

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – May 22 2018**

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D’Astice, Veenbaas,
Absent:

Staff Members Present: City Manager Barry Krumstok, Deputy City Clerk Ginny Cotugno, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher, Fire Chief Terry Valentino, Police Chief John Nowacki, Public Works Director Fred Vogt, Business Advocate Martha Corner, and City Attorney Jim Macholl

Mayor Prejna read the following statement:

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE ARE REMINDED THAT THESE PROCEEDINGS ARE BEING VIDEO TAPED FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE BROADCAST OVER THE CITY’S CABLE TELEVISION CHANNEL.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Mayor Prejna: The first item on the agenda this evening is a motion to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2018 Council meeting. Is there such a motion? Alderman Budmats made the motion and it was seconded. Are there any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes? Seeing none the question is shall the minutes be approved? All those in favor please signify by saying aye; those opposed? The ayes have it and the minutes are approved.

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

Mayor Prejna: There is a motion to deviate from the agenda this evening. Is there a motion to deviate? Alderman Majikes made the motion and it was seconded. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall the council deviate from the agenda? All those in favor say aye; those opposed say nay. The ayes have it and we will deviate from the agenda.

1) Recognition by the National Weather Service as a “Storm Ready” Community

Mayor Prejna called up Chief Valentino.

Chief Valentino: Mr. Mayor, City Council, so the City of Rolling Meadows is now the 79th Storm Ready community in Illinois and the City received notice of this designation from the National Weather Service Forecast Office, which is a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, on April 17th of the this year. To obtain this designation many of the City and area Emergency Management Team members assured that the redundant methods were in place to number one, monitor weather; number two to receive watches and warnings from the National Weather Service; and number three to disseminate severe weather warnings throughout our entire community. This was a very time consuming, arduous process that took months to accomplish and tonight I would like to formally recognize the persons that contributed in earnest for the months leading up to tonight. So I would ask

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that those persons would come to the front. So first of all we have Mr. Don Wenzel from Public Works; we have from our 911 Northwest Central Dispatch Center our Emergency Joint Management Coordinator Nick Fleming; from our Fire Department Lt. Ben Dwyer; and from our City Manager's office, who isn't here tonight, Deb Austerlode; and City IT Management Director Justin Chiappetta who is on the other side of the glass over there filming everything here tonight for us; and from the National Weather Service we have Senior Forecaster Mark Rutzer and I ask Mark to come forward and present the designation to the Mayor.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Prejna: It has been a very, there are a lot of things to be doing in Rolling Meadows and if you just sort of watch what happens between the Internet and Items that we print, I've had the opportunity in the last two weeks to be part of the Senior Pancake Breakfast that's cooked by the firefighters and Chief. Again they did an outstanding job and I ate more than I needed to. Then there was the Plant Sale that was going on for the Seniors next door and if you went to the Historical Society you had some of our historical ladies had their cookie show going there so we bought some more cookies. More than we needed. I did discover that our Chief is very good, our Police Chief is very good at cooking hamburgers because I had the opportunity to attend Family Days at East Park Apartments where the Chief showed me how to cook 300 hamburgers for folks on a Saturday morning, and it was quite amazing. We've also been to a couple of ribbon cuttings the last couple days. We had Jersey Mikes which just opened up on Golf Road. Quite amazing. I'm going to recommend the Philly sandwich forever because it was more than I could take. Yes, and we just came from a ribbon cutting for North Star which is a heating and air conditioning company that just opened up on Lincoln Avenue, and Friday morning if you were around 6:30 I was at the, I forgot who was on the roof, but it was Cop on the Roof and I'm told that you raised money for Special Olympics and Chief was what, an extra 8 or 900.00 more than what you had last year?

Mr. Krumstok: It was \$5100.00.

Mayor Prejna: \$5100.00 so it was \$1100.00 more than we had last year so there was an opportunity to do a lot of things and as I kidded with the weatherman, Friday the Car Show begins again at Meadows Christian Fellowship and our City Market and the Parade are off and running so it's summertime in Meadows so please come out and enjoy it. Are there Ward Reports?

WARD REPORTS: None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

Mayor Prejna: We have one signatory, Dale. You're on a first name basis up here, Dale. Just want you to know this.

Dale Engelking: Hi, I'm here this evening to talk about the fire xtations. It was in the newspaper this week, Relocation of Rolling Meadows Fire Stations up to \$13 million. Now, it's like we always said it started out at 9 or 10 million. We're up to 13 million now and we haven't even put a shovel in the ground yet. Where's it going to stop? We don't know. All the City wants to do is issue more bonds which in turn is going to raise the taxes on the residents and we've already been stuck with a gas tax, or

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a tax on our Natural Gas and then they even predict that we're going to have another tax increase again this year. So, I don't know where the City thinks the residents can just keep on dishing money out of

their pocket every year more and more. It's not only the City. It's the County and everybody else. But we've got the one station over on Algonquin Road and maybe we ought to just go through with that one station, spend whatever we need to on that one, and renovate the one on Meadow Lane. We always talked about maybe having three of them. Our last Fire Chief said that he could staff it with the existing staff that he has and maybe have the one on Meadow Road, or Meadow Lane, a substation until the City decides if and when they're going to get revenue in besides just taxing the taxpayers. You've got the Sam's Club, we want to put more homes over here. We don't want to attract any businesses. So it just keeps on relying on tax the residents, tax the residents, so you can issue more bonds. They said they were going to issue 13 million for the fire stations and another 2 to 7 million for roads and utilities, but you can issue as many bonds as you want. They have to be repaid. And I just think the City's got to be a little bit more careful on how they spend the resident's money. That's all I have to say. Thanks.

Mayor Prejna: I thank you for coming forward tonight.

Mayor Prejna closed the floor.

➤ PENDING

A. Ordinance / Approve Signage Request for Fuller Car Wash (2nd Reading)

Mayor Prejna read the background on the ordinance.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to approve the ordinance? Alderman D'Astice made the motion and it has been seconded. Is there any discussion on the ordinance? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance was adopted.

B. Ordinance / Approve Electric Sign for Fuller Car Wash (2nd Reading)

Mayor Prejna read the background on the ordinance.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to approve the ordinance? Alderman D'Astice made the motion and it has been seconded. Is there any discussion on the ordinance? Alderman Budmats.

Alderman Budmats: I did happen to go past another Fuller's Car Wash where they have a sign that is similar in nature, but the electronic is fixed. It's not flashing and it doesn't have colors so I would recommend that we follow the staff's recommendation and vote this particular portion of their request down.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Any other discussion? Alderman D'Astice.

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Alderman D'Astice: I read through everything and I guess my question is do we have, so that I can make a more educated decision, is there any kind of facts or figures that say having a moving sign there would cause distractions or be dangerous. I know that the Stadium has some kind of a moving sign and I imagine that's what they are asking for or something like that. So if its similar are there, is there or has there been significant increase of accidents on Algonquin in front of the Stadium? I just don't know enough to make a real good decision on this.

Mayor Prejna: Mr. Vogt? I saw Barry and Fred each looking at each other. So, go ahead Fred.

Mr. Vogt: Thank you Mayor. On this particular matter no, we are not aware of anything quantifiable in terms of data indicating that. We certainly, from a qualitative standpoint, look at anything that's a highway distraction that's attention getting as something that's potentially of concern. I believe, speaking for staff as well as trying to speak for the Planning & Zoning Commission majority opinion on this, there was concerns about the potential to have many more signs like this on a roadway corridor and I hesitate in using the word precedent because we've already got a few around the community, but we want to look very carefully at these. And I will also point out, even though it wasn't part of the discussion at the Planning & Zoning Commission, if we do move forward which is on the agenda later tonight in terms of the Comprehensive Plan update, the Zoning Code update, which is inclusive of the Sign Code, it may be worth considering to step back on message boards such as these and kind of incorporate all of that into an evaluation of where they're appropriate and where they are not appropriate. So I'm speaking from staff on that latter point.

Mayor Prejna: Mr. D'Astice does that answer your question?

Alderman D'Astice: Yes, to the extent that there's no quantifiable data to substantiate the concern of distracted driving. So I'm, I guess I'm torn. It sounds to me like the message, the rejection is not because of potential distracted driving. The rejection by Planning & Zoning is because they're afraid of what might be coming in the future.

Mr. Vogt: I feel it's both based on what the Planning & Zoning Commission discussion was.

Alderman D'Astice: But there is nothing quantifiable about it.

Mr. Vogt: Not that we were able to present and not anything that staff has been, has taken the time to look at.

Alderman D'Astice: So we're going to tell the petitioner no you can't do this, but we don't have concrete evidence to say why they can't do it other than we don't want it there. If that's the case then we need to say that's the case. We don't want it there and not because it could cause an accident.

Mayor Prejna: Alderman Veenbaas:

Alderman Veenbaas: Mr. Mayor, Mr. Vogt, do we have any other signs in the City like this other than the sign we have out front of City Hall right now that's colored?

Mr. Vogt: The ones I'm aware of as mentioned by Alderman D'Astice, the Stadium has a message board. The Harris BMO Bank had a community events sign. I don't often see it used. The Marathon Gas Station has a very small one on Algonquin Road by Tollview. I'm not aware of any others that come to mind. Just those.

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Alderman Veenbaas: Let me test your memory then. So the signs that we do have that are similar to it, did we have the same issue come up through Planning & Zoning like this one? Was it called a distraction too or how did they get their signs or do you remember?

Mr. Vogt: That was before my time with Community Development so I do not have the ability to answer that.

Alderman Veenbaas: I'm just curious how they got their signs approved and this one would not be. Just curious or maybe it's because there's a highway road that has more population going across it or maybe that's the reason. Anyway, thank you for answering my questions.

Mayor Prejna: Any further discussion?

Alderman D'Astice: Can you explain...

Mayor Prejna: I'm sorry, Alderman D'Astice?

Alderman D'Astice: Thank you. Can you explain how the vote goes on this one?

Mayor Prejna: In what regard?

Alderman D'Astice: Well if we vote yes, does it pass or do you vote no?

Mayor Prejna: If you vote yes, we override the recommendation of the Planning Commission. If we vote no, it dies and they have to come back with a new plan.

Alderman D'Astice: So a yes goes with what the Plan Commission says and a no does not.

Mayor Prejna: Mr.....

Mr. Krumstok: The other way

Mayor Prejna: The other way, the other way around. If we say yes we override the Planning Commission.

Mr. Vogt: If I could, staff prepared the ordinance in the affirmative, so a vote yes is to approve. A vote no is to not approve.

Mayor Prejna: Does that....

Alderman D'Astice: Yes, it answers my question.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. No further discussion? Alderman Veenbaas?

Alderman Veenbaas: Yes, I have one more question. It is my understanding again that the staff had no recommendation on this?

Mayor Prejna: The, besides the Planning Commission, the Community Development said they did not think this was a good idea.

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Alderman Veenbaas: Okay, that's all. Thank you.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. I'm sorry. Alderman Gallo

Alderman Gallo: Just to wrap my head around the conversation, it's the recommendation to not to put up a sign because of driving hazards or because it sets the precedent for others to continue this and I'm sorry for not listening to the previous answer to that.

Mayor Prejna: I believe what, from the recommendation that's in the packet and from what Mr. Vogt has spoken to, it's the fact that there's a concern from the Police Department and Public Works/Community Development that this will be a distraction plus in addition that this will now create a, I don't know if we're using the word precedent, if that's correct if we do this.

Alderman Gallo: Okay, because the Federal Highway Administration did put out some guidelines for off premise changeable message signs and they wrote some literature and wrote some regulations around between 4 and 10 seconds for the changing and intervals so we should look into these things and maybe we can set up specifics around whether we do this before deciding if we should or should not have these on the road.

Mayor Prejna: Well if we vote yes it goes forward. If we vote no then that would be the time to come back and discuss the items that you, the points that you brought up.

Alderman Gallo: So we would have an opportunity at some point if the vote goes a certain way to go ahead and set up stipulations and standards or follow standards that are preexisting?

Mayor Prejna: I'll turn to my parliamentarian, but I do believe it would go back to Zoning correct?

Mr. Macholl: It would, but this is a non-premise sign, not an off premise sign, so I just want to make that clarification.

Mayor Prejna: Sorry Mr. Veenbaas, you had two bites at the apple.

Alderman Veenbaas: Okay, this is my last bite. So Alderman Gallo you're correct, so it is both reasons. The distraction as well as a potential hazard it sounds like. Thank you.

Mayor Prejna: All right. Will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Cannon, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: Budmats, Majikes

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance was adopted.

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C. Ordinance / Declare Surplus Property for Vehicles and Equipment (2nd Reading)

Mayor Prejna read the background on the ordinance.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to approve the ordinance? Alderman D'Astice made the motion and it has been seconded. Is there any discussion on the ordinance? Seeing none, the Clerk will please call the roll.

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance was adopted.

➤ **CONSENT ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Prejna: This brings us to consent ordinances in for 1st Reading. It consists of two items D and E. Does any alderman wish to remove any of these items? Alderman D'Astice?

Alderman D'Astice: D please.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you Mr. D'Astice. Seeing that has been pulled we no longer have a consent agenda for ordinances.

D. Ordinance / Amend Liquor Code to Create a G1 Liquor License (1st Reading) (Postponed at the May 8, 2018 Council Meeting)

Mayor Prejna read the background on the ordinance.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to move this ordinance forward for 2nd Reading? Alderman D'Astice made the motion is was seconded. Alderman D'Astice?

Alderman D'Astice: Thank you. So to be clear we've had some changes made and my first question on the subject goes to our City Attorney to verify. The changes that we see in red, is that part of the new ordinance or do we need to make, do I need to make an amendment to accept the various items that are listed in red here.

Mr. Macholl: We need to make an amendment to accept the items listed in red.

Alderman D'Astice: Okay, so with that being said then, I've got multiple, I've got two amendments and would you prefer we take them one at a time or....

Mayor Prejna: One at a time, yes.

Alderman D'Astice: So the first amendment that would require, again, some assistance from our City Attorney. It says that the wording on the windows or doors of the establishment mentioning video

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gaming which exceed 10% of the existing signage. Mr. Macholl, could you explain that to us so that we all understand exactly what we're voting on for that.

Mr. Macholl: The vote for that would be whatever, if you have an existing establishment that wants to undertake video gaming, whatever their signage currently is 10% of that signage could portray that or however you want to phrase that, I'm sorry.

Alderman D'Astice: That's okay, that's fine.

Mr. Macholl: Display that as actually video gaming.

Alderman D'Astice: Right, so a typical frontage would be, do we have any idea how much a typical frontage would be? So should we just, if we just said it was I don't know, does 200 square feet sound about right? I'm not sure.

Mayor Prejna: I don't know if you could put a figure on it because it will depend on the size of the establishment. For instance taking the Stadium, which has...

Alderman D'Astice: A lot more....

Mayor Prejna: Versus something that would be smaller.

Alderman D'Astice: Right, so just to use a number, let's say we could use 200 or we could use 500. The number really is kind of immaterial here, but so 200 square foot and existing signage where it says you can have 20% of that for a sign?

Mr. Macholl: I don't recall off the top of my head. I think it's, I think its 20% of the total square footage of the frontage not to exceed 200 square feet.

Alderman D'Astice: Okay, well that's fine. So if it was a 200 square foot frontage and it was 20% of that, the allowable signage would be 40 square feet and this is saying you can have 10% of that so the sign for the G1 would be 4 square feet. $200 \times 20 \times 10\%$.

Mr. Macholl: Well, but 200 square feet would be like a 10x20 foot frontage, if that were the case then, presuming your math is correct.

Alderman D'Astice: Okay. Let me just figure one other thing out. So if its 1,000 square foot and allowable is 20%.....

Mr. Macholl: That would be 200.

Alderman D'Astice: That would be 200.....

Mr. Macholl: Which is the maximum.

Alderman D'Astice: Which is the maximum and then you could be 10% of that or you could have a sign that would be 20 square feet.

Mr. Macholl: 20 square feet of which would display if the establishment has video gaming.

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Alderman D'Astice: Okay. I just want to make sure that I'm understanding this. So that being said then not knowing how large the storefronts are in town or who might want to do it, I'm going to go along with the suggested 10%. I think we may want to revisit that in the future and call it 20%, but again not knowing how much it is or how much each one is, I'm okay with it as it stands right now. So that brings me to the second part, my second, so that's one amendment I'm not going to make. The second one, now becoming the first, has to do with the partition wall inside the establishment. The red line says consisting of a solid and permanent, stable material such as wood paneling or finished, or painted drywall. There is a visual barrier for the lower half and lattice or design blocks for the upper half. That's the new red, so I'm okay with all of that except for lower half. I think we should establish a specific amount whether its 3 foot from the ground up or 4 foot from the ground up so that there is some consistency within all of these establishments. If one place has an 8 foot ceiling he gets a 4 foot half wall. If somebody has a 10 foot ceiling, it becomes a 5 foot, and if some establishment has a 12 foot. now he has to have a 6 foot half, which effectively doesn't allow you to see through. So, my suggestion would be instead of saying the lower half that we change that to be 3 foot. It has to have a 3 foot wall on the bottom. So regardless of the ceiling height. So I would make that amendment there accepting all the rest of that and accepting the 10% of the existing signage and the last part was it said add a cabinet or shelf in addition to the table. My amendment is to accept all of that with the exception of having the half wall be defined as 3 foot.

Mayor Prejna: Can you come back and clarify that.

Mr. Macholl: So why don't we do it this way? Why don't we have a motion to amend the ordinance to approve the redline portion of the ordinance. We get a motion and a second on that and discussion on that and then we can go to another motion to amend which would be relative to the lowering of the wall. Does that make sense to everybody?

Alderman D'astice: So I make a motion, my first motion then is to accept all the redline changes as they currently exist.

Mayor Prejna: Do we have a second please? It has been seconded. Discussion? Will the Clerk please call the roll on that amendment?

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, D'Astice

NAYS: Gallo, Banger, Veenbaas

ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna: Four in favor, three opposed, the amendment passes. Now Mr. D'Astice?

Alderman D'Astice: So on the existing, on the amendment we just made, I would make an amendment that we strike the word lower half and replace it with 3 foot.

Mayor Prejna: Do we have a second to that? Mr. Gallo, do we have a second? Is there discussion?

Alderman D'Astice: Yes, I'm just using a 3 foot as an arbitrary number. If council would like to make it 4 foot I'm okay with that as well. I just don't think we should say lower half because the height could change significantly.

Mayor Prejna: Mr. Gallo?

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Alderman Gallo: If you were to incorporate the term knee wall, a typical knee wall is between 36 and 42 inches and I think that would be sufficient then to describe the height.

Alderman D'Astice: I'm fine with that.

Mayor Prejna: Any further discussion? Alderman Budmats?

Alderman Budmats: Can we seek some guidance from the Building Department?

Mayor Prejna: Building Department or are we....

Alderman Budmats: Fred or our engineer? Community Development?

Mayor Prejna: Community Development?

Mr. Vogt: May I ask in what regard?

Alderman Budmats: You have a recommended height for structural integrity that if we were going to build the lattice wall on top of a wall the minimum height should be?

Mr. Vogt: I don't know the answer to that. I would have to consult with our inspectors to see what's required.

Mayor Prejna: Any further, Alderman Majikes?

Alderman Majikes: But Alderman Gallo, repeat the knee wall height?

Alderman Gallo: Sure, 36 to 42 inches is a standard knee wall height.

Alderman Majikes: Okay, thank you.

Alderman Gallo: A range

Mayor Prejna: Alderman Cannon

Alderman Cannon: Maybe an easy compromise to go along with what Mr. D'Astice is talking about is just say the wall has to be half of the height between the ceiling and the floor. That way it would cover each one.

Alderman D'Astice: Yeah, but that's what it....

Mayor Prejna: I'm sorry. That's one thought.

Alderman Cannon: No big deal.

Mayor Prejna: It's up for discussion so it's Mr. D'Astice's motion. He can use what he originally had or he mentioned that he liked what Mr. Gallo brought forward, so it's your amendment.

Alderman D'Astice: So, I would....

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Mayor Prejna: I mean the recommendation from Mr. Gallo would give flexibility to businesses, so.....

Alderman D'Astice: I would amend my motion to call it a knee wall with a range of 36 to 42 inches. This way if it's a 12 foot ceiling it's not going to be so tall that you can't see through it.

Mayor Prejna: Any further discussion?

Mr. Macholl: We need a second on the amended motion.

Mayor Prejna: Okay, yes it's seconded. Any further discussion on the second amended amendment?

Alderman Majikes: Okay, how, so the owner of the establishment then can determine it would be the 32 inches....

Mayor Prejna: 36

Alderman Majikes: 36 inches as opposed, or is it going to be based on the ceiling height?

Mr. Krumstok: How I'm hearing it tonight it would be they would be making that decision and what I would also say is that this is 1st Reading so before the 2nd Reading in June we will be back with some information that has been asked here so we can actually get back to 36 or the 42 or half or some of those other pieces so we can give you more for that 2nd Reading.

Alderman Majikes: Okay, because I don't like it then that it's not a set number. That the establishment can then say well the minimum is 36 so I'm going to do the 36 even though 42 would be better so I think it's better to set, I would be fine with a 4 foot.

Mayor Prejna: So, for purposes of moving it through tonight, we'll go with your motion. This is the 1st Reading and it can be amended again at the 2nd Reading and a lot of the questions I'm hearing tonight can be answered for the next reading. Any?

Alderman Majikes: So what are we voting on now?

Mr. Macholl: That's the question I've got.

Mayor Prejna: I was going to go back to Mr. D'Astice because you bought several things out there so it's....

Mr. Macholl: Currently the motion before the council is to strike the lower half and insert 3 feet. That motion's been made. That motion has been seconded. The motion, or the idea of going from 36 to 42 inches has never been formally made by way of a motion and second. So, currently it is strike the lower half and insert 3 feet. That's what's before the council right now.

Mayor Prejna: Right, that is correct. Mr. D'Astice, so my question to you is going to be after all this has come out, it's your motion. What do you finally want?

Alderman D'Astice: With the approval of the second I will change it from 3 feet to 4 feet so we have a set amount.

Mayor Prejna: So the motion is?

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Mr. Macholl: Does Alderman Gallo wish to withdraw the second?

Alderman Gallo: Sure

Mayor Prejna: Okay

Mr. Macholl: Okay, so now we have a motion to, and I don't want to put words in your mouth Alderman D'Astice, for 4 feet.

Mayor Prejna: And then we need a second. It's been seconded. Do we have discussion on the motion to have a 4 foot? Seeing none the Clerk will please call the roll.

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, D'Astice

NAYS: Banger, Veenbaas

ABSENT: 0

The amendment passes.

Mayor Prejna: Now we need a motion to forward the ordinance, as amended, forward for 2nd Reading. Alderman D'Astice has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Majikes. Is there a discussion? Mr. Banger

Alderman Banger: Thank you. I was against this before mostly because I think adding another liquor license classification is needlessly complicated. Certainly I think it is, definitely after listening to this discussion. I will be voting no. Thank you.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Any further discussion? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, D'Astice

NAYS: Gallo, Banger, Veenbaas

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance, as amended, is moved forward for 2nd Reading.

E. Ordinance / Establish Qualifications Based Selection Process (IDOT – Federal and State Funded Project) Policy and Procedure (1st Reading)

Mayor Prejna read the background on the ordinance.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to move the ordinance forward for 2nd Reading? Alderman Majikes made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Veenbaas. Is there any discussion? Alderman Budmats.

Alderman Budmats: I've read this and I have a problem with it. It appears to take some of the open bid out of, factor out of selection and so what I'd like to do, I understand that this is something that we have to in some way adopt, but I would like to make it so that the number of persons on the committee to approve this would be increased and would include, for sure include somebody from the Finance Department as well as somebody from Administration so that there's, so that we just don't have two

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people in Community Development approving all of these engineering choices and leaving them possibly to be thought that they made a choice based on familiarity and so I would like to see that the Committee that makes these decisions be larger than two people and covers several areas of City government.

Mayor Prejna: So do you have a number for the committee, or do you want the....

Alderman Budmats: A minimum of four, but of course that would make it an even number which makes it difficult to vote, so I would suppose five would be the answer.

Mayor Prejna: Okay, Mr. Budmats, I mean, I'm sorry, Mr. Krumstok you have a comment on that?

Mr. Krumstok: I think what Alderman Budmats is referring to is Section 4, Contract Negotiation, that's what we're talking about?

Alderman Budmats: Yes

Mr. Krumstok: Just to confirm.

Mayor Prejna: And so you're....

Alderman Budmats: Yeah, where we talk about a committee that would be negotiating with the engineers, etc.

Mr. Krumstok: Yep, just making sure that's the section that we're referring to, which is fine with staff.

Mayor Prejna: So you would.....

Alderman Budmats: I guess I could amend it to that, a committee of five people with at least one person from Administration and one person from Finance.

Mayor Prejna: So that's to amend this. That's your motion.

Alderman Budmats: That's to amend this ordinance, unless staff would prefer to bring it back to us in some way incorporating what I'm trying to accomplish, but in line with their goals.

Mayor Prejna: Mr. Vogt

Mr. Vogt: Thank you Mayor. Certainly this being a 1st Reading we can look into that to make sure that it still meets IDOT criteria which I believe that it does, but as Barry said we have no concern about the number. Just would like to confirm that with IDOT and then put the number in here if five is what's desired. We see no problem with that. We can amend it should the council wish.

Mayor Prejna: Okay, first we have a motion on the floor. I need a second. Alderman D' Astice has seconded it. Now we have it open for discussion on Mr. Budmats motion to amend ordinance E. Mr. Cannon?

Alderman Cannon: I'll just make a small suggestion that we designate who the fifth person would be, or the function. Whether it's a position in Administration or whatever. Just so there's no ambiguity as to

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who would be that fifth person. It's not a big deal. I'm just thinking we should identify what that position might be. Just a suggestion.

Mr. Krumstok: Yep

Mayor Prejna: Mr. Krumstok do you have a recommendation?

Mr. Krumstok: What we'll do is when we come back to the 2nd Reading we'll have a full recommendation. Obviously as Alderman Budmats has already mentioned, Finance and Administration. Just let us talk amongst ourselves who would be that fifth person.

Alderman Cannon: Thank you.

Mr. Krumstok: Or division, department.

Mayor Prejna: Do we have further, Mr. Banger?

Alderman Banger: Thank you. I think this needlessly complicates things again. I guess that's a theme of mine tonight. The other thing is a lot of us in the past have complained about getting too many of staff involved. That represents a cost and as always we're trying to keep down costs. There's a trust factor, at least in my opinion on this for our Public Works Director, Assistant Director, to negotiate in the City's best interest. I'm not worried about expanding that group so I'll vote no for this amendment. Thank you.

Mayor Prejna: Is there any further discussion on the amendment? Yes Mr. D'Astice

Alderman D'Astice: I think Mr. Budmats brings up a really good point and I'll be supporting it.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Any further discussion?

Mr. Macholl: I'm just curious if we ever got a second on the amendment?

Mayor Prejna: We did have a second on the amendment. We're in the discussion. So that being said, will the Clerk please call the roll to amend ordinance E.

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Gallo, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: Majikes, Banger

ABSENT: 0

The amendment passes.

Mayor Prejna: Now we need a motion to move the ordinance, as amended, forward for 2nd Reading. Do we have such a motion? Alderman D'Astice has made the motion and it has been seconded. Is there any discussion on the amended ordinance E? Seeing none will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance is moved forward for 2nd Reading.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

F. MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 5-22-18.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to approve the May 22, 2018 Warrant as presented by the Finance Department? Alderman Veenbaas made the motion and it has been seconded. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the Clerk will please call the roll.

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The warrant was approved.

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

G. Resolution No. 18-R-50 / Award Contract for Comprehensive Plan

H. Resolution No. 18-R-51 / Award Contract for Emergency Generator at Public Works

I. Resolution No. 18-R-52 / Award Contract for Engineering of Arbor Drive Watermain Replacement

J. Resolution No. 18-R-53 / Approve Mutual Aid Agreement with NIPAS

K. Resolution No. 18-R-54 / Award Contract for Repair of Storm Sewer at California and Dawngate

Mayor Prejna: That brings the council to the consent resolutions for this evening. There are five of them that could be grouped together in a Consent Agenda if the council so wishes. They are Items G through K. Would any alderman like any of those items stricken from the Consent Agenda? The Mayor is going to pull G. That leaves us H through K. Does anyone wish something pulled? Yes, Alderman Cannon.

Alderman Cannon: H

Mayor Prejna: H, anything else? That leaves us I, J, and K. The Chair declares it in order for all three resolutions in one motion without debate. Is there such a motion? Alderman Veenbaas has made the motion and it has been seconded.

The Mayor read the background on the remaining resolutions.

Mayor Prejna: Will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS:

ABSENT:

The resolutions were adopted.

G. Resolution No. 18-R-50 / Award Contract for Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Prejna read the background on the resolution.

Mayor Prejna: Do I have a motion to adopt the resolution? Alderman D'Astice has made the motion and it has been seconded. The reason I pulled that is I'm going to go to our City Attorney because before the meeting he brought forth that there's some wording that he would like amended into this.

Mr. Macholl: Yes, at this time I'd ask for a motion to amend the resolution to provide that the agreement as proposed will be subject to the approval of myself and the City Manager.

Mayor Prejna: Do I have a motion to approve that? Mr. Banger has made it and Mr. Veenbaas is the second. Is there any discussion? Will the Clerk please call the roll on the amendment?

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The amendment passes.

Mayor Prejna: I need a motion to pass resolution 18-R-50 as amended. Mr. Veenbaas has made that motion. It has been seconded. Is there any discussion? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The resolution is adopted as amended.

H. Resolution No. 18-R-51 / Award Contract for Emergency Generator at Public Works

Mayor Prejna read the background on the resolution.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to adopt the resolution? Alderman Banger made the motion and it was seconded by Alderman D'Astice. Mr. Cannon, you pulled this one please.

Alderman Cannon: Thank you Mr. Mayor. If you recall when we talked about this originally when we offered up the engineering contract on this, I expressed a lot of reservations and seeing the number where it came in at I just will not be able to support this. In light of the fact of all the issues we have going on in our City and all of the budget needs we have, spending \$250,000 on a generator, I understand some of the reason why we want to get it. It just seems like there's got to be a better way at a lot less expense and cost to do this. You spent a lot of money on engineering already and I think it's been over engineered and lo and behold they come back with the highest price out of the two. So I just don't know with all the needs we have why we would go forward with this. We've been able to do without it for 30 years. If they could come back within a bid for maybe a couple of circuits that need to be done. I don't understand why the entire building needs to be generator proofed. I know if we're out of service for a long time it would be a nice benefit, but in light of all the needs we have going on in the City I just think this is just a really, really expensive option so I will not be supporting this. I would ask for other people to turn it down also. Thank you.

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Mayor Prejna: Is there further discussion? Mr. Banger?

Alderman Banger: Thank you. I'm going to support this. My only question is it looks like we have two options, is that correct?

Mayor Prejna: Mr. Vogt, I'm going to ask you to clarify please.

Mr. Vogt: Yes, alternate one is for a partial power being provided to the building by the proposed generator. Option two is to provide full power to the building and if I may clarify without the Option two for full power, things such as the vehicle lifts, the HVAC, many of the overhead doors are not part of that base bid. So that is the primary reason, plus the difference in cost being what we think is value added to add those operations to the generator. Hope that answers your question.

Alderman Banger: Thank you.

Mayor Prejna: Further discussion? Will the Clerk, I'm sorry Alderman Majikes, please excuse me.

Alderman Majikes: That's okay. And I just wanted to clarify that I am reading this correctly that the Park District is paying 34% of this?

Mr. Vogt: Correct.

Alderman Majikes: The whole project? Okay, just wanted to put that out there. Thank you.

Mayor Prejna: Mr. D'Astice

Alderman D'Astice: I'm going to vote no on it. I think Alternate Number One sounds like a better alternative. I would ask a couple quick questions of Mr. Vogt. How often do we lose power on this facility?

Mr. Vogt: Some years not at all. Some year's two to three, four times. It kind of depends on storms. Sometimes it depends on vehicular accidents that take the power lines out in either Rolling Meadows or Palatine where we get the feed. Our biggest concern is when we lose power its often for 8 to 12 hours at a time and not just an hour or two and in storm events when we sometimes lose power, that makes it very difficult to respond operationally which is one of the reasons why we feel like the doors, vehicle lifts certainly should be a consideration should we move forward with this project.

Alderman D'Astice: So we go from zero times a year to maybe four times a year and how many doors would be included in Alternate One and when you say lifts I'm imagining we're putting a vehicle up on a lift and somebody is working on it. In the case of a major storm is somebody working on a lift or are they actually out getting trees out of the street and doing other things. I just have a hard time seeing are people working on vehicles when there's a storm going on? So those are questions. How many doors are hooked up to Alternate One?

Mr. Vogt: There's over 20 overhead doors throughout the building. Looking at Don, we have a number of doors. Some of them are large. Some of them are smaller for just one vehicle, but there's over 20 that would be operational this way. The vehicle lift operations in all likelihood that would be minimal during normal work days, but should we have equipment problems, emergency response, to be able to work and repair vehicles is something that we believe we should consider strongly.

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Alderman D'astice: So, of the 20 doors, how many are going to be hooked up to the generator on the first alternative?

Mr. Vogt: I don't believe any of them are based on the way the power was set up.

Alderman D'Astice: In that case I'm going to have to vote no on this whole thing because then it's not engineered correctly. Even in my home with a generator, I make sure my refrigerator and freezers are hooked up to the generator because that's the most important thing and if getting the doors open and closed is the most important thing, and you don't have it in the first alternative, I think we've engineered it wrong so I will vote no for Alternative Two.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Mr. Gallo, sir.

Alderman Gallo: How many kilowatts are we looking to draw from these generators? Maybe I missed it in the literature.

Mr. Vogt: I don't know that we provided that in the material. Okay, bid price for Alternate One is a 250 kilowatt generator and I don't see what Alternate Two is. It doesn't say in the report, but for Alternate One its 250 watt. 150 and 250? Okay, so 150 for the Alternate One, 250 kilowatts for alternate Two.

Alderman Gallo: Okay, and with the alternative that covers the entire facility that's sufficient load and capacity. Have you guys explored, has the Public Works explored looking at mobile generators to rent in times in which the power goes out and you need an industrial generator that's mobile? And what the rates might be for that?

Mr. Vogt: We've looked at that from time to time. We have generators that are portable for our water facilities. Typically when we have wide spread power failures those units are needed to keep our water system operational. When you look to rent generators, typically when there's power outages, often everybody else is looking for them too.

Alderman Gallo: Facility generators though, not just your smaller portable generators. The industrial facilities running generators. Have you explored that? Just curious to see if we looked at all the opportunities and options out there before we commit to sorting this extensive for the proportion of outages that we may incur. I believe if you lose power one time its paid for itself and that's how I've done it for my house, but at the same time you want to make sure we're doing this fiscally responsible and see what it would cost to use an industrial mobile generator potentially for the draw you need.

Mr. Vogt: I'm not prepared to address that specifically tonight, but if council so wishes to look at postponing this or asking for more information we can.

Mayor Prejna: My next suggestion would be since there's a number of questions. Mr. Gallo would you make a motion to postpone and seconded from the council and they can come back and answer all these questions because there seems to be a great deal of questions on this matter.

Alderman Gallo: Yeah, rather than turn it down today, if that would be the case I would be happy to make a motion to postpone.

Mayor Prejna: Do we have a second? Alderman D'Astice seconded it. Discussion on the motion? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

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AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Gallo, Banger, D’Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: Majikes

ABSENT: 0

The resolution is postponed to the June 12, 2018 Council Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments: None

Mayor’s Proclamations: None

City Clerk’s Report: None

City Staff Reports:

1) Community Items of Interest

- 1) Thank you to all those residents and friends of Rolling Meadows who participated in the Friday, May 18th Cop on a Rooftop even that raised money for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois.
- 2) Reminder that the sprinkling ban began on May 15th. To conserve water throughout the community, lawn sprinkling is prohibited between noon and 6 pm daily, and on consecutive days.
- 3) Meadows Cruise Nights are back thanks to Meadows Christian Fellowship located at 2401 Kirchoff Road. The cruisers will be around from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday’s starting May 25th and going all the way through August 31st. Please join the free family fun at 2401 Kirchoff Road. If you want additional information, please visit www.meadowscruisenights.com
- 4) May 25th Veterans Dinner – Veterans planning on attending this annual dinner should contact City Hall at 847-394-8500. Space is limited.
- 5) May 26th – City Market (1st for the season) from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Road).
- 6) May 26th – Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony starts at 11:00 am on Kirchoff Road. (Ceremony starts around 11:30 am at the Carillon.)
- 7) June 8th – 4th Annual Block Party to be conducted on Kirchoff Road from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Kirchoff Road will be closed from Meadows Drive to Oriole for the Party. Please plan on visiting.
- 8) Sunday, June 10th the annual Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch run will be conducted on Golf Road in the morning. For further information, to participate, or to donate please contact Police Chief Nowacki (847-255-2416).

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- 9) June 11th – Flag Retirement Ceremony conducted by Scout Troop 168 will commence at 7:00 pm at the Kimball Hill Park Fire Bowl/Pit. Anyone can bring flags to be retired or drop them off at City Hall and we will make sure they are brought over for the event.
- 10) Friday, June 15th is the first scheduled Friday Rock and Roll in Meadows. This event takes place from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Kimball Hill Park.
- 11) June 15-16 (Friday and Saturday) the American Cancer Society will be conducting its annual Relay for Life for Palatine/Rolling Meadows/ Inverness at Plum Grove Jr. High School. It begins at 6:00 pm on June 15th and continues until 6:00 am on June 16th. If you would like more information, please visit www.RelayForLife.org/PRMIL
- 12) Vehicle sticker applications will be in the mail soon. (The sale of stickers pay for road projects in FY 2018). Reminder: Vehicle stickers must be displayed by June 30th.
- 13) Future topics at June Committee meetings:

Economic Development Committee – *there will not be a June meeting.*

Planning and Zoning Commission (*Tuesday, June 5th at 6:30 pm*): three tentative items for public hearings and they consists of: 1) Approval of an amendment to the existing Rolling Meadows Shopping Center Planned Development for property located at 3140 Kirchoff Road, C-2 Commercial, Joe Coconato, McDonald’s USA, LLC, Petitioner; 2) a Text Amendment to Sec 122-221(b) of the City of Rolling Meadows Zoning Code to allow religious uses as a Special Use in the M-1 Manufacturing zoning district, Zubair Khan, Trivedi & Khan, Petitioner; and 3) a Special Use to allow a religious use at the property located at 1200 Hicks Road, M-1 Manufacturing, Zubair Khan, Trivedi & Khan, Petitioner.
[Please note the 6:30 pm start time for this meeting].

2) New Businesses – April 2018

Company Name	Address	RM or PAL	Contact Name	Phone #	Type of Business	Home Occupation
NMI Management Group, LLC	4811 Emerson Ave. #211	PAL	Leonard Mahler	630-629-9000	Management Services Office	No

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3) Staff Traffic Advisory Report – May 2018

Mr. Vogt: The staff Traffic Review Committee monthly meeting was held on Wednesday May 2, 2018. The following topics were discussed and are summarized for Mayor and City Council information.

The following matters were discussed:

1. Kieth Court parking restrictions – staff received three (3) resident responses, from the six (6) houses located on the cul-de-sac street. All respondents are in support of the proposed change to allow parking on the west side of the street, and to prohibit parking on the east side of the street. An ordinance will be prepared for City Council consideration in June.
2. Euclid Avenue speed limits a) Plum Grove Road to Vermont Street (west); b) Hicks Road to Plum Grove Road – A café/art gallery opened in store front and requested to add outdoor seating, where the public sidewalk is adjacent to Euclid Avenue at 45 mph speed limit. The same 45 mph speed limit exists at the Vermont Street (eastern) intersection. The Committee decided to monitor and evaluate these conditions (as there is an alternate walkway that is located closer to the building) and to also monitor the ongoing development of new IDOT regulations for intersection crosswalk. Euclid Avenue is the jurisdiction of Cook County Highway Department.
3. Discussions on bikepaths – it is proposed that daily use counts be obtained at these locations in the downtown area and on Rohlwing Road. Public Works will collect data this summer using seasonal labor. This may be useful information for comprehensive plan update and other projects, grant applications, for business, etc.
4. Euclid Avenue bikepath project – An update was provided; scheduled for bid advertisement in August 3, 2018. Final negotiations are taking place on the two land acquisition parcels.

The next meeting of the Traffic Review Committee is scheduled for Wednesday June 6, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at City Hall.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Mayor Prejna: Are there Matters Not on the Agenda this evening? Alderman Veenbaas, yes sir.

Alderman Veenbaas: Mr. Mayor there is one.

Mayor Prejna: There is one, yes sir.

Alderman Veenbaas: There is one. Mr. Mayor, City Council, 7th Ward citizens, tonight I am resigning my position as 7th Ward Alderman effective this meeting. I will be relocating out of state with my family. It has been an honor and my privilege to serve my Ward and the City of Rolling Meadows. I wish all of you very much success and to reiterate it has been my pleasure to serve the City of Rolling Meadows and my Ward. Thank you.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Are there other matters not on the agenda? Well then, in that case Mr. Veenbaas, if you'd meet me down in the well. I remember when you handed me this mic a year ago and said you know it's very heavy. You were right. It is very heavy. Well what a lot of people don't realize

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is that Tim's here with his lovely bride and his two daughters which I don't know if you'd like them to come up for a moment? Come on up. You've been part of the journey with him for what 20 years?

Alderman Veenbaas: More than you'd ever know.

Mayor Prejna: Ann and Erica, we have met you before and Amy yes. It's been what how many years in Meadows?

Alderman Veenbaas: 21

Mayor Prejna: 21 years, great years. You have two lovely daughters and I'm kind of partial because I have three daughters, so daughters are like really cool because they always take care of Dad, but you also tell Dad when he does wrong. Not that you would ever do that. Well a lot of folks don't realize before Tim came to us there was for a number of years that you were part of the Creekside Association, so that's how you....

Alderman Veenbaas: 20 years

Mayor Prejna: 20 years with the Creekside Association so that's how his journey came to us in the City of Rolling Meadows because he interacted I believe with Barry and previous City manager when they did and Fred when they were doing traffic and doing roads that were happening there so we thank you for all the time and energy. I know where you're moving. My daughter is only 10 minutes away from you so that's kind of cool. But we do have a tradition here. So your family can help you open this one up. Fred did you wrap this?

Mr. Vogt: Personally

Mayor Prejna: Personally, okay. Just so you know, this is the guy okay? So girls if you would hold this, I have something else for your Dad because not only was he an Alderman but he was also the Mayor, so a little something that has to be someone who is a Mayor would appreciate this so go for it. They were trying to keep it under budget so they used Christmas wrap. For those that can't see it outside it says reserved parking – Mayor Tim Veenbaas.

Alderman Veenbaas: There is no reserved parking for the Mayor of the City of Rolling Meadows just so you know. That's in Palatine.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. So when you get to your new home, girls I just want you to know that your Dad will always have a parking space now. So, again thank you for your years of service to the City and thank you all.

Alderman Veenbaas: It's been a pleasure and I just want to tell you all the time and effort I put into this, whether it was interim Mayor, Alderman, all the people I've come across I've gotten a lot more out of it than what I put into it. So I thank you all for all your help.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you.

CLOSED SESSION:

- 1) Union Negotiations – Police – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act**
- 2) Union Negotiations – AFSCME – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act**
- 3) Union Negotiations – Local 150 – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act**
- 4) Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act**

Mayor Prejna: There is a motion to go into Closed Session for the above. It does require a formal motion and vote. Is there such a motion? Alderman Banger made the motion and it has been seconded. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall the Council go into Closed Session? The Clerk will please call the roll.

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D’Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna: With 7 in favor and none opposed the council 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: 8:44pm

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT: 9:50pm

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the meeting adjourned.

City Council meeting of May 22, 2018 adjourned at 9:50pm

Respectfully submitted by: Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk

May 22, 2018 Council Minutes Approved by Council on June 12, 2018.

Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk