. He commented that he would have preferred to come to Council and ask but did not have any time to do so.

City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from May 22, 2023 through June 4, 2023 in the amount of \$261,462.72 per the memo dated June 19, 2023.

City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the list of bills through June 20, 2023 in the amount of \$976,437.28 for Council approval per the memo dated June 19, 2023.

(#22) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to Approve the list of bills through June 20, 2023 in the amount of \$976,437.28 for Council approval per the memo dated June 19, 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.

Alderman Albert asked if the list of bills Treasurer Conklin mentions is the same list of bills Deputy Clerk Karen Kozerka emails the Council members? It was answered that it is the same list of bills. Alderman Albert commented he does not understand why we get the list of bills twice and feels the descriptions on the bills are way to brief.

Director of Finance Lisa Banovetz requested Approval to Amend the City's Current Purchasing Policy per the memo dated June 19, 2023.

Alderman Albert commented he would be voting no because he feels it will muddy up the waters when we start intertwining the Treasurer vs. City Administrator.

(#23) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to Approve to Amend the City's Current Purchasing Policy per the memo dated June 19, 2023.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Albert

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1179

Director of Finance Lisa Banovetz requested to Approve a Kroll, LLC Property Insurance Appraisal for the City's Use in Connection with its Internal Analysis of its Insurance needs and Financial Reporting as of June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$15,925.00 per the memo dated June 19, 2023.

(#24) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to Approve a Kroll, LLC Property Insurance Appraisal for the City's Use in Connection with its Internal Analysis of its Insurance needs and Financial Reporting as of June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$15,925.00 per the memo dated June 19, 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.

Finance Director Lisa Banovetz requested to Approve a Kroll, LLC Contract to provide Updated Fixed Asset Accounting Records for Internal Accounting Control and Financial Reporting as of June 30, 2023 for the Amount of \$28,000.00 per the memo dated June 19, 2023. She stated this would be inventory of all equipment on hand and account for this on our software.

(#25) Motion by Alderman Jefferson seconded by Alderman Dyke, to Approve a Kroll, LLC Contract to provide Updated Fixed Asset Accounting Records for Internal Accounting Control and Financial Reporting as of June 30, 2023 for the Amount of \$28,000.00 per the memo dated June 19, 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: Alderman Dyke asked Chief of Police Ed Clark if we have a new procedure with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July coming up. Chief Clark stated that they will have special enforcement on fireworks.

Alderman Jefferson informed Chief Clark that he received calls from residents in Arbor Glen subdivision regarding people starting their fireworks at 11PM and the residents are upset by this and are not getting an answer from the Police Department. Chief Clark commented he was sure the officers patrolled the area but usually by the time they arrive the fireworks are stopped. Chief Clark commented that the resident needs to say he would like to speak to an officer when calling in the complaint and then that will alert the officer to stop by the complainant's home. He also stated that the problem is the resident does not want to sign the complaint.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Alderperson Oberlin thanked everyone involved with the Lidice Ceremony, especially Public Works, for getting set up so quickly when the rain started. She appreciated everyone helping and coming out to celebrate the Lidice Ceremony.

Alderperson also commented that June 19<sup>th</sup> is a special day now and hopes everyone knows and understands what it stands for and supports it. She also wished her deceased mother a very happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Alderwoman Gazal commented that the 'Lets meet at the Park' and 'Touch a Truck' events we have had have grown more and more each year. She stated that this year was amazing. Alderwoman Gazal thanked Officer Heidi Outlaw for all her support and Chief Clark for their support especially through this year being short staffed. She also thanked all the residents for coming to the event and Nikos Restaurant for the hotdogs and support.

Alderman Jefferson wished everyone a Happy Juneteenth day to everyone and hope everyone understands the meaning. He also thanked Mark Siefert for his years of service.

Alderman Dyke thanked Alderperson Oberlin, and all involved in the Lidice Ceremony. It was nice. He also mentioned that maybe we could move the monument to the park next to the City Center in the future and name the park Lidice Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

Alderwoman Gazal asked to go into executive session to discuss in private what is going on with the City of Crest Hill. Alderman Albert agreed there needs to be a discussion in executive session.

Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there was a need for an executive session on personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

(#26) Motion by Alderman Albert seconded by Alderwoman Gazal to go into executive session on personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

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.

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(#27) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Jefferson to reconvene from the executive session on personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

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.

Reconvened 9:25 p.m.

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

(#28) Motion by Alderman Dyke seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the June 19, 2023 Council meeting.

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.

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

Approved this 3 day of July, 2023  
As presented ✓  
As amended \_\_\_\_\_

  
CHRISTINE VERSHAY HALL, CITY CLERK

  
RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR