

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2020**

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

ROLL CALL:

Present: Cannon, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica
Absent: 0

With 7 present and 0 absent there is a quorum.

Members of the virtual audience are reminded that these proceedings are being recorded for current and future broadcast.

Staff Members Present Remotely: City Manager Barry Krumstok, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher, Deputy City Clerk Judy Brose, Police Chief John Nowacki, Fire Chief Jeff Moxley, Director Public Works Rob Horne, Assistant Director Public Works Jo Ellen Charlton, Business Advocate Martha Corner, City Attorney Melissa Wolf

Members of the public will be afforded the opportunity for public comment as long as they provided their contact credentials and the subject matter for which they would like to speak about before the deadline as noted on tonight's agenda. In addition, written comments that were submitted prior to the meeting will also be read.

Given the situation of our State and the Governors Executive Orders we have to modify the way that we vote during these virtual meetings so from here on out each vote will be required as a roll call vote, we can't do anymore those all those in favor say aye/nay.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

The first order of business is to approve the minutes from the *May 26, 2020 City Council Meeting*. Is there a motion to approve the minutes? Alderman D'Astice made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Are there any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, these minutes are approved.

MOTION TO DEVIATE: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

I want to thank Chief Nowacki for putting out the message on Friday after our conversation Thursday afternoon. I know a lot of residents appreciated reading your thoughts and being reminded of all that our Police Department does in an effort to establish a positive and reinforce the relationships of positivity between the residents and our police force. I also want to say thanks again to Chief Nowacki and the Police Department for your quick coordination turnaround in support for Chalk the Walk demonstration, it happened on this past Sunday. A resident called me Friday afternoon and asked if I would support and help make their event happen. For those who don't know this event was for the Rolling Meadows residents to come together in support against social inequalities and racism in a peaceful way. I have some photos from the event and I also took my GoPro and mounted it on my bicycle and I rode the entire length from Campbell to Central which isn't long but there were a lot of kind, good messages and pictures. I want to thank all those who did turn out and participate in this event on Sunday. I'm happy that the weather cooperated. Right now the weather is definitely not cooperating as I had to come in here because my cable and Internet is out at home and I had to scramble at the last minute to get to City Hall and the HVAC is out so it's a bit toasty.

WARD REPORTS:

Alderman Sanoica - I received a message from the Homeowners Association of Creekside requesting immediate attention from the Rolling Meadows Park District because the bridge in Creekside Park appears to have collapsed. I forwarded on their concerns and the Park District had a site visit yesterday to investigate. That matter is ongoing but I would ask that residents do stay clear of that area at this time.

Alderman O'Brien - I know some of the residents are still without power. I received some great feedback from residents in the 3rd Ward regarding tree limbs down impacting traffic flow along Kirchoff Road and Wilke. When speaking with Director Horne I started to get an influx of calls and I received many thanks from the quick attention from the storm that popped up. Just passing on residents thanks for the quick attention to the street and debris cleanup.

Alderman Bisesi - I'd like to echo what Alderman O'Brien just mentioned. We did have some trees down, one which was blocking the entrance to the whole subdivision. I'd like to thank Public Works for getting to it very quickly. I called and they were there like five minutes later so they must have had other calls. I just want to let the residents know if they see branches and stuff in the road like that feel free to give Public Works a call and they can chop the tree up and get it out of our way.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

Mayor Gallo - The next step is to open the meeting to the public and there are four names on the list that I received. In order to secure the rights of the citizens of the City to a fair and just representation before their elected officials, and to guarantee to the elected officials an order and dignified form in which to conduct the City's business, no person shall be allowed to engage in any activity that will disturb or disrupt the orderly proceedings of the City Council.

Per Rules of Procedures the public is to address the City Council, and the fact that no member of the City Council responds does not mean that the City Council or any member thereof agrees or disagrees with the comment.

In order to attain this objective the following rules of conduct are hereby established:

1. Any person who seeks to address the City Council at this time for public comments, shall be permitted to speak only upon recognition of the Presiding Officer and such person shall adhere to the following provisions:
 - a. Each person addressing the City Council shall state their first name for the record.
 - b. Each person shall be granted no more than 5 minutes of the allotted 20 minutes in order to address the City Council.
 - c. Questions and/or commentary shall be limited to City business. Comments supporting or opposing a nominated person's candidacy for elective office of the City shall be out of order.
 - d. Commentary shall be directed to the Presiding Officer unless the Presiding Officer permits the individual to address the Council Members or other City officers present.
 - e. Discussion shall take place in a professional manner which displays mutual respect.
 - f. Profanity shall not be used in any form or manner.

Steve Holish - I want to start with a little bit of admin work here. I looked at the consent resolutions and specifically 62, 63 and 64, it appears that the descriptions from 62 are carried over to 63 and 64, namely the striping. If you look at it there is striping in every one of those resolutions and I don't think you want striping in all the resolutions because it really doesn't apply. If you sign a legal document you want to sign the correct resolution for what it is and not for something else included in it. I want to go into the discussion about the patching equipment that you're thinking about ordering and I would expect some really good discussions tonight on this because I talked to the Vehicle Committee and they have not seen anything about this when I talked to them on Friday. Going forward I guess it's something that's there but when I did a quick search on the Internet for comparable units, I found a lot that were about \$15,000 cheaper. Here you're getting a unit that's a year old and you're only getting roughly \$7000 off. I also think if we're buying this patching unit from this commercial broker they could have done some really good pricing on the trailer instead of making their trailer \$10,000 more than anybody else's. So I think that there is some really good negotiations that should have been done to make a deal with the one commercial entity to get a really good deal on a patching machine and the trailer at the same time instead of going to two vendors. I think that there should be a little more done on this. I understand that Public Works would really like to have a patching machine but I don't know if we really need one for the amount of roads we have in Rolling Meadows. I particularly have a lot of roads on the west side that are in need of patching but I think they're way beyond patching, they need to be redone so I'm not sure where this patching machine you would be going all the time because you do have items come up on the agenda all the time for redoing a road or redoing surfacing along those lines that we hire professionals to do it. Again, I don't see the need for a patching unit but I could be wrong, I expect that to come out in the discussion tonight. That's all I want to address today on the patching unit so I'll go on from there. Thank you.

Brad Belden, Colliers International - I want to thank you for having us today and letting us speak. You are looking for some help to sell a couple of properties in your town. I just want to talk a little bit about us and our company and hopefully we can make some good things happen for you. Colliers International is a worldwide company and there are over 400 offices in 70 countries and I think 15,000 to 17,000 employees worldwide. In Illinois we are huge in industrial, multifamily and retail. Chris and I head up the retail team in the Chicagoland area and we have assembled a team and we're gearing up to get everyone back to work here. Chris and I both have a lot of experience, we both have worked with municipalities in the past. I was a receiver for many, many years during the first crash so I worked with a lot of cities that owned foreclosed properties, we cleaned everything up and improved value and sold the properties for them. At Colliers we can offer any service needed, we are full-service, we do brokerage, leasing, sales, property management, investments, and we pretty much cover all aspects of the commercial real estate world. We are also pretty proficient in every different segment of commercial real estate, we can do multifamily, office, industrial, retail, restaurants, you name it we could do it. We have looked at the properties and I think they will have some nice retail usages. A lot of interest from retail developers and other user operator type retail uses that is our strong feeling of what we're going to find for these locations. Our services are free to you unless we bring some value, we believe in a fee for function relationship and we hope that works for you as it does for most of our clients. Thank you.

Maggie Trevor – I would like to speak in reference to amending the Emergency Temporary Family Assistance Policy Guidelines, Resolution 20–R–60. A little background on this, my reasons for my speaking tonight is mostly for little bit of institutional memory, I've spoken about this before, my mother managed this program for many years and I have some insight as to how it was used in previous years. I think it's really important given the context of the recession that we are in right now, the purpose of this program historically has been to provide short-term assistance to tide families over. Specifically, to keep people in their homes until they can get on their feet or get plugged into programs that provide longer and more in-depth assistance. Given what's going on with the economy and in the State right now with unemployment assistance and delays in enrolling to get benefits as well as the sheer magnitude of the number of people that are being affected by what's going on. I think that increasing the amount that individuals are allowed to apply for as well as the total amount of the program is really important not only to help our fellow residents but also to provide some stability to the community. It's really important, I feel, to make sure that we continue to try and keep people in their homes, it's important for them and it's important to keep foreclosures or rental vacancies from happening to a point where it starts to affect properties and the number of people affected by job loss or financial hardship. I think it's important and the right thing to do for the community and I think increasing the amount is the right thing to do given the magnitude of the crisis we may be facing in the coming months. I just wanted to be here as a resource for questions for how this might have been used in the past and to encourage members of the City Council to vote for this Resolution. Thank you.

Christina Koch - I wanted to address the Council including yourself Mr. Mayor today as you're the official representative of the Rolling Meadows City Council and the City at large. I was disappointed in your video a message to residents. In my opinion, you didn't mention anything of substance in the three minutes and eight second video. You failed to even mention black lives matter movement nor your opinion on how we can make this a more welcoming community for our neighbors of color specifically our black neighbors. You stated how other people have issues with racism but you did not explicitly condemn it yourself and you acknowledge in passing that it exists even here in Rolling Meadows but what got me was when you went on to discuss accountability. There's no racial diversity in the Council nor within our police leadership nor within our city leadership in general that I could find. Looking at the 2010 census results this doesn't make sense to me as Rolling Meadows consists of almost 40% people of color. I would love to hear how you plan to be a leader within the Council and the City with regards to these issues. As a Council, how do you all plan to proceed with the lack of diversity especially racial diversity in today's

climate on the Council, within city leadership and in general? How do you plan to hold yourselves accountable to representing our neighbors of color accurately? As stated in the Mayor's video, I agree that this is a very complex issue and it cannot be solved by one person nor realistically all of the members of this Council but I do strongly believe that by not acknowledging these issues and speaking out against them in clear terms, the racism and unconscious bias that exists even in this City will not see an end. We live in a great place to call home but that statement is only true if we are acknowledging the issues in our community and actively working to resolve them. Thank you and I yield back to you.

Mayor Gallo closed the floor.

➤ **PENDING:**

None

➤ **ORDINANCES:**

The next item on the agenda are the Ordinances. It consists of one (1) item, item A.

Staff is requesting a waiver of 1st reading for item A so this Ordinance can be approved immediately. Is there an Alderman willing to make a motion to waive the 1st reading for this Ordinance? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien.

A) Ordinance No. 20-23 – Approve Confirming and Extending the State of Emergency within the City of Rolling Meadows Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (1st Reading)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, the Ordinance does move forward for final approval.

Ordinance No. 20-23 is now back for final approval. Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman Bisesi has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Is there any discussion?

Alderman Budmats – I would like to make a suggestion that we would have the first reading tonight to extend it for the next meeting so rather than keep waiving the need for a first and a second reading over and over and over again we could actually follow our usual typical thing and have two readings. I'm willing to have a second vote of waiving it tonight but we shouldn't get in the habit of thinking ahead and actually having a first reading for next week's meeting now and of course if it's not necessary because the emergency has been cancelled by the State we don't have to vote on it or we can vote it down.

Mayor Gallo - Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall this Ordinance be adopted. Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. This Ordinance is adopted.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

B) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 6/9/2020

The next item of business is a motion to approve the Warrant from June 9, 2020 as presented by the Finance Department. Is there a motion to approve the Warrant? Alderman Cannon made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Sanoica. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. This Warrant is approved.

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

The next items on the agenda are the Consent Resolutions. It consists of six (6) items, items C thru H. Does any Alderman wish to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions?

Alderman Vinezeano – Items G and H.

Alderman D’Astice – Items D and E.

Mayor Gallo - Any others? Seeing none, the Chair declares it in order for one motion to consider the remaining two (2) Resolutions in one motion without debate. Is there such a motion? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Vinezeano. The question is, shall the Resolutions be adopted?

C) Resolution No. 20-R-59 – Authorize the Execution of a Property Use Agreement with Rolling Meadows Community Church

F) Resolution No. 20-R-62 – Authorize the Award of a Contract for Pavement Paint Striping Services

The question is shall the two (2) Resolutions be adopted? Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, the Resolutions are adopted.

Item D was pulled by Alderman D'Astice

D) Resolution No. 20-R-60 – Amend Emergency Temporary Family Assistance Policy Guidelines

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

Alderman D'Astice you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman D'Astice – Since the first time we discussed this, I've had several residents in the 6th Ward express their opinions to me. Unfortunately, the majority of the opinions expressed to me were not to do this in this amount. As a representative of the Ward and seeing that all the people that spoke to me were against it so I will be voting against it this evening.

Mayor Gallo – Attorney Wolf, we spoke briefly on this. If you would like to share with the rest of the Council how we can address this particular issue?

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney – As the Council has been noted in the Resolution and the Council Action Summary, there is a component of this Resolution that requires a super majority vote, that's section 2 of the Resolution and that relates for the transferring of funds to increase the funding for the actual program from \$5000 to \$20,000. Since section #1 of the Resolution has to do with simply a policy change which policy change indicates an increase in certain benefits under the policy. That section #1 only requires a simple majority vote. Since there are two separate votes that are required for the different components of this Resolution, it's my recommendation that the Council vote separately on each of these sections, voting first on the funding of the program. If the Council approves by a super majority vote, the actual increase in funding, they can make an educated determination as to whether they also want to increase the policy limits for the program.

Mayor Gallo – We will take this in two separate votes and I would like to see this move forward. I don't think many residents will use it but I do think that if residents are coming to the City that means they need it and it's a very humbling experience for them if they have to do that and as part of a community, I would not want to turn ourselves away from an opportunity like this. Is there further discussion on this item?

Alderman O'Brien – I have not heard from a lot of residents but the couple I have heard from said they are fully in support. Based the data that Dr. Nieves provided to us, the rent has gone up and a couple of the residents I talked to are absolutely in agreement to increase that category cap but they also said that based on the low volume that we've had is that they would not want to see the overall cap done because of the discussion last time where we would not be opposed to calling a special meeting, so my vote will actually be split. Again, it was not a ton of residents that reached out to me but they fully agreed based on the core data shared, I am in supporting increasing the category but until we can see some additional trending, I'm not in favor of the cap being increased at this time.

Alderman Sanoica – The Council has the rare opportunity to be proactive in helping our most vulnerable residents in the face of eviction of their homes. While Governor Pritzker executive orders including the most recent COVID-19 Executive Order No. 37, banned the enforcement of evictions, there is no stay or local law that forgives unpaid rent or landlord mortgage payments. So that means for our residents who were laid off and out of a job for the past couple of months and unable to pay rent during that time may soon face eviction. This is waiting for them after June 27, 2020 when landlords can file eviction cases and

our courts will process them. The State of Illinois is facing an unemployment rate of 16.4%. 16.4%, my fellow Aldermen this is coming and we know this is coming and we have an opportunity now to prepare and protect our own residents, not residents downstate, not residents downtown, not residents in populous northwest suburbs but here in Rolling Meadow from homelessness and undue hardship. By voting to transfer funds now as opposed to later, we're saving Council time, staff time and ultimately residents' time, precious time. The last thing I would want to happen is to have a surge and anticipated and predictable surge on state, local and nonprofit relief funds and we're not ready and funds aren't sufficient and residents facing eviction are waiting on us to schedule a special meeting to transfer funds. I don't want us to be a reactionary Council, I want us to demonstrate some gosh darn leadership when we have these kinds of trends in front of us. So let me be clear, this is a fund transfer from reserves which we have already heard over the past two months are within stable parameters even with the hits to some of our revenue streams have taken. This isn't money being taken from another project, it's money that's taken from reserves that's not being used. There are no negative consequences to moving these funds, if they don't get used then that's \$15,000 that we have already in the General Fund, since it's in the General Fund, for other uses in the future we just transfer it back at the end of the year if we don't spend it, this isn't a purchase. If these funds do get used, we know based on the funds administration that these funds are going to exactly to where the most need is. For those listening at home, we have an operating budget of some \$30 million and I know my fellow Aldermen here can spare less than 500th of a percent on preventing our residents from becoming homeless which causes a much more expensive and heartbreaking impact on our community. I would like for all of my fellow Aldermen to consider that tonight while they're voting for this on both aspects. Thank you.

Alderman Budmats - I looked at the 2018 Rolling Meadows budget, we had about \$54.3 million in income, potentially spending \$20,000 in benevolence to our citizens and our neighbors, as Alderman Sanoica said it's less than a thousand percent less of our budget. This would be akin to us having an annual family income of \$60,000 and knowing that 10 of our neighbors are going to get moved out and we would have to spend a total of \$22 to help them. I don't know many people in Rolling Meadows who wouldn't spend \$20 out of their hard-earned money to help a neighbor from getting evicted. That's basically the same thing as we as a Council are facing, will we throw \$20,000 at this? If we don't, I'm embarrassed because we just spent more than \$20,000 on a sign in front of the fire station so we might as well put on the sign hey, welcome to Rolling Meadows where we spent \$20,000 on a sign but if you're getting evicted that's too bad for you too bad so sad. I'm going to be voting for this because we as a Council are here to care for residents not to build fire stations, not to plant trees, not to do a million other things, we're here to care for residents and there's going to be a bunch of residents in our town that are going to be hurting as a result of this and we need to be prepared to help them. If we can help them, there's really no sense in being here.

Mayor Gallo – You can believe that this won't be their first stop for funding but I would like it if it were their last, the last station available for them.

(Mayor Gallo, as the Chair, proposed, as consented to by the Council, that the Resolution be divided so that Section 2, regarding the increase in funding for the Temporary Family Assistance program (requiring a 2/3 vote), would be considered separate and before Section 1, regarding the policy amendment to increase the program benefit cap for housing (requiring a simple majority vote).)

Mayor Gallo – Are there any further comments or discussion on this item? Seeing none, the question is, shall this Resolution (Section 2) for the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 for the City of Rolling Meadows, Cook County, Illinois, be amended by transferring reserves from the General Fund in the amount of \$15,000 as an additional contribution for the Emergency Temporary Family Assistance

Program, resulting in a total amount allocated to the Program of \$20,000. Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 4 in favor and 3 opposed. This Resolution failed for lack of a 2/3rds vote of the corporate authorities.

Mayor Gallo – Going back to Section 1, to approve the Resolution that the City Council hereby adopts the “Policy Guidelines - Emergency Temporary Family Assistance Program”, as amended, and attached hereto and made a part hereof. Will the Clerk please call the Roll on adopting the Policy.

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

With 5 in favor and 2 opposed. This Resolution is adopted.

Item D was pulled by Alderman D'Astice

E) Resolution No. 20-R-61 – Authorize the Professional Services of Colliers International (Colliers Bennett & Kahnweiler LLC d/b/a Colliers International) for the Purpose of Marketing and Selling City Property

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

Alderman D'Astice you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman D'Astice - It was brought to my attention that we have a RE/MAX International in the City. The owner of RE/MAX contacted me and expressed his dissatisfaction that he was not contacted to offer a bid on this. While I understand it's too late for him to do so since all the bids are out and in public, I just want to express my dissatisfaction, I think that if we have businesses in the City we should always try to allow them the opportunity to bid if they are qualified. I'm not an individual to say that RE/MAX is qualified for this more or less than Colliers, I'm just expressing the opinion that the owner of RE/MAX contacted me and talked to me about. I just hope that moving forward staff will look into all of the businesses that we have and give them the opportunity.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - At the end of January we provided a list of professional services to Council. We compiled the list by speaking with other municipalities regarding who they've used and what their experiences were. We were looking for a national full-service company, known in all sectors, services, groups and marketing and we did our due diligence. From that professional search that's why we are bringing Colliers International to the City Council for approval, we feel very comfortable with them, we've had very good conversations and we heard a lot of good things from other municipalities about them.

Alderman Cannon - I'm happy that we are actually talking about this tonight. I do have little experience with this company that we're potentially going to hire to market our properties. They are a first-class

outfit, they have a great reputation both locally and nationally. I think we won't go wrong with having them represent our properties. With that said, I was disappointed that we only have two properties that we are proposing to present so I'm going to offer an amendment that I would like to see the other two properties that we've talked about, the property across the street from City Hall and our old fire station 16 on Meacham/Plum Grove Road. I would like to see both of those put on the market as well and added to this list.

Mayor Gallo - You want to make an amendment to this resolution?

Alderman Cannon - That's correct.

Mayor Gallo - List the other two properties. Is there a second to Alderman Cannon's motion? Alderman D'Astice seconded the motion. Is there discussion on this?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - It isn't necessary to amend the resolution, only a straw vote by the Council to add the other two properties will do. It was just staff recommendation to list the first two properties. The actual resolution is giving the authorization to hire Colliers to market and sell City property. Each property will have its own contract with Colliers. All we need is a straw vote for all four properties and its staff's recommendation to move on the first two properties and then wait a little bit for the other two when the market is better.

Mayor Gallo – Alderman Cannon, are you satisfied or do you want to continue with the amendment?

Alderman Cannon – My feeling is that no one has a crystal ball and we don't know what is going to happen in the future. With that said, I think we owe it to the citizens to move the properties quickly as possible and use the proceeds to pay down our bonds for the fire stations or put the money in our treasury, one or the other.

Mayor Gallo – So do you want to continue with your amendment?

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney – As Manager Krumstok has indicated, the actual resolution does not identify the specific properties that are to be sold so there is no need to make an amendment to the language of the resolution. I would request that the City Council just take a vote on directing staff to sell the four pieces of property and that be separate from an actual amendment to the resolution.

Mayor Gallo - So can we retract this amendment and at Matters Not on the Agenda take a straw vote to pursue selling off all four properties? Alderman Cannon, would that satisfy you and will that help with situation?

Alderman Cannon - I'm fine with that, I retract the amendment.

Alderman Vinezeano - To follow up off the amendment that was now pulled back, I would like to see that those two additional properties actually be brought to a COW meeting. It's been brought to us from staff several times for other options for those properties and I don't think that a Council meeting is the place to have discussion. I think they need to be brought further in a COW meeting before we vote on bringing those before vote to list those properties.

Mayor Gallo – Alderman Vinezeano, I'm having bad connectivity and I only caught a portion of what you were saying. So what's your recommendation?

Alderman Vinezeano - My recommendation is to bring those two additional properties that Alderman Cannon requested be brought to a COW meeting for discussion before we vote on putting them up for sale.

Mayor Gallo - At this time, when it's brought up at Matters Not on the Agenda just decline your vote to proceed with selling all four at that time. If it moves forward then there should be a COW discussion as to what happens with that property (*inaudible*). Any further comments on this? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 5 in favor and 2 opposed. This Resolution is adopted.

Item D was pulled by Alderman Vinezeano

G) Resolution No. 20-R-63 – Approve Purchase of 2019 Asphalt Paving Machine

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

Alderman Vinezeano you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman Vinezeano - I have two questions. By purchasing this equipment how much could this save the City with some of our outsourcing? Will this impact any of the projects planned for this year if we were to purchase this equipment?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - In regard to the second question, it will not impact any of our projects this year. I'm not certain at this time we would be recommending reducing the contracted out work. The amount of work that we contract out is probably the bare minimum that we should be doing. What it will do is allow us to address more patching throughout the entire community at a much more efficient pace and be able to actually establish a program where we're keeping up with the roads similar to our curb and gutter program where we break up community into 4 to 6 different zones and actually work on an entire zone every 4th to 5th year. So that's really the primary reason for the equipment, to be able to have a patching program. Right now we're very reactive, if something fails out in the field or if a utility repair gets done we just do that patch and then move to the next location, we don't really have a systematic manner of doing patching.

Alderman D'Astice – While I'm not necessarily opposed to this purchase, but I believe that the Vehicle Replacement Committee did not review the old machine and make a recommendation, that's their purpose. I guess I have to ask the question, did the Vehicle Replacement Committee have an opportunity to look at the old machine and then make a recommendation?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - Alderman Budmats and Alderman Cannon were both at the Vehicle Replacement Committee meeting this year. I had a brief conversation with Alderman Budmats and a more in-depth conversation with Alderman Cannon we realized that we hadn't gone over this item. It was originally proposed to come at the 23rd meeting but we recently heard from the vendor that the equipment that was set aside for us has another interested party. As a used piece of equipment we stand to save

approximately \$7500 by purchasing the used one so that's why we brought it earlier. Again, my apologies to both of the Aldermen on the Vehicle Replacement Committee because we did not cover it as much as we should have. The one thing I would note, as you could see from the memorandum that was attached (page 72-73 packet), there is a photo there of the existing equipment. I would not consider that equipment, it's basically a metal box, it has no machinery or motor or auger to it and it is basically a metal box hooked to the back of a truck that the City never purchased. It was owned by the school district and sat in their backyard for about five years after they stopped using it and our staff took it a couple of years ago because it was better than the method they were using at the time. As my memo noted, regardless of whether this equipment is purchased or not we will not be using that box in the future.

Alderman D'Astice - While I appreciate all of that, I still would like to hear from members of the Vehicle Replacement Committee. They had some discussion and are they willing to make a recommendation tonight or do they need further discussion? That's why we have these committees set up to vet out these things and it's up to staff to make sure they get vetted out in a timely manner. Alderman Cannon and Alderman Budmats, what are your recommendations?

Alderman Cannon - Even though we didn't have a big discussion about it, I did have a discussion with Director Horne after the meeting. I think there is merit in purchasing this. I don't have a strong feeling one way or another, I think it would be helpful product to have in our toolbox to do more and better work. If people remember last year, I think we paid \$30-\$40,000 to a company to do a big patch on Campbell so I think this machine would allow us to do patchwork like that in-house. I think long-term it would pay for itself so I think it would be a benefit to the City going forward. Seeing that it's used, my gut feeling is that I would like to pay a little bit less for it but I guess we have to do what we have to do, sometimes when you're a municipality you don't get the best deals around. I would say that I am in favor of this purchase.

Alderman Budmats - I did ask Director Horne about this today during our meeting and the piece of equipment was not at the site where we were at so I was not able to view the old piece of equipment. In looking at the bids, the savings of \$7500 to me doesn't warrant buying a used piece of equipment as the savings is minimal compared to getting a new piece of equipment which may come with a warranty. The fact that the new piece of equipment with a trailer would bring it beyond the budgeted amount and it would mean that somebody would have to come back to us as a Council and ask to have the Budget amended which of course would require 2/3 vote as we all just found out. I will be voting against this, I think we should have a new piece of equipment if we're going to do it. There's not enough savings and Mr. Holish brought up points that he thought we were overpaying. I really haven't had the chance to investigate individually or separately from the committee as far as if this is a great price or not. I'll just say that his questions brings up a question to me to say that if we lived this many years as a City without this piece of equipment and it was originally scheduled for the 23rd then let's bring it back on the 23rd if the other used piece of equipment isn't available then we can entertain an idea for a new piece of equipment with a trailer and if that means amending the Budget, well that means amending the Budget and we'll have to see how that passes through the Council.

Mayor Gallo - Are you making a motion that we postpone this particular item?

Alderman Budmats - I'm saying I'm going to vote no. I don't know how other people are going to vote so if somebody feels that there is need to postpone that's up to them.

Alderman O'Brien - What caught my eye was the warranty. Like Alderman Budmats said for that \$7500 difference I would like to look at a piece of new equipment. I did learn that the warranty is the same. Is there a way that a deal could be contingent upon going to the Vehicle Replacement Committee on the

23rd? Do think that the vendor that we work with would be amenable to that because I would like to have the full committee look at that especially since our two representatives on the Vehicle Replacement Committee have different feelings? Do think they would allow it to be contingent upon going to the Vehicle Replacement Committee and then come back to us?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - We certainly can contact the vendor. I would be more than happy to meet both Aldermen and have the equipment brought to the site or meet them at the old Public Works facility on Central Road and walk through that equipment at any time during the next couple of weeks. I would like to believe the vendor would be willing to hold it for two weeks but I wasn't sure that was the information I was given prior to this meeting.

Alderman Cannon - In light of the fact that we're not on top of this as well as we should be for a number reasons, I would suggest that we postpone this to let Public Works do a little more due diligence and come back with either the same proposal or a better proposal in two weeks. I propose that we postpone this until June 23, 2020.

Mayor Gallo - Is there a second? Alderman D'Astice has seconded the motion to postpone. Is there any discussion on postponing this item? See none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. This Resolution is postponed until June 23, 2020.

Item D was pulled by Alderman Vinezeano

H) Resolution No. 20-R-64– Authorize the Replacement of the Public Works Safety Trench Shoring Trailer

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

Alderman Vinezeano you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman Vinezeano - I will make a motion that we postpone this item to go along with the previous resolution item to the meeting of June 23, 2020.

Mayor Gallo – Is there a second? Alderman D'Astice has seconded the motion to postpone. Is there any discussion on postponing this item like the previous? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. This Resolution is postponed until June 23, 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments: *Library Board of Directors – Reappointment*
• Sylvia Vange

I would like Council’s approval for the reappointment of *Sylvia Vange* to the *Library Board of Directors*. Is there a motion to approve this appointment? Alderman Sanoica made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Bisesi. Is there any discussion?

Alderman Bisesi – Knowing Sylvia and being at the Library meetings, I think she’s done an excellent job and would be an excellent reappointment.

Any further discussion? See none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, *Sylvia Vange* is reappointed to the *Library Board of Directors*.

Mayor’s Proclamations: **Dan Seveska Retirement – 34 Years of Service (1986-2020)**

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - Dan epitomizes the absolute best you could ever expect from an employee. Dan has tremendous institutional knowledge, exhibits great leadership and loyalty, and has an abundant respect and true love for the staff he’s led and the community he grew up in and served for almost 35 years.

Dan has not only been an integral part of the Public Works management team for many years, but Dan has also been my friend – but not only my friend, he is a friend to everyone he comes in contact with. Dan and his wife have plans to move to Tennessee in the upcoming days, and when he does, coming to work in the days following will not be the same. People say that no one is irreplaceable, which I believe to be true, but some people are very hard to replace. Dan will be very hard to replace. He will join a legacy of Public Works employees who have helped make working for this organization so special. We are all truly proud of Dan for his lifelong accomplishment of serving Rolling Meadows and we all wish him well on his retirement journey.

City Clerk’s Report: **None**

City Staff Reports:

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

1) Community Items of Interest:

- 1) Thank you to everyone who participated in the Public Works “No Contact” “Fill a Truck” food drive at the end of May.
- 2) A City Blood Drive will be conducted on Thursday, June 25th from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm at City Hall (City Council Chambers). Due to the need for social distancing, appointments are really needed for this event and may be scheduled by contacting Vitalant at 877-258-4825. Wearing of a face covering (mask) is required. Walk-ins will only be accommodated if no scheduled appointments are present in the Council Chambers. *Vitalant will also be conducting COVID-19 antibody testing for all those individuals who complete the donation process during this blood drive.*
- 3) June 27th – City Market (1st for the season) from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Road). *(Face coverings, one way travel and social distancing will all be part of this event).*
- 4) As a friendly reminder, DO NOT flush any type of WIPES down the toilet! Only flush toilet paper down the toilet. Flushing wipes (even ones that say “flushable”) create sewer issues and back-ups. Do not flush: wipes, disposable wipes, cleaning wipes, cleaning related cloths, Kleenex or other items down the toilet. Dispose of these items in your trash receptacles. This is very important to share with your friends, family and neighbors.
- 5) If you have not done so, please take a few minutes out of your day to respond to the U.S. Census Survey. Rolling Meadows is doing a great job at responding at this time. Rolling Meadows response rate is 74.6% and is outpacing the overall state response at 65.6% and Cook County rate of 60.3% (as of June 2nd). Everyone “wins” when you respond to the 2020 Census because when everyone is counted, there are more opportunities for shaping our community’s future. As a reminder, you may respond to the U.S. Census survey online at 2020census.gov or by phone at 844-330-2020 or using your printed U.S. Survey to respond by mail. Please respond today!
- 6) A reminder for the community – the Internal Revenue Service announced that the federal income tax filing due date is automatically extended from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. The IRS urges taxpayers who are due to a refund to file as soon as possible. The State of Illinois also extended the Illinois income tax filing to July 15th.
- 7) Another friendly reminder for residents and businesses, if you are having a hard time paying your utility bill or food & beverage payments, please contact Finance at (847) 394-8500 or by email at finance@cityrm.org and they may be able to place you on a payment plan.
- 8) Thank you to everyone at the City and in the community who has volunteered their time and efforts for the Mobile Food Pantry. Over the last few weeks, these efforts have provided meals and necessities for hundreds of families.

- 9) Do you have a crime tip or information that may help the Rolling Meadows Police? Please contact Rolling Meadows Crime Stoppers at 1-847-590-7867 (1-847-590-STOP).
- 10) The June e-News & Views can be found on the City web site. Please visit www.cityrm.org and click on the “News & Views” tab.
- 11) Please Shop and Order in Rolling Meadows (it is more important than ever). During these times, it is significant to remember our big boxes, restaurants and small businesses.

Rob Horne, Director Public Works went over the following:

2) Traffic Review Committee Report

There’s not a lot to report on this item. We took care of some business related to Arbor Drive and Waverly Park during the last meeting. As you can see the agenda is up-to-date and we had a few items of new business that we are vetting out this month.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

3) June 16, 2020 Committee of the Whole Draft Agenda

- 1) FY 2019 City Audit
- 2) Actuarial Discussion
- 3) Dining Incentive
- 4) FY 2020 Estimates
- 5) G1 Discussion
- 6) Budget Parameters for FY 2021
- 7) CDD Fee Schedule Revision

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

4) June 23, 2020 City Council Draft Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2020 AND JUNE 16, 2020 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETINGS AND JUNE 9, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

MAYOR’S REPORT:

WARD REPORTS:

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

PENDING:

CONSENT ORDINANCES:

- A) Ordinance No. 20-20 – Approve an Ordinance Confirming and Extending the State of Emergency within the City of Rolling Meadows Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (1st Reading)*
- B) Ordinance No. 20-00 – Amend Video Gaming Ordinance (1st Reading)*
- C) Ordinance No. 20-00 – CDD Fee Schedule Revision (1st Reading)*
- D) Ordinance No. 20-00 – Approve Lot Consolidation and Special Use for 2809 Owl Drive (1st Reading) – request 1st reading waiver*

NEW BUSINESS:

- E) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 6/23/2020*

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:

- F) Resolution No. 20-R-00 – Award Professional Engineering Services Contract for the Weber Drive Roadway Improvement Project, Phase 1 Engineering*
- G) Resolution No. 20-R-00 – Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Arlington Heights for the Weber Drive Roadway Improvement Project*
- H) Resolution No. 20-R-00 – Award a Contract for Park Street Storm Sewer Engineering*
- I) Resolution No. 20-R-00 – Approve Agreement with IDOT for Quentin Road Bike Path*
- J) Resolution No. 20-R-00 – Authorize Contract for Professional Engineering Services for Quentin Road Bike Path*
- K) Resolution No. 20-R-00 – Authorize Temporary Agreement with Meadow Edge Homeowners Association*

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments: Library – Reappointment of Jess Arroyo & Marsha Kremer

Mayor's Proclamations:

City Clerk's Report:

- City Staff Reports:*
- 1) Community Items of Interest*
 - 2) May 2020 New Businesses*

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

ADJOURNMENT:

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Mayor Gallo – I would like to have a straw vote authorizing staff to pursue the sale of all four properties that we spoke about earlier.

Alderman Budmats – Point of order, Mr. Mayor, are we not allowed to discuss this?

Mayor Gallo – Yes, I guess we can discuss it, it's just a straw vote.

Alderman Budmats – It's non-binding?

Mayor Gallo – No, Manager said he wanted a straw vote.

Alderman Budmats – Okay.

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney – Staff is going to follow the direction of the Council as Manager Krumstok had indicated so what he requested is a straw vote.

Mayor Gallo – This is just like a Committee of the Whole straw vote. He will take the consensus of the majority and staff will run with that.

Alderman Budmats – I think discussion is appropriate prior to taking a vote.

Mayor Gallo – Sure, if there's items to discuss.

Alderman Budmats – In previous conversations, if I recall, the property across the street from City Hall, if we were to sell it now the City would take a great loss as we would have to share the funds with other taxing bodies that are part of the TIF. If we wait until the TIF expires the City, if I'm correct, retains 100% ownership of the property and at that point it is ours to sell without sharing any of those funds. I think it's foolish at this point to consider selling it. Can you confirm what I'm saying is true Manager Krumstok?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - You are correct, it is in a TIF district. The TIF will become positive on its own but it is an existing TIF district that we have so we would share.

Alderman Budmats - So we're looking at selling a property now and sharing the funds with others just so we can get it off of our books versus selling a little bit later and getting all the money. I think its foolishness and I will be voting no.

Mayor Gallo - That's what this is about, vote no and when the majority votes no it will not be done. I would hope the rest of the Council would be in that same sentiment.

Alderman O'Brien – I received a couple of messages during the meeting. If we can just confirm the four properties that Alderman Budmats just noted, station 15, station 16, Algonquin Road and property across from City Hall?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager – Yes, that is correct.

Alderman D'Astice - When does the TIF on that property expire?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - 2024/2025 is when it would be clean.

Alderman D'Astice - I would agree with Alderman Budmats that I wouldn't want to sell that property. Can Manager Krumstok confirm that if we waited until 2024/2025 when the TIF goes positive and when we sold it we would retain everything?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - Once the TIF expires, all the proceeds would belong to Rolling Meadows.

Alderman D'Astice - While I agree with Mr. Cannon that I would like to sell everything but I would have to say sell the three properties but not the fourth. That's just my opinion.

Alderman Cannon - I would like to ask for clarification from the City Manager, if we wait until 2024, in the meantime are we paying any money out at all?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - Currently, it is tax-exempt because it is City property. The only thing that we are paying for is landscaping.

Alderman Cannon - In light of that, I would retract selling that piece of property.

Mayor Gallo – So we would like to see 75% of the parcels be sold? Leaving that one parcel out?

Alderman Cannon - Yes.

Mayor Gallo - If there aren't any strings attached to any of the remaining three properties then let's change the vote for staff so they can get a general direction with a straw vote. Is there any additional comments or discussion on these three parcels?

Alderman Budmats - Are there any strings attached to the possible sale of old Fire Station 16? Are we 100% sure that we have clear title to the ground underneath so if we sell it later a different entity couldn't claim ownership of the property and some of the proceeds of the sale?

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney - I can't answer that question right now with respect to your inquiry regarding title. I know that our firm was looking into that and the title company was unable to come forth with some documents. There are things we can do to make sure that those issues are protected in the event of a sale of the property. I can't answer your question thoroughly right now.

Alderman Budmats - At this point, would it be prudent to hold off on the sale of that property until those issues are squared away so that if we could sell it get full value for it rather than have someone discount the value not knowing it if they have clear title from us?

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney - There are things we could do so that the title issues would be resolved and that shouldn't be a factor in the value of the property but we would have to take the appropriate measures to make sure those title issues are resolved. Those things can be done simultaneously but that's up to the Council to decide. It wouldn't impact the value of the property on a sale.

Alderman Budmats - How long do you estimate it would take to be able to do those things so that if at the commencement of the sale process we would have clear title? How long do you think it would take to do that?

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney - We have title it's just that the purpose of the property with respect to when the property was tendered to the City. I don't have all of the facts before me right now so I really couldn't say how long it would take. It may involve some agreements that have to be approved with the prior owner and the right for the property to be used for a non-City or non-public purpose. It would be entering into an agreement and I don't know how long that would take.

Alderman Budmats – They're under no obligation to give us that agreement?

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney - I don't know that for sure, I can't answer that at this time. I'm just saying hypothetically what could be required.

Alderman Budmats – Mr. Mayor, I would suggest that we vote on the properties individually seeing that there's questions upon this property but the other two not so much but this one for sure, there seems to be questions if the sale would be clean. Originally, we were asked about two properties and I'm all for it but I'm saying that the third and fourth properties are problem.

Mayor Gallo - I think it should be apparent to this discussion that we're clearly getting ahead of ourselves and acting a little too hasty about these other two properties without having any ducks in a row. I would just say that the Council vote a majority not in favor to pursue selling off these other two because we clearly don't have the accurate or enough information in order to give staff the clear navigational direction to sell off these other two properties. I'll take the straw vote and everyone just vote it down.

Alderman Bisesi – I was wondering about old Fire Station 16, aren't we also making revenue off the cell towers?

Mayor Gallo - We do and there's been discussion that we would maintain that parcel where the antenna sits but like I said we're just getting ahead of ourselves in this conversation.

Alderman Bisesi – Agreed, we should move on.

Alderman Cannon - I think Mr. Krumstok might be able to give us some information on 16. I know our legal counsel Jim Macholl has done extensive work on the title search and came to some conclusion. That's what you buy title insurance for and most people in today's world buy title insurance so I just offer that as a thought also. We seem to be able to keep on stalling on getting rid of this property. We've known for over a year now that we're going to get rid of it and we keep on making one obstacle after another. The cell tower shouldn't be an issue as we had a guy in front of us a year ago that's offered to build two other cell towers at both of our other fire stations with significant income to the City and we pretty much have ignored his proposal. I don't know why the cell tower would be an issue.

Mayor Gallo – If there is no more discussion, I would like the Clerk to call the straw vote on directing staff to sell the three parcels instead of the current two that have been delegated.

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

With 4 in favor and 3 opposed. That gives staff the direction to move on three parcels of land from this straw vote.

Alderman Sanoica - I wanted to thank the Rolling Meadows Police Department for their compassionate response to the violent killing of Mr. George Floyd on May 25, 2020 and the subsequent outrage to that we are still feeling today. I encourage any residents with questions or concerns about the Police Department, police conduct or any other matters related to public safety to reach out to Chief Nowacki and their Alderman including those who have spoken today. Additionally, in response to some residents' suggestions I would invite the Council to consider for discussion at the August 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting the topic of expanding the Police Departments Social Services Outreach branch. As Chief Nowacki explained in his statement which is available on the Rolling Meadows Police Department website, our Police Department is one of only a few departments in the area that has a Police Neighborhood Resource Center. It's located in the heart of a diverse area of the City to allow the segment of the community to have easy access to services, to improve dialogue and build lasting partnerships. This community outreach is one tool to proactively address issues as a community before issues grow to need police enforcement in the first place including poverty, abuse and disenfranchisement. I would like to Council to consider the impact that our Social Services Outreach has had over the past five years and whether we as a Council in partnership with Chief Nowacki and his department needs to further support these efforts. Thank you so much.

Alderman Cannon – I know we just said goodbye to Dan Seveska and I wanted to chime in on it. In the last month I had two major issues with flooding and Dan came out and handled both. I was so proud of the way he handled things and he solved both of the issues. I know we're going to miss him and he was a good employee for our City and I'm sad to see him go. The other statement I would make for a future thought, two years ago our Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak made a suggestion on redoing our City Hall chamber and came up with a great solution on furniture which would have been a big help with the situation we're in right now because all the furniture would have been module and we could switch around pretty easily. Just some food for thought for the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

Do I have a motion to adjourn? Alderman D'Astice made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Bisesi. Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, this meeting is adjourned.

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the City Council meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

June 9, 2020 City Council Minutes Approved by Council on July 14, 2020.

Judy Brose

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