

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
July 3, 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, Deputy Chief Ryan Dobczyk, City Engineer Ron Wiedeman, City Attorney Mike Stiff.

Absent were: Interim Planner Maura Rigoni, Building Commissioner Don Seeman, Police Chief Ed Clark, Assistant Public Work Director Blaine Kline.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on June 12, 2023 with a correction for Council approval per the memo dated July 3, 2023.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the minutes from the work session meeting held on June 12, 2023 per the memo dated July 3, 2023.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Kubal

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

Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 19, 2023 for Council approval per the memo date July 3, 2023.

(#2) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 19, 2023 per the memo dated July 3, 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.

CITY ATTORNEY: City Attorney Mike Stiff requested to Approve a Resolution Suspending the Operation of Chapter 5:18: Special Events of the City of Crest Hill Code

of Ordinances per the memo dated July 3, 2023. He stated that at the last work session the Council requested to suspend the Special Events Ordinance so it can be reviewed.

(#3) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Albert, to Approve a Resolution Suspending the Operation of Chapter 5:18: Special Events of the City of Crest Hill Code of Ordinances per the memo dated July 3, 2023.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1180

Alderperson Oberlin and Alderwoman Gazal wished Attorney Mike Stiff a Happy Belated Birthday.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: There were no agenda items for discussion.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Mayor Soliman requested an approval, on behalf of Assistant Director Blaine Kline, for Pay Request #11 from Williams Brother Construction Inc. with Direction to Send it to the IEPA for Approval and Disbursement for Total Amount of \$568,445.77 per the memo dated July 3, 2023.

(#4) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Albert, for Approval of Pay Request #11 from Williams Brother Construction Inc. with Direction to Send it to the IEPA for Approval and Disbursement for Total Amount of \$568,445.77 per the memo dated July 3, 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 Soliman requested an approval, on behalf of Assistant Director Blaine Kline, for Pay Request #5 from Vissering Construction Inc. with Direction to Send it to the IEPA for Approval and Disbursement in the Amount of \$1,394,378.67 per the memo dated July 3, 2023.

(#5) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, for Approval of Pay Request #5 from Vissering Construction Inc. with Direction to Send it to the IEPA for Approval and Disbursement in the Amount of \$1,394,378.67 per the memo dated July 3, 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.

CITY ENGINEER: City Engineer Ron Wiedeman requested to award the contract to Precision Pavement Marking, Inc. for the City Center Pavement Marking Program (Section No 24-00000-00-GM) in the amount of \$17,589.71 per the memo dated July 3, 2023.

(#6) Motion by Alderman Albert seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, to Award the Contract to Precision Pavement Marking, Inc. for the City Center Pavement Marking Program (Section No 24-00000-00-GM) in the Amount of \$17,589.71 per the memo dated July 3, 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.

Engineer Wiedeman requested to Award the Contract to Davis Concrete Contractors for the 2023/2024 MFT Concrete Flatwork Program (Section No 24-00000-01-GM) in the Amount of \$253,262.00 per the memo dated July 3, 2023.

(#7) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Albert, to Award the Contract to Davis Concrete Contractors for the 2023/2024 MFT Concrete Flatwork Program (Section No 24-00000-01-GM) in the Amount of \$253,262.00 per the memo dated July 3, 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.

Engineer Wiedeman requested to Award the Contract to D Construction for the 2023/2024 MFT HMA Patching Program in the Amount of \$236,249.00 per the memo dated July 3, 2023.

(#8) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal seconded by Alderman Vershay, to Award the Contract to D Construction for the 2023/2024 MFT HMA Patching Program in the Amount of \$236,249.00 per the memo dated July 3, 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.

Engineer Wiedeman requested to allow staff to include the patching of Hoffman Street from Chaney to Elsie, Elsie Avenue from Cora to Hickory Street, and Caton Farm Road from Grandview to CN Railroad Bridge, which is estimated at \$63,751.00 using the awarded unit price bids from D Construction. He commented that this would increase the total contract amount up to \$300,000.00, which is our budgeted amount. He stated that when the project had gone out for bid our engineering estimate was way over our budgeted amount, and we had to cut some streets out but since the bid came in lower, we would like to add these streets back in.

(#9) Motion by Alderman Albert seconded by Alderman Dyke, to Award the Contract to D Construction for Hoffman Street from Chaney to Elsie, Elsie Avenue from Cora to Hickory Street, and Caton Farm Road from Grandview to CN Railroad Bridge in the Amount of \$63,751.00 per the memo dated July 3, 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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: There were no agenda items for discussion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Deputy Chief Ryan Dobczyk requested to Approve a Special Event Police Services Agreement with American Italian Cultural Society for Festa Italiana per the memo dated July 3, 2023.

(#10) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to Approve a Special Event Police Services Agreement with American Italian Cultural Society for Festa Italiana per the memo dated July 3, 2023.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Cipiti, Albert.

ABSENT: None.

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

MAYOR: Mayor Raymond Soliman requested Approval of the 110th IML Annual Conference Registration per the memo dated July 3, 2023. Mayor Soliman stated that this is for all elected officials for the cost of the conference, mileage, transportation expenses, hotel fees, parking, and \$100.00 per day; not to exceed \$300.00 for meals while at the conference.

(#11) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal seconded by Alderman Jefferson, for Approval of the 110th IML Annual Conference Registration per the memo dated July 3, 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.

Mayor Soliman commented he attended two ribbon cuttings on June 29, 2023. The ribbon cuttings were both on Plainfield Road. The first one was Crucial Cuts Barber Lounge located at 2201 Plainfield Road and then went to Crest Hill Smoke Shop at 2203 Plainfield Road. He welcomed both businesses into the city and wished them success.

Alderperson Oberlin commented that she had went to the IEPA website to verify the comment she had made at the last meeting regarding an employee holding two licenses and the mayor stating he did not. After reviewing the IEPA website, Alderperson Oberlin stated

that this employee does have two licenses and wondered why the mayor stated something that was not true. Mayor Soliman stated that information is what he was given, and he had sent out an email regarding that and it will be discussed at the next executive session on Monday, July 10, 2023.

CITY CLERK: City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall announced our City-Wide Garage Sale will be Thursday, August 17, 2023 through Sunday, August 20, 2023. You will need to have a permit and the cost of the permit is \$5.00 and can be purchased at the Clerk's Office.

Alderwoman Gazal asked if we could post how many garage sales a resident can have? Clerk Vershay-Hall commented that it is on the application when they fill it out.

CITY TREASURER: City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the list of bills through July 5, 2023 in the amount of \$2,510,184.44 for Council approval per the memo dated July 3, 2023.

(#12) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to Approve the list of bills through July 5, 2023 in the amount of \$2,510,184.44 for Council approval per the memo dated July 3, 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.

City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from June 5, 2023 through June 18, 2023 in the amount of \$251,372.78 per the memo dated July 3, 2023.

Treasurer Conklin commented that since we will be reviewing the City Vehicle Policy soon, he would like the Council to review the information he has provided at the dais regarding personal use of city owned vehicles.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Several Council members wished everyone a very safe and Happy 4th of July.

Alderperson Oberlin wanted to thank Lynn Coladipietro for helping with serving and bringing food to the Lidice Ceremony. Alderperson Oberlin commented that she was a life saver and really appreciated her help.

Alderwoman Gazal announced Wednesday, July 19, 2023 will be the second 'Meet at the Park' and 'Touch a Truck' Event which will be held at Zausa Drive from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

Alderman Vershay reminded all that fireworks are illegal.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

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

(#13) Motion by Alderman Dyke seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the July 3, 2023 Council meeting.

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.


The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Approved this 17 day of July, 2023

As presented ✓

As amended _____


CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK


RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR