

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2020**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance

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, Business Advocate Martha Corner, 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, any 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 *September 8, 2020 City Council Meeting*. Is there a motion to approve these minutes? Alderman Vinezeano made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Sanoica. Are there any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: Budmats

With 6 in favor; 0 opposed 1 Abstention, the minutes are approved.

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

I would like to ask for a motion to deviate for the public hearings on the Library Tax Levy and the City Tax Levy. Is there an Alderman willing to make a motion to deviate? Alderman Budmats has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Sanoica. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, we will now deviate for the public hearings.

◆ PUBLIC HEARING – LIBRARY TAX LEVY

The City Council is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the Library Tax Levy. The purpose of this hearing is to invite oral comments from interested citizens concerning the Library Tax Levy.

Let the record show that the public hearing opened at 7:36 p.m. on September 22, 2020.

Is there anyone that wishes to speak regarding the Library Tax Levy?

Let the record show that the public hearing closed at 7:37 p.m. on September 22, 2020.

◆ PUBLIC HEARING – CITY TAX LEVY

The City Council is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the City Tax Levy. The purpose of this hearing is to invite oral comments from interested citizens concerning the City Tax Levy.

Let the record show that the public hearing opened at 7:38 p.m. on September 22, 2020.

Is there anyone that wishes to speak regarding the City Tax Levy?

Let the record show that the public hearing closed at 7:39 p.m. on September 22, 2020.

At this time I would like to ask for a motion to close the floor? Alderman Budmats has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Vinezeano. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, the floor is now closed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Two quick items to report on because we won't be in Council meetings in between now and then. There is a new HVAC business called Phoenix Heating and Cooling at 1501 Rohlwing Road, they will be having a ribbon cutting on October 1st 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm and it's nice to see in these times of Covid pandemic economic climate that we still have businesses opening in the City of Rolling Meadows. On October 2nd we have the Grand Opening celebration/ribbon cutting for Taco Jerez at 1410 Golf Road from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Members of the Council are encouraged to attend either one or both to show your support in this endeavor.

WARD REPORTS:

Alderman Budmats – I have several items. 1) I received a call from a resident and given the current Covid-19 policy not to collect trash unless it's in a sealed bag, he said that when animals unseal the bags overnight that it tends to have an effect where trash gets thrown across the lawn. Because Public Works is not picking that trash up for safety reasons, he's wondering if now is the time for us, as a Council, to once again consider the provision of trash containers or bins like other municipalities have unless we anticipate the Covid policy to change at some point in the near future. For those instances where trash does get strewn we'll be able to have the major components addressed by Public Works. 2) I received a call from a resident about an Airbnb that's operating on his block. He said that initially Community Development told him that it's legal to have an Airbnb and that it wasn't a problem. I then received a second call from him saying that he didn't feel like Community Development had adequately addressed his issue so I called Community Development or got in touch with Rob and they told me that it's not legal. I'm trying to figure out is it legal or not to have an Airbnb in Rolling Meadows and I'm assuming the answer is yes, assuming they're properly licensed and that this person on this street would need to get a license if they're going to continue to operate an Airbnb and all of the requirements that are necessary to rent your property or to have a rental property in Rolling Meadows. I wanted to at least make sure that it was addressed and we should have some kind of a standard answer, either yes or no to Airbnb's. 3) A constituent on Hoover contacted me about lights that were newly installed in the Kings Walk parking lot for security purposes and are invading his privacy purposes in his own backyard. His backyard is now lit up like a parking lot. I'm looking to see what Community Development can do to broker some kind of peace so this man gets the privacy back in his backyard and the parking lot is safe for the residents of Kings Walk and I'm happy to participate in that if it's necessary. 4) I had a resident drop off a broken bolt from the bridge over Kirchoff from Route 53. I sent an email to staff letting them know that this isn't cool and it's already been rated the worst bridge in Illinois prior to repairs being done. I've been told that the project has been put on hold due to the shortage of lumber in the State of Illinois and that's why the bridge has not been worked on so far this year. Given the fact that I have a very large bolt on my desk that is broken I'm really concerned that we need to put some kind of pressure on IDOT to get moving on this project and to dig a little deeper in their pockets and find some lumber to make the bridge over Kirchoff from Route 53 safe for our residents who walk underneath it. Those are my four items and I thank you for your time.

Mayor Gallo - I would like you to bring up the first point about the waste management and in matters not on the agenda I would like to put Director Horne a little bit in the hot seat as he and I had previous conversations about this. I understand that a certain portion of our garbage trucks are already outfitted with the components for the retractors to pick up those bins. I discussed this with him when it started with residents complaining about chickens and potential varmint and I think we had tracked a lot of that varmint

(coyotes, raccoons etc.) from having easily open garbage containers. There's a lot of other financial value and workers comp related physical strain reduction for our employees as well so I would encourage you to bring that up so we could put Director Horne on the hot seat just a little bit so he could help us understand that more.

Alderman Sanoica - I had a resident reach out and the resident stated two essential things. They had explained that they had been dining in Arlington Heights and said that they really like the Arlington Heights alfresco idea that had been executed in that area and was looking for a response from the City of Rolling Meadows to promote our restaurants. The resident also said that some of the restaurants that do have outdoor seating the resident noted that staff or patrons don't necessarily adhere to the mask requirements. I pointed the resident to our special meeting on June 3 regarding outdoor seating and the adjustments we've made so far and linked the resident to that YouTube link so the resident can see it. I noted that the resident could contact Cook County Department of Public Health regarding any types of potential mask issues or any perceived violations of mask requirements at these public areas. There was no additional course of action for that it was just the types of interactions that we have had in the past week or so.

Alderman Cannon - Just briefly, I wanted to remind the rest of the Council that earlier this summer we approved some additional equipment (*lost connection*). A resident contacted me and was very happy with the way we patched the roadway as they were very impressive patches it's much different than throwing a couple of shovels of asphalt. It was very nice job and he was very complementary of our people especially the foreman and that crew.

Alderman Bisesi - This is also partially a compliment. I've heard from several residents in the Ward and they are very happy with the new roads that were put in and how that all worked out. The only minor issue that had come up was the seeding/sod in the parkways, it was very poorly done. I do appreciate that today Public Works got the contractor to redo the work and plant seed and do it all again and I believe it was no cost to the City as it did not meet our expectations. That project should be completed I assume tomorrow so I just wanted to thank Public Works for jumping on that right away and getting the contractor to fix the work.

Alderman O'Brien - I had a similar conversation like you had with Director Horne and Alderman Budmats too. A couple of residents had reached out regarding the trash collection and wildlife getting in so there were some concerns and most recently when I met with Director Horne and Assistant Director Charlton last Thursday so I did have similar inquiries as well.

Alderman Vinezeano - I guess our residents had garbage on the brains this week so I had some calls as well about the garbage. I also had a couple residents reach out about the former Taco Bell site and the corporate owners maintaining the property which I do know staff is having difficulty contacting the corporate owners. I do know staff is working on that and trying to keep up with the former owners. A good compliment that a resident wish to extend a very gracious thank you to our first responders and the paramedics that assisted her just last week. She said there were very courteous, very helpful and kind and was very grateful.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

The next step is to open the meeting to the public but I have been told that there were no requests for public or written comments and we do not have anyone in the Council Chambers requesting to speak so we will move forward.

➤ **PENDING:**

A) Ordinance No. 20-39 – Approve an Ordinance Confirming and Extending the State of Emergency within the City of Rolling Meadows Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (2nd Reading)

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman Budmats 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: Bisesi, D’Astice, Sanoica, Cannon, Budmats, O’Brien, Vinezeano
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

B) Ordinance No. 20-40 – Amend Chapter 6 Entitled “Alcoholic Beverages” of the Rolling Meadows Code of Ordinances to Prohibit the Sale of Motor Fuel in Conjunction with Video Gaming (2nd Reading)

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman Budmats 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: D’Astice, Sanoica, Cannon, Budmats, O’Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi
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 C and D. Does any Alderman wish to remove an item from the Consent Ordinances? Seeing none, the Chair declares it in order for one motion to consider the two (2) Ordinances in one motion without debate. Is there a motion to consider the Ordinances for 1st Reading? Alderman Budmats has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Sanoica.

C) 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)

D) Ordinance No. 20-00 – Authorize the Disposal of Surplus City Property – Vehicles & Equipment and Information Technology (IT) (1st Reading)

The question is shall the Ordinances be moved forward for 2nd reading? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, the Ordinances will be moved forward for 2nd reading.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

E) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 9/22/2020

The next item of business is a motion to approve the Warrant from September 22, 2020 as presented by the Finance Department. Is there a motion to approve the Warrant? Alderman Bisesi made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Cannon. Is there any discussion? 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. This Warrant is approved.

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

The next items on the agenda are the Consent Resolutions. It consists of ten (10) items, items F through O. Does any Alderman wish to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions?

Alderman Budmats – Items K and O.

Alderman Cannon – Item F.

Mayor Gallo – Any others? Seeing none, the Chair declares it in order for one motion to consider the remaining seven (7) Resolutions in one motion without debate. Is there such a motion? Alderman Cannon has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Vinezeano.

- G) Resolution No. 20-R-92 – Authorize the Purchase Replacement Computers for the Annual Computer Replacement Plan**
- H) Resolution No. 20-R-93 – Award Professional Design Engineering Services Contract for the Proposed 2021 Road Resurfacing Project**
- I) Resolution No. 20-R-94 – Award Professional Design Engineering Services Contract for the Proposed 2021 Road Reconstruction Project**
- J) Resolution No. 20-R-95 – Authorize the Replacement of Public Works (4) Entry Doors at 3900 Berdnick Street**
- L) Resolution No. 20-R-97 – Authorize Award of Contract for 2020 Street Maintenance – Pavement Restorative Seal Application (CRF)**
- M) Resolution No. 20-R-98 – Award a Contract for Installation of New Storm Line and Inlet to Existing City Storm Manhole Located at 2750 Brockway Street**
- N) Resolution No. 20-R-99 – Award a Contract for the Installation of a New Storm Sewer Line and Two (2) Inlets and Connection to an Existing City Storm Manhole at 2300 Jay Lane**

The question is shall the seven (7) Resolutions 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, the Resolutions are adopted.

Item F pulled by Alderman Cannon

F) Resolution No. 20-R-91 – Approve Grant Agreement with Salvation Army for COVID-19 Relief to City Residents

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

Alderman Cannon you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman Cannon – I expressed my thoughts on this earlier. I just don't agree with this so I won't be voting for it.

Alderman D'Astice – When I was in Jewel and Aldi's over the weekend I had several residents stop me and ask about this. They all had different reasons but the ultimate reason was that they don't feel we should be doing this. Based on their comments and other comments I've heard, I will not be supporting this.

Mayor Gallo – With that, you can express that now when the Clerk calls roll.

AYES: O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, Sanoica, Budmats

NAYS: D'Astice, Cannon

ABSENT: 0

With 5 in favor and 2 opposed, this Resolution is adopted.

Item K pulled by Alderman Budmats

K) Resolution No. 20-R-96 – Authorize the Replacement Two (2) Rooftop and Twelve (12) Unit Heaters at the 3900 Berdnick Street Public Works Facility

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

Alderman Budmats you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman Budmats – The only reason that I'm pulling this is just for a point of information. This is the building that is shared with the Park District so therefore we're assuming that we're going to let them use the air conditioning on their side of the building as well and therefore we should let them participate in the payment. Normally when we get an item for this building there is something in the write up that says that the cost is being shared 66/34% split. When I asked staff about that they did say yes that this item would also be sharing that split of shared expense. We're approving the whole amount but we can anticipate receiving a reimbursement from the Park District for their proportionate share of the building square footage which they occupy. That is just a point of information.

Alderman Sanoica - As a follow-up to Alderman Budmats comment, can Director Horne or Assistant Director Charlton provide us with any reason to not believe that we won't receive that same split of reimbursement in the future?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works – Generally, that will always be the case, it's a 34% split with the Park District. I try to meet with the Director of Parks and Recreation annually to talk about what we have proposed for capital projects that they would have to participate with but there are some items on occasion, for example the entry doors that are on the agenda tonight, those would be paid 100% by the Park District and 100% by the Public Works Department or the City of Rolling Meadows based on whose door it is. We try to be good co-tenants and work together on those things. For the most part most of the things we do in the building are a 34/66% split.

Mayor Gallo - Any further 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, this Resolution is adopted.

Item 0 pulled by Alderman Budmats

O) Resolution No. 20-R-100 – Award Contract for Purchase and Installation of a Smoke and Fire Alarm Detection and Notification System for 2809 Owl Lane

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

Alderman Budmats you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman Budmats - The reason I pulled this is because there is only one bid. I sent an email to staff asking for clarification or for other bids and I have received no response. I'm going to make a motion that we receive additional proposals for consideration prior to approving this measure. I know a little bit about fire alarms and as far as it goes for a fire alarm for a home which we use for commercial purposes \$12,000 is considerable amount of money for a fire alarm given the limited number of devices which are proposed here and so if staff needs additional contractors that they need for recommendations I'd be happy to furnish them with more. In my line of work I work with a number of fire alarm contractors who interface with elevators so I'd be happy to give them those. I'm not comfortable approving a proposal where only one bid was received and requested, it may give the bidder the impression that this is a carte blanche type thing and I want to make sure the residents get their best value for their money. I'm going to make a motion that we get additional proposals before we approve this and I am looking for second on that.

Mayor Gallo - Is there a second? It has been seconded by Alderman Cannon.

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney - Just for clarification, I think the motion should be expressed as a motion to postpone the matter to allow for obtaining additional proposals on this and then we could bring this forward again with no date certain it will come up for the next meeting of the City Council.

Alderman Budmats – I'm happy to restate my motion and ask that it be postponed for the purpose of acquiring additional proposals.

Mayor Gallo – It has been seconded by Alderman Sanoica. Is there any discussion on Alderman Budmats motion?

Alderman D'Astice - I would like to hear from Director Horne why we only invited one participant, if there was some solid evidence or if he can explain something to us.

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - I directed our staff to move forward with this item with the knowledge that there was only one proposal received. Our superintendent worked with a contractor that's familiar with the City code requirements, their initial proposal was \$22,000 for this work. Our staff worked with them over the period of about four weeks to make sure what was being proposed was not only code compliant but was also a low enough cost that we could bring it in without using just proposals. It was a calculated risk that I took to do that but my feeling at the time was that if we work with another vendor for a period of time the amount of money saved I don't believe will come to fruition to be significantly different from the one that we got from the person we worked with. I totally understand and I do apologize, there were several requests for Council items this week and I did miss getting back to Alderman Budmats about this but it was a calculated decision I made so that choice was mine to bring it to the Council.

Alderman D'Astice - Did you receive more than one bid?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - No sir, we received one proposal from a contractor that was trying to meet code per what our code consultant reviewer for fire alarm/fire sprinkler typically requires. We worked with them fairly extensively to try to pare down the system to meet the bare minimum of what was required by code and I think that's what Alderman Budmats indicated it was about \$12,000 so we were able to reduce the costs by about \$10,000. We have all that information now so it shouldn't be hard to get an additional proposal for that work and we can certainly do that.

Alderman Budmats - Obviously, once we receive an additional proposal if we have a relationship with a vendor who does the rest of our work and their price is in the ballpark and we're familiar with their work and to have unity amongst all of our properties we would choose to pay a few extra dollars. It's just nice to know how many dollars extra that we are paying for that privilege when it comes time to make that decision. In the trying to supplant what we're doing I'm just trying to make sure we're paying a fair and best price.

Alderman D'Astice - Attorney Wolf, if we require additional bids or receive additional bids and there is another lower bidder that is responsible and comparable, do we not, as a City, have to take the lowest qualified bid?

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney - I would have to look at the purchasing policies for the City because this is not a bid as required by necessarily state statute, these are proposals that are being submitted and it does

allow some flexibility on behalf of the City Council with respect to who is deemed the most responsible bidder. We'll make sure that when that information is brought forth to the City Council if there is a recommendation not to take the lowest proposal why the other proposal would be deemed more responsible submittal.

Alderman Vinezeano - I had recently went over to the property and had some questions for staff in the fact that for some kind of alarm system for the property i.e. entry alarms and was told that was not in the plan. Looking over the proposal I'm under the impression that that is not included in this proposal, this is just for smoke and fire, is that correct Director Horne?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works – (*shakes his head yes*)

Alderman Vinezeano - I apologize, I don't know much about smoke alarms and detection systems. Is there way those two systems can work together from the same company or are those two separate companies that would do that?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - We are already vetting proposals for security systems. Our priority was the fire alarm because we wanted to start using the facility for storage to protect that material. There is a telecommunication component to that that notifies our emergency services if something were to go wrong so that was the priority. We have that same superintendent is following up with reviewing security measures to install in the facility as well.

Alderman Vinezeano - Would it be less expensive to have a company install both or does that not exist?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - I can't say whether it exists or not but we would be using a different company. We'd likely try to use the company that currently supplies maintenance and we have purchased security systems throughout the other City facilities to keep some continuity between the facilities and the equipment.

Mayor Gallo - Is there any further discussion on the motion to postpone? See none, will the Clerk please call the roll on the motion?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, this Resolution is postponed.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments: None

I was hoping to have two appointments by this date day but the individuals whom I spoke with last week are still taking time to consider. I do appreciate their consideration, they are weighing their time commitment and abilities so I will have these appointments at the beginning of the month next Council session in October. I don't have the appointments that I was sadly hoping to have today.

Mayor's Proclamations: None

City Clerk's Report:

Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk went over the following:

1) April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election

Aldermen for Wards 2, 4, and 6 are to be elected on April 6, 2021.

The first date to circulate nomination petitions for independent candidates is September 22, 2020.

The minimum and maximum number of nomination petition signatures for each office is as follows:

- Ward 2* – not less than 18 nor more than 68
- Ward 4* – not less than 25 nor more than 75
- Ward 6* – not less than 9 nor more than 59

The filing Period for nomination petitions for independent candidates is December 14 (8:00 am) to December 21, 2020 (5:00 pm) (excluding weekend days) here at City Hall in the Clerk's Office.

Each candidate must file:

- 1) Original nominating petition sheets;
- 2) Statement of Candidacy (must accompany the nomination papers);
- 3) Receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interest with the Cook County Clerk. (Receipt from the Cook County Clerk evidencing filing of the Candidates Statement of Economic Interest filed in my office no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, December 21, 2020; and
- 4) Loyalty Oath (this is optional).

Packets will not be available at City Hall or on the City's website and City Staff cannot advise any candidates wishing to run. Candidates can get information and forms online at www.elections.il.gov or at www.cookcountyclerk.com.

All candidates must comply with the Illinois Campaign Financing Act.

Finally, this information is not inclusive of all the election details, it is intended as a guide for those seeking elective office.

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, August 27th City Blood Drive here at City Hall. Because there is such a need, another City Blood Drive has been scheduled for Thursday, October 22nd 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.
- 2) The last planned City Market, for the year, is scheduled for Saturday, September 26th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Road). The Rolling Meadows Marching Band, for a period of time, will hopefully be joining the Market for this event. (*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 79.4% and is outpacing the overall state response at 70.4% and Cook County rate of 66.0% (as of September 15th). Everyone “wins” when you respond to the 2020 Census because when everyone is counted, there are more opportunities for shaping our community’s future. As a reminder, you may respond to the U.S. Census survey online at 2020census.gov or by phone at 844-330-2020 or using your printed U.S. Survey to respond by mail. Please respond today because the field data collection will end on September 30th!
- 4) On Saturday, October 3rd Public Works and SWANCC will be conducting an electronic and document destruction event from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Public Works Building located at 3900 Berdnick Street. You must be from a SWANCC Community to participate.
- 5) Election 2020 – Make Your Vote Count By Mail, During Early Voting, Or On November 3rd.
1) Register to Vote: if you have recently moved, changed your name, or are a new voter, you will need to register to vote. Register online by October 18th, in person, or through the mail by October 6th. If you miss these deadlines, register to vote during the Grace Period, October 7th to November 2nd, on Election Day. 2) Voting By Mail: you can vote by mail for the November 3rd election and these ballots can be dropped off at designated mailboxes, mailed by the Us Post Office, or dropped off in person during early voting hours at designated locations. 3) Early Voting: voting is available at designated Cook County locations – please visit the cook county election website for these sites. 4) Election Day Voting: Polling place hours are 6:00 am to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 3rd. 5) Questions: for voting questions or to obtain a ballot by mail, visit cookcountyclerk.com or call the Clerk’s Office at 312-603-0906.

- 6) 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).
- 7) ~~The City does have some “Census 2020” masks in supply. If you would like a mask, while supplies last, please stop by City hall.~~ All mask supplies have been distributed.
- 8) US Census 2020 takers are walking throughout the community. They will have US government ID’s and Census 2020 bags. They only stop at locations that have not completed a census or information needs to be confirmed.
- 9) 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. In this regards, the City has received more calls from residents who are asking about their water usage on their Water Bills is higher at this time. As a reminder, residents are home working remotely and now that kids are home e-learning, there is more water being used by residents. Again, if you need assistance, please call us between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.
- 10) 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.
- 11) On Thursday, September 24th, beginning at 7:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, the Planning & Zoning Commission will be conducting a public hearing on recommended revisions to the Rolling Meadows’ Zoning Code. Copies of the revised draft code will be available online at www.cityrm.org or at the Community Development Division at City Hall during normal business hours (8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday – Friday). Resident or businesses who have questions about the proposed Zoning Code updates are welcome to contact Community Development Division Planning Assistant Elizabeth Payne at 847-870-9033 or paynee@cityrm.org.
- 12) Seeing that there have been a few more inquiries from residents since the Daily Herald ran an article about Cook County and the CARES Act (also known as Coronavirus Relief Funds), the City has submitted a funding reimbursement request to Cook County for the CARES Act in the amount of \$316,925 to help fund the City’s response to COVID-19. Cook County sets the amount for each municipality and the request is subject to their final review. The \$316,925 is the total amount the City can apply for and Staff worked with Cook County Staff to complete the request and the application process. [Note, the City is still submitting to FEMA for some items, but different rules are used by FEMA over the CARES Act].
- 13) Seeing that there have been even more inquiries from residents and a few who stated they could not hear completely the item mentioned last meeting, regarding Community Development, complaints and permits over the last four months are holding steady or are slightly higher this year over 2019. Inspections are showing a consistent decrease over 2019, but this is due mostly to the fact that Community Development has suspended all non-essential rental inspections

this year due to COVID-19. There was also a vacancy due to a retirement, but this has now been filled.

- 14) The Rolling Meadows Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day for Saturday, October 24th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the City Hall Parking Lot (3600 Kirchoff Road). This is a great opportunity for those who missed the previous events, or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs (pills only – no sharps or liquids), to safely dispose of those medications. For additional information or if you have a concern, please contact Chief John Nowacki at 847-394-8500.
- 15) National Night Out has been rescheduled and will be held Tuesday, October 6, 2020, “An Evening to Unite, Turn on Your Porch Light”. To celebrate the unity between the police department and our community please have your porch light on (if possible a blue light). While supplies last the Rolling Meadows Police Department will have a free bag for you with a blue light bulb and a lawn sign. The bag can be picked up at the police desk or email: RMPD_Events@cityrm.org to schedule an officer to drop off.
- 16) Future topics at October Committee meetings:

Economic Development: (*Monday, October 5th at 6:00 pm*): Tentative items scheduled for this meeting consist of: 1) Discussion regarding time and date for meetings change in 2021, 2) Business List feedback and distribution of new lists for contact, 3) Meet Chicago Northwest Presentation & New Representative Discussion, 4) Business Advocate Update, 5) “City Savers” Discussion; 6) Continue Goal 2020 & 2021 Discussions, and 7) Other items of interest.

Planning and Zoning Commission (*Tuesday, October 6th at 7:30 pm*): tentatively there’s one item for hearing scheduled and that pertains to a Preliminary approval for Plat of Subdivision for Consolidation of four lots, Dissolution of Material Services Planned Development, Creation of Cultivate Change Planned Development, and Special Use to allow an adult use cannabis craft grower at 3650 Berdnick Street, Laura Luisi, Cultivate Change, LLC, Petitioner.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

2) August 2020 New Businesses

- 1) T-Mobile Financial LLC (3 Locations - Merger with Sprint)
- 2) Chicago Paint & Coatings – Trade Association – Paint & Coatings

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Mayor Gallo – I have one brief matter. I participated as I normally do in the Chamber of Commerce board meetings every month and it happened to fall on the fourth Tuesday. This morning during our meeting I was able to receive full board approval to bring the notion of having a basic membership fee be incorporated in our business license or in our business license renewals. I’m not going to get into a lot of this until the Committee of the Whole in October which I anticipate the subject being on and I’ll have a

full report and detail on the who, what, when, where, why and most importantly the how's and at that time hopefully with sufficient information can be gathered, discussed and we can get ourselves into an opportunity where in this current state of Covid-19 and the state of emergency we're able to better band together and find additional ways that we add value, relevance and benefits to those businesses that are looking to come to our community.

Alderman Cannon - About a year ago we had a gentleman come before our City Council and expressed a desire to build a couple cell towers in our town. At that time, he had mentioned that it would be multiple thousands of dollars of fees that the City would get which means our taxpayers wouldn't have to put out more tax money. In light of the fact that we're in the process of probably hiring a couple of new people to our staff over and above the normal staff we have right now. I guess I would ask the question, what do we have to do to pursue getting two cell towers built at her two new fire stations? I don't know what the answer is I was told I couldn't pursue it at all in my position so I don't know what we need to do as a City to make that happen soon.

Mayor Gallo - Does staff have any feedback? If not, I would ask that staff look into Alderman Cannon's request/inquiry and hopefully provide some feedback to satiate his questions.

Alderman Vinezeano - I just wanted to give Council and residents an update. Last night the EDC had a special meeting for the month, it was our second meeting. We worked on our temporary name program of our City Savers program. We had a really great round table discussion on phases for the program and what those would look like and the goals of what this program and marketing plan could be. We also met with one potential marketing/web-based platform designer in town to give us some of their feedback of a platform that currently exists as the Committee could continue to have some discussion with. We did have a lot of questions for legal counsel to look into then we could move forward to see which way the Committee could move forward on building our phases out on this program so that we could hopefully have this come to Council hopefully in the near future. At the end of the meeting we did discuss moving our monthly meetings to Mondays at 6 PM so that would allow the Committee more time in Council Chambers to meet so there was no conflict with the time with Planning and Zoning.

Mayor Gallo - Sounds like the Committee is making progress on the subjects and it's good that you guys identified a convenient date and time to continue meeting alternative to what the original date used to be, it's hard to do that with people's schedules these days. Director Horne, I know I have asked you to be in the hot seat kind of tongue-in-cheek and I only did that because our conversation a couple months back or maybe longer, I had brought this question of having canisters for our trash incorporated in terms of creating greater efficiencies for our guys on their routes when collecting and also reducing the amount of wear-and-tear on their physical bodies, reducing the cost on our workers comp premiums and then over all to the cost savings that might eventually save to the other aspects of having reduced time, having reduced injuries etc. and logistically helping with the schedule. If you could just share with the Council some insight on the fleet and what they have or what they need in order to get this conversation really moving toward reality.

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - I do recall our conversations and your spot on. The issues revolve around the cost of the canisters and a much less cost but the cost of retrofitting our current frontload vehicles with what's called a curotto can that can accept the automation required for that process. You are correct, historically when Council supported the mechanical components of that type of system to be installed in the frontload vehicles that we purchase, there will still be an expense for the curotto can and

the arm as we don't have those parts but they are much less and I believe they're are about \$30,000 per vehicle so it would be about \$90,000 for each vehicle to receive those. The bigger expense is the cost to provide everybody a refuse container. As everyone knows we are about two thirds of the way through our recycling contract and I'm hesitant to relay further information. The City Manager and I are currently in the process of discussing some alternatives that will address this issue. We have been meeting with our current recycling vendor to discuss potential opportunities that we can take advantage of on behalf of the City to provide these items. I think it would be too soon for me to speak about that right now as I don't think the details are ironed out enough to provide to Council but we are very close to getting some information to bring back to Council for consideration on some alternative methods that can potentially solve the issue that you raised tonight.

Mayor Gallo - I think that's more than sufficient for this evening other than what we can relay back to residents when the question does come up. Alderman Budmats should feel confident/comfortable then in responding that staff is currently exploring initiatives that can address and tackle some of these issues or grievances. Is that accurate?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works – Yes that is absolutely accurate.

Alderman Bisesi - As you know, I am the liaison to the Library and I thought I would give a quick little update on a couple of things. The Finance Committee is going to come to the City Council. I know we talked about the levy earlier today, they're actually looking at a negative levy for the next year of over 1% and we'll learn a little bit more about that at our next meeting. I would also like to encourage residents to go to www.rmlib.org there is a lot of interesting stuff on that. The Library is still running their programs online for children as well as craft ideas and various other things. They will also be doing some resurfacing in the very near future on the east parking lot. Lastly, the Library is open and you do need to wear a mask, it's open from 9 AM to 9 PM weekdays; 9 AM to 5 PM on Saturday and 9 AM to 1 PM on Sunday. They are still providing a lot of things and I really do encourage people to go to www.rmlib.org and look at the programs and tools that they have and the information you can get very easily from their website.

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - I certainly don't want to get down in the weeds on this matter that you brought up earlier. I just have one question and I think it may provoke another one, the business license initiative you're wanting to evaluate, is that something you're proposing for the upcoming 2021 year or is that for future?

Mayor Gallo - No, ideally so for full disclosure and the timing of this all is extremely sudden given the climate and the current economic status of the Chamber of the business community and so with full disclosure with the conversation commencing at the Committee of the Whole in October, I would like to make pressure so that the conversation continues to the next City Council meeting and again I will request a waiving of the first reading to have it align with the distribution of the business license renewals that go out for November.

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - Okay, my only concern and the attorney would have to weigh in on this, if there's language that would have to be changed and that's what you're referring to is the ordinance change?

Mayor Gallo – Yes, have a busy two weeks ahead of me to make sure that it's all appropriate and available at the Committee of the Whole in October.

Rob Horne, Director Public Works – Perfect, I just wanted to make sure that I clarified that with you.

CLOSED SESSION:

- 1) **Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act**
- 2) **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 Vinezeano. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor, 0 opposed. We will now enter into Closed Session. The audience and press are advised that we do not anticipate taking any action upon returning to open session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the City Council meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

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