

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2020**

Mayor Gallo called the Council meeting via Zoom Teleconferencing to order at 7:31p.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, Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak, Police Chief John Nowacki, Fire Chief Jeff Moxley, Director Public Works Rob Horne, Assistant Director Public Works JoEllen Charlton, City Attorney Melissa Wolf

Public comment will be afforded to the public who are joining us on this conference line 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.

Members of the public present in the City Council Chambers listening to the meeting will be afforded the opportunity to provide public comment in accordance with the procedures applicable to public comment at an in-person meeting of the City Council. Namely, members of the public must have signed-in before the start of the meeting.

In addition, written comments that were submitted prior to the meeting will also be read.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

The first order of business is to approve the minutes from the *July 14, 2020 City Council Meeting*. Is there a motion to approve the minutes? Alderman O'Brien made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Cannon. Are there any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes? Seeing none, 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, these minutes are approved.

MOTION TO DEVIATE: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

I'm sure you're all aware of the interesting weather that we had yesterday. Our tornado sirens were proven effective and worked with the strong winds and property damage that we had in surrounding neighborhoods near us. That leads me to the next point that I wanted to mention is that ComEd with the numerous power outages that have occurred as a result of the storm, they also want to remind the general public that they still have the comprehensive Covid-19 package to assist customers and communities if they are in need because of the Covid-19 pandemic and if there are issues that you're having at home struggling to make your utility bills go on to ComEd's website at www.Comed.com/cares and you could find information for forgiveness and relief if you're having financial issues and want your utility to be taken care of in some capacity.

WARD REPORTS:

Alderman Sanoica - Thank you Mr. Mayor. I have two items to report on this evening. First, I received a call from a resident on July 30th requesting assistance with a permit. Many thanks to Public Works and Community Development for assisting the homeowner with his construction improvements by identifying a swift and equitable solution so that the improvements could continue. Second, last Thursday, Alderman O'Brien and I attended *Implicit Bias Training* hosted by the League of Women Voters Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, & Buffalo Grove and facilitated by Doctor Destiny Peery. All city officials and departments serving Rolling Meadows residents would benefit from this training. Our community is diverse, but diversity does not mean we are free from bias. Recordings of Thursday's training will be made available in English, Spanish, Russian, and ASL. This training is free to all residents, staff and community members. Check the League's website www.lwvah.org in the coming weeks for the upload. Check the site for the updates on the training. This concludes my ward report for Ward 7.

Alderman Budmats - I received two calls this week, both specifically regarding traffic and speeding on Vermont. People who are using it as a thruway when going from Euclid to Kirchoff or back from Kirchoff to Euclid. Both of them expressed that there's been excessive amount of speeding on Vermont even the FedEx guy and Amazon guy zipping from place to place to deliver packages. I'm asking if the Traffic Committee would want to review putting a sign that says no thru traffic on the entrance to Vermont from Euclid or Kirchoff so that the traffic can be reduced in this residential area as it's really not meant to be a thruway. If we can do anything about setting up extra patrols in the area to ward off speeding and to discourage speeding in this area as there are families with young children on Vermont. That was the gist of both of their calls so I'm just passing the information along to the Police and Traffic Committee if they could take that under consideration.

Alderman O'Brien - I just wanted to pass on thanks to staff and the updates we've received. I did receive a handful of residents reaching out regarding properties that aren't being well-maintained regrettably due to some foreclosures around town given economic times and everything like that. I do thank staff for being on top of that with the updates they provide to us as well as a couple of residents that did reach out and they're working with a couple of the neighbors. Thank you for that and just reinforcing that at the Committee of the Whole meeting for August that reminder of the Family Assistance Program since it does look like some of these are based on past foreclosures and potentially some other situations going on. Thanks to staff for working on that delicate situation to make sure that the properties do stay well maintained during this time.

Alderman Vinezeano - I just wanted to say thanks to Public Works, Park District and Chief Nowacki for having PD go out last weekend, I know my report was kind of spotty to Chief Nowacki because I was up in the mountains. The community Park District had some cleanup that needed to be done on a Saturday early morning. I got messages from residents very early in the morning so they expedited that cleanup extremely fast. The residents did reach out and said thanks for that cleanup and getting that taken care of.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

The next step is to open the meeting to the public but the Deputy City Clerk didn't receive any requests for public comment or any written comments so we will move on.

➤ **PENDING:**

A) Ordinance No. 20-31 – Amend Chapter 6 Entitled “Alcoholic Beverages” of the Rolling Meadows Code of Ordinances Regarding Regulations Applicable to Licenses for Video Gaming (2nd Reading)

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

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

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

B) Ordinance No. 20-32 – Approve a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rolling Meadows to Define, Establish and Regulate Video Gaming Cafes as a Special Use within the Commercial Districts of the City of Rolling Meadows (2nd Reading)

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman Vinezeano has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Sanoica. Is there any discussion? See none, the question is shall the Ordinance be adopted. 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 this Ordinance is adopted.

C) Ordinance No. 20-33 – Approve Text Amendments to Define and Regulate Adult-Use Cannabis Craft Grower Business Establishments and Adult-Use Cannabis Infuser Organizations as Special Uses in the M-1 and M-2 Zoning Districts in the City of Rolling Meadows (2nd Reading)

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman D’Astice has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O’Brien. Is there any discussion?

Alderman O’Brien – Reading through the proposed Ordinance and I am in support of it but just from a tax perspective, is it just through property taxes and sales is clearly not allowed for these properties if it were to come forward and we were to have an occupant or tenant interested? For the City, would this be through property taxes or is there another type of tax incurred as well like the recreational marijuana each municipality could implement up to a 3% tax as we’ve done as a Council? Unless I missed it in the write-up, I didn’t see any potential tax benefits to the City.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager – No, there’s really no tax incentive on this item but an infuser/grower does increase the amount of water that is used and it’s also another business use in an area that we don’t have right now that’s why we’re making this designation in those districts and designation in the City.

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

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

With 6 in favor and 1 opposed this Ordinance is adopted.

D) Ordinance No. 20-34 – Approve Extending Liquor License Termination Deadlines for Class A1, Class A2, Class A3 and Class D Liquor Licenses (2nd Reading)

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman D’Astice has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Vinezeano. Is there any discussion?

Alderman Vinezeano – If this does pass, how are we going to get this information out to the businesses that they’re renewal date will be different?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager – We’ve already notified the businesses that have these liquor license classifications. Once this passes those licenses that have already been issued will be re-issued with the two additional months.

Mayor Gallo – Is there any further discussion? See none, the question is shall the 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.

➤ **CONSENT ORDINANCES:**

The next item on the agenda are the Consent Ordinances. It consists of two (2) items, items E through F. I am going to pull item E and that leaves F. Does any Alderman wish to pull item F? If not, we will be doing these individually.

Alderman Budmats – Item F.

Mayor Gallo – The reason I pulled item E as you know Staff is requesting a waiver of 1st reading so the Ordinance can be approved immediately. Is there an Alderman willing to make a motion to waive the 1st reading for this Ordinance? Alderman Bisesi has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O’Brien.

E) Ordinance No. 20-35 – Approve an Ordinance 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 on the motion to waive 1st reading?

Alderman Budmats – I will, once again, reiterate that I think we should have a 1st reading for this for our next meeting tonight and that we should stop the bad practice of waiving 1st readings whenever possible. I just think its poor form other than that I don’t really have a problem with expediting this or the content of what we’re trying to expedite, I just think that we can plan ahead. This is not an emergency anymore we’ve known about it since March.

Alderman Bisesi - I would like to second Alderman Budmats comments and I’m hoping that at our next Council meeting we’ll not only see the waving of the 1st reading but also the 1st reading for the meeting after that.

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney - I would just like to provide the Council a brief explanation. The reason why there’s a request to waive 1st reading is that these ordinances can only be in effect until the next meeting. Our very first ordinance that we enacted was an emergency ordinance just as these are continuing the state of emergency so the preceding ordinances do not allow us to continue it beyond the very next meeting. We are requesting that you waive 1st reading and in order for us to have a 1st reading on this we would have to be presenting the City Council with two ordinances at the next meeting so there’s no time lapse with respect to this state of emergency. If the Council doesn’t approve this and waive 1st reading there’s going to be a lapse in the effectiveness of these declaration of emergency ordinances. It’s not an uncommon practice to waive 1st reading by any means and most municipalities don’t even require 1st

reading of their ordinances so it doesn't by any means invalidate the ordinance. I would just like to provide that input so Council knows that the impact of not waiving 1st reading in this regard will preclude the City from declaring the state of emergency and possibly preclude the ability to get emergency funds during that duration if there is a lapse in approving this.

Alderman Sanoica - In response to Attorney Wolf's comments and to follow up with Alderman Bisesi and Alderman Budmats suggestion, can we expect on the next agenda to have two ordinances where we waive the 1st reading once again to continue without any lapses in our state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic but then prepare going forward to have a 1st and 2nd reading?

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney - We can do that, I don't have any problem putting two ordinances on the agenda unless staff as any other input in this regard.

Mayor Gallo – Is there any further discussion on waiving the 1st will reading? Seeing none, the question is shall the Ordinance be moved forward for final approval, 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, the Ordinance does move forward for final approval.

Ordinance No. 20-35 is now back for final approval. Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman O'Brien has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Bisesi. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall this Ordinance 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. This Ordinance is adopted.

Item F was pulled by Alderman Budmats

F) Ordinance No. 20-00 – Amend Appendix B, Entitled “Schedule of Rates, Fees, Fines and Penalties,” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rolling Meadows Regarding Building and Construction Fees (1st Reading)

Is there a motion to consider this Ordinance for 1st Reading? Alderman Cannon has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Bisesi.

Alderman Budmats you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman Budmats - The reason I pulled this is because I had a conversation with Director Horne today discussing specifically the item of the bond that is required for permits and their completion. I don't know if you recall but this past year we had a problem where an in town contractor had completed a number of

projects and not had the final inspection and had it in his contract with the homeowners that it was their responsibility to get the work final inspected. They were not aware of this, they figured the job was done and paid the contractor. It seems to me that we need to do a better job in this particular area of tying the amount of bond to the size of the projects so that homeowners don't get taken back by surprise. If they have a large project and the final approval wasn't received and then if it's a small project that we're not holding onto \$5000 for too long of a time. I think we need to just somehow tie the bond amount and some fair way to the dollar amount of the project and Director Horne told me that he'd already been looking into it before I even brought it up. Also, I would like to have some kind of an idea so if staff could provide us with some comparison as to where we fit in on these fees. I just know that some homeowners are going to come up to us and say I can't believe that you're charging X number of dollars for this project because Palatine only charges \$5.00 or whatever. I'm just looking to make sure that somehow or another we fit in the overall average and that we don't stand out like a sore thumb either too cheap or too expensive but someplace just right for the service that we're providing in these areas. Could we before the second reading get some kind of comparison for some of these permits to what other municipalities are charging for similar items?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works – We should be able to get some examples. It's a pretty comprehensive fee schedule so we're going to have to pick some example permits to compare. The one direction I would request is do you want a comparison to neighboring communities or do you want a comparison to similar communities? Most of our neighboring communities are significantly larger than us so there is a variety of factors that go into the size of their departments, the other kind of revenue streams they have where they can afford to have reduced permit fees, things like that or would you prefer I seek out communities that are similar in size but might not be local or at least adjacent to our community? I can find some of either one, I was just wondering.

Alderman Budmats – A community equal to our size because they have the same economic hurdles to overcome that we do based on the size of our building department and at least one of our neighboring communities just so that we know we're not totally out of line with a neighbor.

Alderman D'Astice – I agree with Alderman Budmats but maybe two neighboring communities and two of equal size so that our team doesn't have to kill themselves trying to find a dozen different neighborhoods. I'm good with what Nick said though.

Alderman Bisesi – I just have a question, in the PDF it shows temporary tent and canopy permits, I just want to make sure that I'm understanding that correctly, does that include the 10x20 tents you put up in your backyard for a party?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works – No, that's more for tents that the public would be going into such as Community Events we check those tents to make sure they're fire rated. That's a very common tent permit.

Alderman Bisesi – Just wanted to make sure that it doesn't get misconstrued. I know a lot of people do that and when we do get back to baseball and stuff like that sometimes people put up canopies and stuff like that around the ball fields to block the sun.

Mayor Gallo – Is there any further discussion? The question is shall the Ordinance be moved forward for 2nd Reading? 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, the Ordinances will be moved forward for 2nd reading.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

G) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 8/11/2020

The next item of business is a motion to approve the Warrant from August 11, 2020 as presented by the Finance Department. Is there a motion to approve the Warrant? Alderman Sanoica made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O’Brien. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

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

➤ **RESOLUTIONS:**

The next items on the agenda are the Consent Resolutions. It consists of one (1) item, item H. Is there motion to approve this Resolution? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Cannon.

H) Resolution No. 20-R-80 – Authorize the Referral to the Rolling Meadows Planning and Zoning Commission for Special Use Consideration Regarding a Proposed Video Gaming Café D/B/A Shelby’s Located at 2164 Plum Grove Road, Rolling Meadows, Illinois

Is there any discussion?

Alderman O’Brien – I want to thank staff for sending the readable view of the floor plan and also thanks to you Mr. Mayor for the letter you read last time from hospitality group as well, it was great to see that. There is going to be the gas grill as well as the hood as we know how much that’s been discussed so thanks to staff for providing that.

Alderman Sanoica - I will be voting in favor of this. The Planning and Zoning Commission will require a public comment period since this is for the special use. I’ve heard from three residents regarding this issue, which is not representative of my Ward, the surrounding business community, nor the City as a whole. Getting a pulse on where the community is at this point is a welcome endeavor and will ensure that

we are voting in line with the people we represent. Furthermore, this is Shelby's opportunity to introduce themselves to the community and highlight the benefits they'll bring to our City so I'm looking forward to this process.

Mayor Gallo – Any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall this Resolution be adopted, 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, this Resolution is adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments: *Economic Development Committee*
• Christine Burbidge

I would like Council's approval for the appointment of *Christine Burbidge* to the *Economic Development Committee*. Is there a motion to approve this appointment? Alderman Sanoica made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Is there any discussion? 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, *Christine Burbidge* is appointed to the *Economic Development Committee*.

Mayor's Proclamations: None

City Clerk's Report: None

City Staff Reports:

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

1) Community Items of Interest:

- 1) Thank you to everyone who donated blood at the Thursday, June 25th City Blood Drive here at City Hall. Because there is such a need, another City Blood Drive has been scheduled for Thursday, August 27th from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm in City Hall (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.*

- 2) If you missed the July 18th – City Market, the next one is scheduled for August 22nd 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*). [There will be a tent for the Mayor & City Council at this event].
- 3) 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 76.9% and is outpacing the overall state response at 67.9% and Cook County rate of 63.1% (as of August 5th). 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 www.2020census.gov or by phone at 844-330-2020 or using your printed U.S. Survey to respond by mail. Please respond today because the field data collection will end on September 30th!
- 4) Second Installment Cook County property tax bills are out and property owners have until October 1st to pay without any late charges. (The second installment was actually due on August 3rd, but thanks to an ordinance passed back in May by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, property owners can pay without any interest charge through October 1st).
- 5) A mailing has been distributed throughout the community that requires all water customers (residents & businesses) to participate in the City’s Cross Connection Control Survey. This online survey is required by the IEPA every two years for all public water supplies. The survey helps to identify potential cross connections that may exist within the City’s water system. The online survey portal can be found at www.backflow.com/rollingmeadows
- 6) 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.
- 7) Have you seen the August electronic “News & Views” or “e-News & Views?” If not, visit, www.cityrm.org and click on the News & Views tab. This is the sister publication to the printed newsletter.
- 8) Please Shop, Dine 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.
- 9) Starting on August 20th and continuing through early morning hours of September 8th the Rolling Meadows Police Department will be participating in a Labor Day Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign. This partnership with the State of Illinois Police is made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Motorists in Rolling Meadows can expect to see stepped up impaired driving patrols and seat belt enforcement.

- 10) We do have a limited number of Census 2020 masks available at City Hall and City Market, as supplies last.
- 11) Census takers are out in the community, they have a Federal ID and a US Census bag so they are very recognizable. The only reason they are knocking on your door is if you have not completed the Census. Again, the Census is very important.

Rob Horne Director Public Works, went over the following:

2) Traffic Review Committee – July 2020

The Traffic Review Committee reviewed three different traffic issues that are listed under “New Business” and all those issues were resolved or we came to a conclusion on so those items will not be there next month. In addition, I know one Alderman is specifically concerned about the very first item, we had hoped to remove that this month but unfortunately we found out after we have achieved compliance that two of the buildings are doing what they weren’t supposed to do again so we are going through the violation process again with them. Other than that the agenda is updated with all the appropriate information.

Melissa Gallagher, Finance Director went over the following:

3) FY 2021 – FY 2025 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)

The Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) is submitted to the City Council as a Staff Report. The CIP is available in the August 11th City Council packet and on the City’s website at www.cityrm.org under the Government Transparency Portal or at <https://www.cityrm.org/DocumentCenter/View/3426/Capital-Improvement-Plan-2021-2025> The CIP will be discussed at the August 18th Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting with a brief Power Point presentation. *The CIP is a working document and is subject to change and the CIP is not a budget.*

This is the eighth year that the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) was reviewed and discussed by the Capital Improvements Committee and incorporates many of their recommendations. The Capital Improvements Committee members were resident members Bob Losh, Steve Holish, and Jack Eleftheriou; Alderman John D’Astice; Alderman Lara Sanoica; Public Works Director Rob Horne and Finance Director Melissa Gallagher. The Committee extends their appreciation to Elizabeth Payne, PW/CD Administration Services Coordinator, for drafting the minutes for the Committee’s meetings. The Committee prepares a list of Recommendations to the City Council which may be found the CIP document.

The COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated the City to review and reprioritize capital projects. Some projects are deferred or delayed. Other projects that are classified as recently initiated or ongoing are considered essential projects. (These projects usually deal with safety and security.) Capital projects are always evaluated on benefit and service improvements to residents, businesses and the overall community. The City’s capital planning and budgeting process produces information to make informed decisions for the initial project. The process also takes into consideration long-term maintenance obligations for the City’s overall capital projects.

COVID-19 expense tracking is taking place (in the General Fund) and we fully expect to receive reimbursement (typically 75% of eligible expenditures). Planning for future pandemic items is being done and reviewed across all City Departments.

The CIP is only a snapshot and is not intended to be a budget. The CIP is a working document. It is a financial planning tool and offers the City options based upon available funding and is a good look ahead. Not every request from the CIP or the initial budget entry makes it into the FY 2021 Proposed Budget presented to the City Council. There are projects listed in the CIP and not added to the FY 2021 Proposed Budget. [As part of resiliency planning, the City is holding the line due to fiscal uncertainty. Stability and financial prudence is always key to sound budget and financial planning.]

The CIP will be discussed at the August 18th Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting. The FY 2021 Proposed Budget will be released during the September 8th City Council meeting and it will be loaded to the City Council computers. After that meeting, the FY 2021 Proposed Budget will be available at www.cityrm.org. The first public FY 2021 Budget discussion meeting will take place at the September 15th Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting. The City Manager and Finance Director will typically hold one-on-one budget meetings with the City Council starting in September (following past practice).

