

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – January 28, 2020**

Mayor Gallo called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

ROLL CALL:

Present: Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica

Absent: Cannon

With 6 present and 1 absent there is a quorum.

Members of the audience are reminded that these proceedings are being videotaped for current and future broadcast over the City's cable television channel.

Staff Members Present: City Manager Barry Krumstok, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher, Deputy City Clerk Judy Brose, Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak, Police Chief John Nowacki, Fire Chief Terry Valentino, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Moxley, Director Public Works Rob Horne, Business Advocate Martha Corner, City Attorney Melissa Wolf

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

The first order of business is to approve the minutes from the *January 14, 2020 City Council Meeting*. Is there a motion to approve the minutes? Alderman Vinezeano made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Are there any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye; those opposed say nay. The ayes have it and the minutes are approved.

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

I am requesting a motion to deviate. Do I have such a motion? Alderman D'Astice made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of deviating say aye; those opposed say nay. The ayes have it and we will now deviate from the agenda.

Fire Department Humanitarian Service Awards from MABAS – 2019 Mississippi and Illinois Flooding

- **Lt. Ben Dwyer**
- **FF/Paramedic John Palmisano**
- **FF/Paramedic John Loesch**

Mayor Gallo - Could I get a motion to close the floor? Alderman D'Astice has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Vinezeano. All those in favor say aye; those opposed say nay.

Mayor Gallo closed the floor.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

This weekend was a busy weekend. I had Northwest Municipal Conference Legislative brunch. Northwest Municipal Conference hosts a lot of events for the 65 municipalities that are a part of the conference. This legislative brunch is by far one of the most productive and informative so I do encourage anybody to get involved with the legislative brunch that's willing to go or gets the email, take advantage of it. We talked a lot about policy, a lot about objective setting, funding and finance and it was nice to hear from other leaders in the municipalities that are our neighbors and what they're doing. After that, in the evening I ended up getting to attend a cultural affair for the Indian-American Association. It was a celebration of their 71st anniversary of independence and it was a really spectacular display of cultural dance, music, poetry, storytelling and cuisine, the food is great. My wife went and she enjoys Indian food like I do and I would recommend anybody getting Indian food who has adventure for it. You will also hear me talk a lot about the Census which is coming up between now and April. The Rolling Meadows Census Committee is doing a lot of planning with the grant that Alderman Sanoica, myself, Staff and some volunteers in Rolling Meadows are working to create a lot of events. Getting a lot of notoriety around this is very important that we do get our population, those hard to reach, those underserved and the standard populace to be counted so we can get the funding we deserve. It helps with our infrastructure, it helps with our schools and it helps with our quality of life. So for the next couple of months you're going to be bored of me talking about the Census but I hope it gets ingrained in everybody's mind as to how critical it is.

WARD REPORTS:

Alderman Sanoica - I had a couple residents reach out to me regarding difficulty in being able to get from point A to point B along Kirchoff on the bike paths. Many cyclists had to use the roads instead of the bike paths themselves. I spoke with Public Works this weekend and they got back to me to state that we do have a clearing policy but we can perhaps explore that policy going forward as well to ensure that we are able to keep up with residents as well and residents desire to be mobile.

Alderman Vinezeano - I had several phone calls in regards to speeding on Kirchoff and the stop sign again at Pheasant at the library. I did talk to Chief Nowacki early this morning about this and he's going to take some of the concerns over to the Traffic Review Committee to see if there's something that we can do with that stop sign on Pheasant, with maybe an additional sign or something being that it's on a curve. So residents in the Ward know that some more information to follow on that.

Alderman Bisesi – I would like to thank Chief Nowacki once again for being at the town hall that we had the other week. Also, I have had residents noticed that there's been a patrol car over by Linden and Oak intersection and it seems to be helping a little bit. I thank you advance for bringing the stop sign issues that they brought up to the Traffic Committee.

Alderman O'Brien - I'll follow suit along with that. I had a resident reach out again regarding parking along Meadow during school hours or school drop off and pickup hours where it says no parking allowed. Chief and I worked on this probably about three months ago right before the New Year's and the holidays and residents started noticing it happening again. Chief is going to keep an eye on that because the sign says no parking yet there are people there with children crossing back and forth from the street. I'll follow up with a resident after the meeting. Seems like that might be the current theme, school parking. Just use common sense when you see school zones.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

Mayor Gallo - The next step is to open the meeting to the public but there are no signatures on the sign-in sheet so we'll move on to Pending Ordinances.

➤ **PENDING:**

A) Ordinance No. 20-02 - Approve Liquor License Application for a Class G1 Liquor License for Bulldog Ale House located at 1480 Golf Road (2nd Reading)

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman D'Astice has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Bisesi. Is there any discussion? See none, the question is shall the Ordinance be adopted. Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Cannon

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed this Ordinance is adopted.

B) Ordinance No. 20-03 - Approve Liquor License Application for a Class A2 Liquor License for MJ Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Lulu's located at 2633 Kirchoff Road (2nd Reading)

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman D'Astice has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Is there any discussion? See none, the question is shall the Ordinance be adopted. Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Cannon

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed this Ordinance is adopted.

➤ **CONSENT ORDINANCES (1st Reading):**

Mayor Gallo - The next item on the agenda is Ordinances in for 1st Reading. It consists of three (3) items, items C through E. Does any Alderman wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda for Ordinances?

Alderman Sanoica – Item E.

Mayor Gallo – The Consent Ordinances in for 1st Reading now consists of two (2) items. The Chair declares it in order for one motion to consider the two (2) Ordinances in one motion without debate. Is there a motion to consider the Ordinances for 1st Reading? Alderman D'Astice has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien.

- C) Ordinance No. 20-00 – Amend Chapter 22 (“Business”) and Appendix B of the Code of Ordinances (1st Reading)**
- D) Ordinance No. 20-00 - Approve Liquor License Application for a Class A2 Liquor License for Tacos Jerez located at 1410 Golf Road (1st Reading)**

The question is shall the Ordinances be moved forward for 2nd Reading? Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: O’Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D’Astice, Sanoica, Budmats
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Cannon

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The Ordinances will be moved forward for 2nd Reading.

Item E was pulled by Alderman Sanoica.

- E) Ordinance No. 20-00 – Amend Chapter 14 (“Animals”) and Appendix B of the Code of Ordinances – Animal Bites and Animals Running at Large (1st Reading)**

Is there a motion to consider the Ordinance for 1st Reading? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman D’Astice.

Alderman Sanoica you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman Sanoica - Negligent owners who refuse to leash their dogs are not the same as responsible owners whose dog manages to escape or run away despite our best efforts accident still happen. I believe we need to differentiate between at-large due to intent by an owner who refuses to leash their dog and at-large due to lost dogs that managed to escape a property. As discussed at the Committee-of-the-Whole last week the City does not have a kennel that can house animals, they’re essentially hanging out here with us at City Hall for day until they are taken to Golf Rose. As such, dogs are impounded upon intake and so a healthy dog that is current on all vaccinations is still going to cost the owner a couple hundred dollars before the dog can be released. We already have owners in the City that cannot bring their dog’s home do to the financial burden of the impoundment structure. So adding higher fines to recover a lost dog won’t fix this specific problem. Chief Nowacki explained that his officers are given discretion to differentiate between these circumstances, between a negligent owner and then a lost dog. As a policymaker, I want to ensure that the most important aspects of our officers’ discretion are codified so that residents never fear reaching out to the City for help if their animals are lost. It is in the best interest of everyone that pets are returned to their owners and allowing owners the option to contact the City as soon as possible is what we want to encourage, that’s a behavior that we want to encourage. The sooner the animal is captured the less time the animal is at-large which is what we’re trying to accomplish with higher fines in this particular instance. Residents have expressed concern that they will be less willing to cooperate with City Officials on this goal if they know that a \$150-\$250 ticket is waiting for them if they do so. Chief Nowacki, are there any actions that residents could take that would impact your officers discretion to forgo a hefty ticket?

John Nowacki, Police Chief - Officers do have discretion on issuing citations. On a very minor incident where a person opens up their door and the dog runs across the street and an officer sees it, the officer would return it in our officers are very compassionate and very empathetic. They would have discretion to not issue any type of citation. If the citation was issued there is recourse where a resident can ask for an administrative hearing and actually hear their case in front of an adjudicator which takes place in this Council Chambers. So there are a lot of alternatives and a lot of recourses for residents. It was my understanding that the fines wanted to be increased to deter the incidences of dogs running at large and that the initial violation of \$20 was just not significant enough. That's my understanding of why the fines were increased and wanted to keep them consistent with all the violations for the dog running at large whether they were impounded or not. To answer your question, the officers definitely do have discretion and I would imagine that in a minor incident they would not issue a citation and if they did there would be a recourse for an administrative hearing in front of an impartial adjudicator.

Alderman Sanoica – Chief Nowacki, are there any specific actions that a resident can take in order to be able to demonstrate that they're goal is to find their lost animal, so if they were to call the City, for example, would that be a factor that you would take into consideration?

John Nowacki, Police Chief – It would be a factor. We definitely try to return and unite the animal with the owner because the last thing we want to do is to take it to the impound because it does tie up a lot of resources from the Police Department to do that. I've known officers who've driven their car with the dog or they bring them into the station, they really do a lot to reunite that animal with their owner. A last resort is taking it to the impound. We're using a third party vendor so there are increased costs with that.

Mayor Gallo – Is that it Alderman Sanoica? Are you looking to include verbiage as a differentiator in the Ordinance or what would you like?

Alderman Sanoica – I believe that Chief Nowacki and the Police Department are going to do the best that they can, however I want to ensure that residents also trust that they're going to be treated fairly. I don't know if necessarily stating that they can proceed through an adjudication process that they will be fairly treated if their intent is to find their animal and that they're not being negligent in going on walks without a leash. That's essentially what I want to differentiate from so I would like to codify some of the factors that we're taking into consideration right now in order to be able to demonstrate to residents that this is already a practice we're pursuing as a Police Department and as a City and to just make sure that it's there.

Mayor Gallo – So do you have some verbiage in mind that would be indicative of that so we could push for a second on your motion to make this amendment in the verbiage?

Alderman Sanoica – The verbiage at this point on first reading would mostly be to amend 14-8 itself and to then differentiate between or to define what we mean by at-large and then having the two different types of definitions for at-large, where one is negligent and one is not and then defining what we mean by that. At this time, looking at the Code and looking at Section 14-8 of Chapter 14 for Animals, I don't necessarily have verbiage at this time for the first reading but if we had any suggestions from City Staff I would prefer to go that route.

Mayor Gallo – Alderman Sanoica, are you finished with this?

Alderman Bisesi – I was wondering if the Council would want to postpone the first reading on this so that language could be put in there per Alderman Sanoica's request? Then we would vote on that with first reading.

Alderman Sanoica – I'd second that.

Mayor Gallo – I would put that as your motion to postpone and Alderman Sanoica as a second to postpone at this time.

Alderman Sanoica - To clarify, is postponement until the next meeting?

Alderman Bisesi – The next Council meeting.

Alderman Sanoica – Then yes.

Mayor Gallo - Is that sufficient time for you to work out some language either with assistance from Attorney Wolf?

Alderman Sanoica – It's enough for me, is that going to be enough for our attorney?

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney – Yes.

Alderman Sanoica – Then yes.

Mayor Gallo – There's a motion on the floor to go ahead and postpone this. Is there any discussion on the motion to postpone?

Alderman O'Brien - I'm not sure if it's specific to the postponement, I'm okay to postponing. But this might be potential verbiage, maybe we just differentiate when the City incurs additional costs for an impoundment then that would mean a higher fine. This is where we would defer, I don't want to go through for any City Staff and say A, B, C, D, these are the professionals doing it. I think that if the dog gets out when someone is getting the mail, that's not the intent of this policy, it's the people walking on the trails without it. I think maybe that's the differentiation, if it is impounded and we as a City incur additional fees that's where it would be applicable and that might help with the verbiage with the next reading.

Mayor Gallo – I think what would be ideal here is to utilize what your thought train is off-line of here and work with Alderman Sanoica and Attorney Wolf on that.

Alderman O'Brien - Absolutely.

Mayor Gallo – So if there isn't any further discussion on the postponement, I'll have the Clerk call the Roll on the motion to postpone.

AYES: Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica, Budmats, O'Brien
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Cannon

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. This Ordinance will be postponed until the February 11, 2020 City Council Meeting.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

F) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 1/28/2020

The next item of business is a motion to approve the Warrant from January 28, 2020 as presented by the Finance Department. Is there a motion to approve the warrant? Alderman Sanoica made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Budmats. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Bisesi, D’Astice, Sanoica, Budmats, O’Brien, Vinezeano
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Cannon

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. This Warrant is approved.

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

The next items on the agenda are the Consent Resolutions. It consists of four (4) items, items G through J. Does any Alderman wish to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions?

Alderman Vinezeano – Item G.

Alderman Budmats – Items H and J.

Mayor Gallo – I just go ahead and read through each one individually because we’re pulling 3 of the 4. At this time I’m just going to read through each one of these individually and ask for a motion, a second and a vote. We’ll have discussion at the appropriate time for each one of them.

Item G was pulled by Alderman Vinezeano

**G) Resolution No. 20-R-03 – Authorize the Execution of the Northwest
Community Healthcare Provider Paramedic Training Services Agreement**

Is there a motion to adopt this Resolution? Alderman O’Brien has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Bisesi.

Alderman Vinezeano you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman Vinezeano – I simply pulled it because I have to abstain from the vote on this because it’s with my employer.

Mayor Gallo – Any other discussion on this item? Seeing none, the question is shall the Resolution be adopted? Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: D’Astice, Sanoica, Budmats, O’Brien, Bisesi
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: Vinezeano
ABSENT: Cannon

With 5 in favor, 1 Abstain and 0 opposed, the Resolution is adopted.

Item H was pulled by Alderman Budmats

H) Resolution No. 20-R-04 – Approve and Adopt a Complete Streets Policy for the City of Rolling Meadows

Is there a motion to adopt this Resolution? Alderman O’Brien has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Vinezeano.

Alderman Budmats you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman Budmats – This is all happening kind of fast and I’m concerned about this Ordinance, we haven’t really looked at it for a terribly long time. It said in the description that it was going to be a living document and that we should expect change but I would like to guarantee that change. I would like to make a motion that we add a sunset provision to review this particular item within two (2) years. So at the end of two (2) years we would be forced as a Council to reevaluate and update the policy. Doesn’t mean we have to let it expire, just want to make sure we do look at it and see if it’s working and if we need to make changes. My motion is to add a sunset provision for two (2) years from passage.

Alderman Sanoica – I’ll second that.

Mayor Gallo – Is there any discussion on the amendment for the addition of a sunset clause of two (2) years? Seeing none, the question is shall we amend this to add a sunset provision for two (2) years? Will the Clerk please call the Roll on the amendment.

AYES: Sanoica, Budmats, O’Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D’Astice
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Cannon

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed, a sunset provision will be included for a duration of two (2) years.

Mayor Gallo – Now we'll go back to the original with the amendment. Is there a motion to approve this as amended? Alderman Budmats has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Sanoica. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall the Resolution be adopted? Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Cannon

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed, the Resolution is adopted.

I) Resolution No. 20-R-05 – Award Contract for Janitorial Services at Public Works and City Hall for FY2020

Is there a motion to adopt this Resolution? Alderman D'Astice has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall the Resolution be adopted? Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Cannon

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed, this Resolutions is adopted.

Item J was pulled by Alderman Budmats

J) Resolution No. 20-R-06 – Award Contract Providing Forestry Maintenance Services for FY2020

Is there a motion to adopt this Resolution? Alderman Vinezeano has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Budmats.

Alderman Budmats you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman Budmats – I pulled this for clarification. This is a one (1) year extension?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works – Yes, that's correct.

Alderman Budmats – Would it be possible to ask that next year prior to bringing this forth that either you acquire additional competitive bids, you may not have to open up the whole process, but at least bring us bids showing that this is still competitive. Item I, we found out we were potentially overpaying because we now found a less expensive alternative. I'm not having any problems with it, I'm just want to keep the process continually looking for quality low bidders.

Rob Horne, Director Public Works – I agree. We have to rebid it next year. It was a three (3) year with two (2) one (1) year renewal options and this is the second year of the two (2) year renewal option. We fully expect to re-advertise and re-bid or potentially participate in the municipal partnering initiative. We will investigate that next year.

Mayor Gallo - Any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, the question is shall the Resolution be adopted? Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica, Budmats
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Cannon

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed, the Resolution is adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments: Kelly Sheehan – Planning & Zoning Commission
Kevin Sipple – Planning & Zoning Commission

Mayor Gallo – I would like Council's full approval for the appointment of Kelly Sheehan to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Is there a motion to approve this appointment? Alderman Sanoica made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Vinezeano. Is there any discussion?

Alderman Sanoica – I wanted to comment and say that I'm delighted that we're going to have a lady on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Mayor Gallo - Further discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall this appointment be approved? Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica, Budmats, O'Brien
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Cannon

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed, Kelly Sheehan appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission is approved.

Mayor Gallo – I would also like Council's full approval for the appointment of Kevin Sipple to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Is there a motion to approve this appointment? Alderman Vinezeano made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Budmats. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall this appointment be approved? Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Cannon

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed, Kevin Sipple appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission is approved.

Mayor Gallo – I do want to make a quick note that there are going to be some term expirations coming up in April and I have spoken to a waiting list of individuals who are also willing to participate and that's very exciting news for me to see this change. Not to be reductive to anyone that's currently serving, I think it's great, but I also appreciate that we get a study influx and rotation of folks that way we can get different perspective and I think it's healthy in that regard.

Mayor's Proclamations: None

City Clerk's Report: None

City Staff Reports:

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

1) Community Items of Interest:

- 1) The City, SWANCC, and Elgin Recycling are conducting a holiday light recycling program again. Collection boxes are located outside of City Hall. Items that are accepted include the following items: mini-lights (or Italian lights), c7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, and LED lights, etc....All colors and lengths will be accepted. The City cannot accept garland, live greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclables. The program runs through February 14, 2020.
- 2) The last day for regular voter registration, to vote in the March 17th Presidential Primary Election is February 18th. Early voting begins March 2nd. Please check with Cook County for voting locations.
- 3) February 29th – Taste The Town – 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive). Tickets cost \$15.00 at the door. For more information, please contact Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak at 847-394-8500 x 1002 or ciezakl@cityrm.org
- 4) St. Patrick's Day Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 14th. This is the 20th annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and will take place from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive). For more information or to purchase tickets, please see a flyer or contact Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak at 847-394-8500 x 1002 or ciezakl@cityrm.org
- 5) Future topics at February Committee meetings:

Economic Development (*Tuesday, February 4th at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers*): tentative items for discussion consist of: 1) 2019 Economic Development Summary; 2) new business feedback and contact distribution; 3) Business and Community Showcase Discussion (April 23rd); 4) Business Advocate Update; 5) Next Level Northwest Update; 6) items of interest; 7) Chamber of Commerce Update; and 8) other items of interest in the City.

Planning and Zoning Commission: *due to Staff not receiving any applications and work continues on the Zoning Code the Tuesday, February 4th meeting has been cancelled.*

Mayor Gallo – Don't forget at those events there will be a Census booth present for the Rolling Meadows Census Committee so make sure you grab your materials.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

2) December 2019 New Business List

- 1) Sukho Thai Cuisine (New Owner) – Food Establishment
- 2) Felix Remodeling Services, LLC – Carpentry
- 3) An Enchanted Evening – DJ & Event Services
- 4) CJ's Deli (New Owner) – Food Establishment
- 5) Frosty Faustings, LLC – Event Planner
- 6) Cermak Medical/New Med Immediate Care – Medical Office
- 7) M & MC Solutions – Cleaning/Janitorial
- 8) TWA Photographic Artists – Wedding Photography
- 9) Sabroso Burrito (formerly Pepe's) – Mexican Restaurant

Melissa Gallagher, Finance Director went over the following:

3) Utility Billing Auto Pay Information

A new web-based customer service portal that will debut this spring will make it easier than ever for residents to enroll in the City's automatic bill pay program or pay their monthly utility bills online. The new system will start with the May 1st Utility Bills.

This important upgrade is part of the City's investment into a comprehensive software update called Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software. The portal is powered by soon-to-be upgraded utility billing software that will offer several new features – including the ability to access and view one's billing history online. Customers will be able to select their preferred payment option: automatic payments on the 20th via credit/debit card or bank draft (from a checking or savings account) or same day payment with a credit/debit card.

At its core, the new system is designed to bolster customer service and convenience while improving internal operations.

Pending Changes to Affect Automatic Payment Customers

As the transition to the new portal begins, customers should note the following:

- ✓ Customers who pay online through their banking website via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) will need to update their account number after transitioning to the new software (May 1st). All account numbers will be changing (more information to come). After receiving the first bill from the new system, residents will need to update their account number when scheduling their payment through their bank for proper credit to the utility account.
- ✓ Current auto payment customers who use credit/debit cards will need to re-enroll once the new system is active. Final payments scheduled through the current system will occur on March 20th. After March 20th, payments will need to be made by another payment method, until the resident re-enrolls through the new customer portal.
- ✓ Existing bank draft (checking or savings account) customers will transition to the new software system without interruption.

The City will post instructions on how to register for the “new” automatic payment system (using credit/debit cards or bank draft) once it is active. Residents with questions about the pending changes may contact the Finance Department at ub@cityrm.org or 847-394-8500.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Alderman Sanoica – Last Thursday as part of the Northwest Municipal Conference Transportation Committee monthly meeting there was representation from some of the 65 member suburbs to discuss preparing our cities for electric vehicles and making sure we’re electric ready. The Mayor’s Caucus was also there and they will be preparing some recommendations for communities be able to adopt to prepare for a trend that is coming and how we can best get ahead of that trend. At that meeting we also discussed how to prepare our communities for autonomous vehicles which is on the horizon as well and will likely happen in conjunction with electric vehicle planning as well. I look forward to working with the Planning and Zoning Commission when those recommendations are available.

CLOSED SESSION:

- 1) **Land Sales – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act**
- 2) **Land Acquisition – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act**
- 3) **Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act**

Mayor Gallo - There is request to go into closed session. It does require a motion and roll call vote. Is there a motion to go into Closed Session? Alderman O’Brien has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Vinezeano. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: D’Astice, Sanoica, Budmats, O’Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Cannon

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed, we will now enter into Closed Session. The audience and press are advised that we do not anticipate taking any action upon returning to Open Session.

Entered Closed Session at 8:16 pm
Returned to Open Session at 11:04 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the City Council meeting was adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

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Judy Brose

Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk