

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
July 26, 2022**

Mayor Gallo called the Council meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Present: McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Reyez, Sanoica
Absent: Bisesi

With 6 present and 1 absent. A quorum was present.

Members of the audience were reminded that the proceedings were being recorded for current and future broadcast.

Staff Members Present: City Manager Rob Sabo, Finance Director Molly Talkington, Deputy City Clerk Judy Brose, Police Chief John Nowacki, Deputy Fire Chief Pete Sutter, Interim Director/Assistant Director Public Works JoEllen Charlton, Information Officer Waseem Khan and Attorney Melissa Wolf

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 12, 2022 City Council Meeting. Alderman Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderman McHale. A voice vote approved the Minutes as presented.

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to deviate for a Moving 15 Forward presentation given by the Superintendent Dr. Laurie Heinz and Board President Lisa Beth Szczupaj. Alderman Vinezeano made the motion and was seconded by Alderman O'Brien. A voice vote approved the motion to deviate.

The presentation can be found at <https://www.ccsd15.net/Moving15Forward>.

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to close the floor. Alderman McHale made the motion and was seconded by Alderman O'Brien. A voice vote approved the motion to close the floor.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

WARD REPORTS:

Alderman McHale reminded everyone that the Community Events Foundation (CEF) meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6pm at City Hall. They're currently working on fall and winter events and are looking for volunteers. As for Ward 1 business, the road construction at Plum Tree Homes was halted due to a quarry strike and the strike ended today. In the Plum Grove Creek subdivision, ComEd is working with Intren pulling new lines for ComEd and they're working on a timeline. City Manager Sabo will give an update regarding both Ward 1 items during Community Items of Interest.

Alderman Budmats stated he received a couple calls from residents. One from resident concerned about the flyer sent out by Flood Brothers that included instructions on how to establish an account. City Manager Sabo will address this during Community Items of Interest. Another resident asked if residents were to put garbage at the curb will it still be pickup up even if it's not in a garbage cart. City Manager Sabo stated that it will definitely be picked up.

Alderman Vinezeano stated that two residents called her regarding the construction on Jay Lane and asked if the construction will be done before school starts.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

Mayor Gallo read the rules of procedures for addressing the City Council.

Steve Holish of Rolling Meadows stated that he had concerns regarding Resolution No. 22-R-63 that is on the agenda for the purchase of pedestrian walkway light fixture lamps on Kirchoff Road.

PENDING:

A) Ordinance No. 22-25 – Amend Section 18-426, Entitled “Crime Free Housing” of Division 3, Article XI, Chapter 18 of the City Code of the City of Rolling Meadows (2nd Reading)

Mayor Gallo read the title into record and asked for a motion to adopt this Ordinance. Alderman O'Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderman McHale.

Alderman Budmats asked if the sunset provision is removed from the Ordinance when will it be reassessed and reviewed by City Staff. City Manager Sabo stated that Staff hasn't established an exact review period yet. The original sunset clause was included as an opportunity for Council to determine that they no longer wish to maintain this program within the code. It's within the Council's purview to repeal the program at any time. Staff is consistently reviewing the program on an annual basis and the removal of the sunset clause is to remove an inadvertent removal of the program from the code so it allows Council to do so at any point if they chose to do so. City Attorney Wolf stated that the sunset clause as written in the City Code also repealed certain regulations on landlords with respect to their obligations for rental dwellings, the sunset clause wasn't just applicable to the Crime Free Housing regulations.

Alderman Budmats made a motion to amend the Ordinance to include a bi-annual administrative review of the regulations commencing in 2024 and was seconded by Alderman Sanoica.

Before Council voted on the motion to amend the Ordinance, Alderman Sanoica made a motion for a two (2) minute and was seconded by O'Brien.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Reyez, Sanoica
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Bisesi

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The City Council meeting recessed for two (2) minutes.

After the meeting reconvened, Mayor Gallo asked for a roll call vote to the motion to amend.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Reyez, Sanoica, McHale
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Bisesi

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The amendment to the Ordinance was approved.

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to approve the Ordinance as amended. Alderman O'Brien made a motion and was seconded by Vinezeano.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: O'Brien, Vinezeano, Reyez, Sanoica, McHale, Budmats
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Bisesi

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The Ordinance was adopted as amended.

B) Ordinance No. 22-26 – Amend the Annual Term of Liquor License in the City of Rolling Meadows (2nd Reading)

Mayor Gallo read the title into record and asked for a motion to adopt this Ordinance. Alderman O'Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Reyez.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Vinezeano, Reyez, Sanoica, McHale, Budmats, O'Brien
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Bisesi

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The Ordinance was adopted.

C) Ordinance No. 22-27 – Accept a Temporary Easement from Community Consolidated School District 15 (2nd Reading)

Mayor Gallo read the title into record and asked for a motion to adopt this Ordinance. Alderman McHale made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Sanoica.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Reyez, Sanoica, McHale, Budmats, O’Brien, Vinezeano
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Bisesi

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The Ordinance was adopted.

D) Ordinance No. 22-28 – Accept a Temporary Construction and Permanent Easement from the Rolling Meadows Park District (2nd Reading)

Mayor Gallo read the title into record and asked for a motion to adopt this Ordinance. Alderman O’Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Vinezeano.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Reyez, Sanoica, McHale, Budmats, O’Brien, Vinezeano
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Bisesi

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The Ordinance was adopted.

E) Ordinance No. 22-00 – Amend the City’s Ward Map in Accordance with the City’s Population Changes Reported in the 2020 Decennial Census (1st Reading) *(postponed at 7/12/22 City Council Meeting)*

Mayor Gallo read the title into record and stated that new information was made available prior to the meeting and as a result of the reported population changes to reevaluate the ward map. Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to postpone this Ordinance to a later date as necessary to allow the City Attorney and City Manager to work with the Aldermen on the impacted areas for the necessary revisions. Alderman Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Budmats.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Sanoica, McHale, Budmats, O’Brien, Vinezeano, Reyez
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Bisesi

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The Ordinance was postponed to a later date as necessary.

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

The Consent Ordinances consisted of two (2) items, items F and G. Mayor Gallo asked if any Alderman wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for Ordinances. No items were removed.

Mayor Gallo declared it in order for one motion to consider the two (2) Ordinances in one motion without debate. Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to consider the Ordinances for 1st Reading. Alderman O'Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Reyez. Mayor Gallo read the titles into record.

- F) Ordinance No. 22-00 – Amend Section 122-331 Chapter 122 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rolling Meadows, Illinois, to Add and Regulate “Medical and Dental Clinics” as an Allowable Special Use in M-1 Zoning District (1st Reading)**
- G) Ordinance No. 22-00 – Amend the City Code in order to Establish Additional Regulations and Enhance Enforcement Provisions Regarding the Prohibition of Illicit Discharges to the Storm Sewer System of the City of Rolling Meadows (1st Reading)**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Reyez, Sanoica
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Bisesi

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The Ordinances were moved forward for 2nd reading.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

H) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 7/26/2022

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to approve the Warrant. Alderman Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderman McHale.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Reyez, Sanoica, McHale
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Bisesi

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The Warrant was approved.

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

The Consent Resolutions consisted of three (3) items, items I thru K. Mayor Gallo asked if any Alderman wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions.

Alderman McHale pulled item J.

Mayor Gallo declared it in order for one motion to consider the remaining (2) Resolutions in one motion without debate. Alderman Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Mayor Gallo read the titles into the record.

I) Resolution No. 22-R-62 – Approve Purchase of Visual Computer Systems (VCS) Scheduling Software for the Police and Fire Departments

Item J was pulled by Alderman McHale (see below).

K) Resolution No. 22-R-64 – Award a Contract to Perform Sanitary and Storm Sewer Manhole Lining and Rehabilitation

ROLL CALL:

AYES: O'Brien, Vinezeano, Reyez, Sanoica, McHale, Budmats
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Bisesi

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The Resolutions were adopted.

J) Resolution No. 22-R-63 – Approve the Purchase of Thirty (30) Pedestrian Walkway Light Fixture Lamps for Kirchoff Road

Mayor Gallo read the title into record and asked for a motion to adopt this Resolution. Alderman Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderman O'Brien.

Alderman McHale asked if there are safety features for these pedestrian walkway lights or are they purely for esthetics. Assistant Director Charlton stated that the original globe light fixture standard were mostly esthetic to go along with the downtown environment. They cast additional light down but they don't have standards that have specific spacing that create consistent lighting, they are more visual in nature.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Vinezeano, Reyez, Sanoica, Budmats, O'Brien
NAYS: McHale
ABSENT: Bisesi

With 5 in favor and 1 opposed. The Resolution was adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments: None

Mayor's Proclamations: None

City Clerk's Report: None

City Staff Reports:

1) Community Items of Interest

City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the following:

- 1) A free outdoor movie, snacks, fun and games are all planned for this Saturday, July 30th, with the Rolling Meadows Police Department! This year's Movie Night with the Cops will feature Disney's "Moana" at 7:00 pm, behind the Community Center at 3705 Pheasant Drive.
- 2) The fun continues with the Rolling Meadows Police Department next Tuesday, August 2nd, at the annual National Night Out event also being held behind the Community Center at 3705 Pheasant Drive! This year's highlights include a helicopter candy drop, circus performers, face painters, safety vehicles, food samples (while supplies last) and more! Make sure to bring your folding chairs because immediately after the event, the rescheduled July 4th City fireworks show will light up the sky. National Night Out is a family friendly event you definitely won't want to miss.
- 3) The highlight concert event of the summer is happening on Friday, August 12th at Kimball Hill Park! Wine-Down By the Creek will showcase the opening band, The Way Outs at 6:00 pm, and followed by Wedding Banned at 8:00 pm. Beer, wine and hard seltzer will be served by the Stadium Sports Club and Rep's Place. Delicious food vendors will be on hand, so grab your lawn chair and save the date for this popular summertime event! For more information on upcoming City events, visit cityrm.org.
- 4) As has been reported in the news, road construction projects throughout the region were halted due to the unavailability of asphalt paving material as a result of labor strikes at area quarries for the past seven weeks. This has resulted in delays to asphalt road construction projects throughout the Chicago-land area. Accordingly, the City road reconstruction project in the Plum Tree Homes neighborhood and the road resurfacing projects on Jay Lane, Wing Street, Eastman Street, and Dove Street have been paused until asphalt becomes available. The decision to hold on the projects was made to ensure site safety, unobstructed resident access to properties, and to protect the roadway integrity which could degrade if the subsurface was exposed to traffic and weather elements for a prolonged period until the asphalt binder can be paved. The good news is that an agreement was reached and ratified today between the quarry operators and employees which brings an end to the strike. While quarries are resuming operations, given the vast number of construction projects impacted, it will take time for contractors to acquire the necessary quantities of paving materials as asphalt producers resume operations and try to meet pent up demand during this summer construction season. The City's Public Works and engineer teams are continuously monitoring the situation and remain in daily contact with the City's road reconstruction and resurfacing contractors to ensure the projects can resume as soon as possible. The City will provide updates on the status of City road projects via the Roadway Projects interactive map which can be found on the City's

website at cityrm.org. Residents may also contact Public Works at 847-963-0500 with any questions.

- 5) ComEd's contractor, Intren, is currently performing work to replace 7,152 feet of underground residential distribution electric cables within the First Ward in the residential area between Quentin Road and Salt Creek. The work is to provide electric reliability improvements within the area and is being performed via directional boring for installation of cable with final landscaping to following within 3 weeks of the completion of work. In areas with underground electric, this work is typically performed on private properties within rear and side yards through access granted via utility easements. The City was made aware of resident concerns regarding not receiving notifications of the work being performed and followed up with ComEd and Intren accordingly. Intren informed the City that notification of the work was delivered via door cards in late April to impacted properties. The City has requested that ComEd and Intren ensure communications are given to residents in a timely manner prior to work commencing given that months had passed since the notifications were delivered to the impacted properties. Please adhere to any posted caution tape and avoid any covered trenched areas as Intren crews will return to live the installed cables via those areas. Upon the cables being activated, site and landscape restoration work will be completed. As always, if you observe a contractor on your property and are unsure of who they are or whether or not they should be there, contractors of ComEd and Intren drive officially marked vehicles and will have official identification that they can show if asked. If anything does seem suspicious, you may contact 911 to have a Police Officer respond and verify that the contractor is lawfully present. For any questions related to this electric cabling project, please contact Intren at 815-923-2300 or for any electricity service related questions, you may contact ComEd at 800-Edison1.

- 6) Lastly, as a reminder, the new automated refuse and recycling program rollout is happening this week. Residents are reminded for this week to leave their green carts at the curb on trash day, even after items have been collected from the cart, until Public Works has affixed a "TRASH ONLY" sticker to the green top of the cart. Once the cart has been emptied and you observe a Trash Only sticker on top, you may pull your cart back from the curb. Public Works crews are also delivering new yellow top carts to residents throughout the week. The yellow top cart will serve as the recycling cart beginning the week of August 1 and thereafter and the green top cart marked with the Trash Only sticker will serve as the trash cart. The automated cart collection services will begin next week. As a reminder, if you have more trash than can fit in a cart on a given week, residents can still place extra bags at the street with the carts for collection. More information on the refuse and recycling automation project can be found on the City website or by calling 847-963-0500. As mentioned earlier, there was a flyer that was included in a Flood Brothers mailing. That is a standardized flyer related to customers of Flood Brothers who pay them directly. This does not apply to Rolling Meadows residents as our garbage and recycling fees for residents are paid with their monthly water billing and will continue as such. Resident's shouldn't set up a payment account with Flood Brothers, all payments will continue as they have been with the City. The City will ask Flood Brothers to issue a correction.

2) June Financial Report

Mayor Gallo stated that the financial report is in the packet and if Council has any questions they should contact the Finance Director, Molly Talkington.

3) Citizen's Annual Financial Report

Finance Director Molly Talkington stated that the citizen friendly condensed version of the audit can be found on our website at <https://www.cityrm.org/DocumentCenter/View/4138/2021-Citizen-Annual-Financial-Report-PDF>.

4) August 9, 2022 City Council Draft Agenda

City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the items that are currently on the August 9, 2022 City Council draft agenda. The final agenda will be posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act prior to the meeting.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Alderman Vinezeano asked that if residents forgot to put out their green recycle bin and didn't get their sticker what should they do. Assistant Director Charlton stated the residents should put them out on the next cycle pick up and the sticker will be added at that time.

CLOSED SESSION:

- 1) **Setting Price for Sale or Lease of Property – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act** – The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to go into closed session under section 2(c)(6) of the Open Meetings Act regarding setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. Alderman O'Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderman McHale.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Reyez, Sanoica, McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Bisesi

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. City Council entered into Closed Session.

The audience and press were advised that they do not anticipate taking any action upon returning to open session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the City Council meeting was adjourned 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

July 26, 2022 City Council Minutes Approved by Council on August 9, 2022.

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