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

4) August 18, 2020 Committee of the Whole Draft Agenda

- 1) *Capital Improvement Program (CIP)*
- 2) *COVID-19 and the City of Rolling Meadows*
- 3) *New Billing System*
- 4) *Business Licenses*
- 5) *Tree Ordinance (Alderman Budmats and Staff)*
- 6) *Property Maintenance & Procedures & Liens*
- 7) *Business and Temporary Family Assistance Program Update*

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

5) August 25, 2020 City Council Draft Agenda

PENDING:

- A) *Ordinance No. 20-00 – Amend Appendix B, Entitled “Schedule of Rates, Fees, Fines and Penalties,” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rolling Meadows Regarding Building and Construction Fees (2nd Reading)*

CONSENT ORDINANCES:

- B) *Ordinance No. 20-00 – Approve an Ordinance Confirming and Extending the State of Emergency within the City of Rolling Meadows Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (1st Reading)*

NEW BUSINESS:

C) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 8/25/2020

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:

- D) Resolution No. 20-R-00 – Accept Easement for property at 2809 Owl Drive - City Property*
- E) Resolution No. 20-R-00 – Award Contract for Replacement of Entry Doors at the Public Works Building Located at Berdnick Street*
- F) Resolution No. 20-R-00 – Award Contract for Fire Hydrant Painting*

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor's Proclamations:

City Clerk's Report:

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

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

CLOSED SESSION:

- 1) Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act*

ADJOURNMENT:

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Alderman O'Brien – I just wanted to give an update from the August 4th Economic Development Committee meeting. It was a very full agenda, it was about 15 items. We were going to nominate and elect a new Chairman but a couple of members were missing plus knowing you had an appointment coming up tonight so we did defer appointing an official Chairman until our September meeting and then we decided that if anyone can't make that one that would be drop dead date and we'll pick somebody at that time. We wanted the new member to have an opportunity as well. Business and Community Showcase has been cancelled based on the feedback that staff had received. They looked into doing it outside with tents and weather is always a factor so the consensus from those that responded through a survey staff put out was best to be cancelled. We focused more on goals for 2020, what we wanted to see done the remainder of the year versus 2021 and that dovetails to where a lot of topics were discussed. We discussed a new City Saver Program which I think is on one of our upcoming agendas. Staff is looking into a City Saver Program on the website with minimal if any cost to staff or the City where it will promote local businesses that are interested in doing it. Staff is putting out a request/survey now through the Business Advocate as well as the Assistant to the City Manager to all businesses in the area to see if they would like their logo or some type of advertisement in a consistent format on our website and then for those that are interested they could also post a coupon or something like that. The Economic Development Committee hands down thought that was a great idea because of the minimal cost and it was asked to be fast tracked because the businesses are in need of help now and that's why we focused most of the

discussion on what we like to see done by the end of 2020 versus going into details on 2021 goals because we need to make sure businesses are set in 2020 and are going to be here in 2021.

Mayor Gallo – I can definitely appreciate the shift in goals from 2021 forward to remain in 2020 because obviously there's significant time left within the year and given the circumstances that all the businesses and the community in general are operating as a result. Thank you and the Committee for making that change.

Alderman O'Brien – We were comfortable to include all businesses not just retail and restaurants, we felt it was a very consistent approach. Every business has the opportunity if they choose to at no cost to them so we thought that would address that perspective as well.

Alderman Cannon – I would ask that in the near future the Council would consider a thought of mine. This year when we have our Christmas lighting and I doubt we'll be able to have a spaghetti dinner, I had a number of people in my Ward that were surprised last year because they didn't think we had a Christmas tree. I'm going to ask people to consider is buying a tree and putting it in the lot across the street since we're going to own that lot for at least another four years. It's an expense but not a huge expense and I think a tree should be on Kirchoff so people could see it or at least have an opportunity to see it (*inaudible*). I just ask in a future meeting that we talk about the possibility of doing that.

CLOSED SESSION:

1) Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act

There is a request to go into closed session. It does require a motion and roll call vote. Is there a motion to go into Closed Session? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Bisesi. Is there any discussion? 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, 0 opposed. We will now enter Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the City Council meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

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