

**CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 25, 2013**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Helmer at City Hall, 8 North Elmhurst Road, Prospect Heights, Cook County, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Helmer, Aldermen Higgins, Ludvigsen, Mendez, Styler, Williamson
Absent: None

A quorum was present. Also present: City Clerk Adamson, City Treasurer Tibbits, City Administrator Marrin, City Attorney Zimmermann, Deputy Police Chief Steffen, Director of Building and Zoning Skiber, Assistant Director of Building and Zoning Cutaia, City Engineer/Public Works Director Johnson, Finance Director Hannon, and Deputy Clerk Sabo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Clerk Adamson asked everyone to stand and join her in the pledge.

INVOCATION

Alderman Styler provided the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Helmer moved closed session to the end of the meeting agenda.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS (Agenda Matters)

There were none.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Chicago Executive Airport Director Ahlstedt reported that the EMAS full funding for runway 34 is uncertain however the airport is hoping to purchase the EMAS blocks which will stop a plane should it overrun the runway. Funding shall be pursued in the next fiscal year in the event the project is only partially funded for this year. Sovereign Hawthorne architectural review and design have been approved by both municipalities. They are still awaiting permit approval from MWRD and IEPA. The sequestration will affect control towers in the Chicago area. The Chicago Executive Airport control tower will not be affected by sequestration.

City Administrator Marrin commented that Canadian National Railroad contacted the City to advise the City of the complete reconstruction project of the Canadian National Railroad crossing on Wolf Road near the Metra station. The project is scheduled to begin on April 26 and will require a road closure through May 3. There is funding available out of HB 190 for road projects. Mount Prospect contacted the City to do a multijurisdictional project for the resurfacing of Seminole Ln. from Wolf Road to River Road.

Deputy Police Chief Steffen reported that the Police Department is beginning the upgrade of the communications system with Northwest Central Dispatch. The Police Department has gotten new portable radios. This has been a significant investment and the upgraded communication will be very helpful.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Johnson reported that he met with Prospect Heights School District 23 on the geothermal project. They provided plans and specifications. There have been concerns with leakage into private wells. School District 23 will follow all required standards with the drilling and the piping. In many geothermal systems, the water has a glycol product in it to keep it from freezing. School District 23 decided not to go with the glycol system and will instead use a boiler and heat the water so that it does not freeze up.

Director of Building and Zoning Skiber reported that there has been one report of coyote activity in the City. They are in their mating season and the situation is being monitored. Runway's Restaurant has closed and changed ownership. The new owners are working on remodeling the location and they aim to reopen next month as the Union Ale House. Assistant Director of Building and Zoning Cutaia and he are working on reviewing the 2013 ICC codes for adoption later this year after the budget process.

Alderman Ludvigsen commented that the Council received a letter about water ponding where a driveway meets the new street. There are situations where he has heard comments about ponding at the end of driveways especially on streets that were pulverized. It would be an easy fix to channel the water from the driveway in most spots.

Director of Building and Zoning Skiber commented that he is aware of the issue and it has been assessed. City Engineer/Public Works Director Johnson has been out the day after a rain event and his assessment is that the water dissipates within 24 hours. It may be around longer due to frozen subgrade.

Alderman Williamson thanked Public Works for all the work they have been doing overnight with the snow events.

Alderman Higgins thanked the Finance Director and staff for the time spent on the budget and the well ran budget workshop.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes, Regular City Council Meeting, February 11, 2013.**
- B. Approval of a Request to Allow the 5th Annual Backbone's 5k Run, Walk and Roll, in the City of Prospect Heights to be held on Sunday, April 28, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.**

Motion made by Alderman Williamson, seconded by Alderman Higgins to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL AYES: Aldermen Higgins, Ludvigsen, Mendez, Styler, Williamson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EXCEPTIONS

There were none.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

There were none.

LEGISLATION

C. (R-13-01) A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Prospect Heights and the Cook County Assessor's Office for GIS Information Sharing with Engineers Baxter and Woodman.

Motion made by Alderman Styler, seconded by Alderman Higgins to approve a Resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Prospect Heights and the Cook County Assessor's Office for GIS information sharing with engineers Baxter and Woodman. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL AYES: Aldermen Higgins, Ludvigsen, Mendez, Styler, Williamson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

D. (O-13-01) An Ordinance Temporarily Suspending the Additional Fee Provisions of Title 10, Chapter 1, Section 7 of the Prospect Heights City Code – "Vehicle Sticker Amnesty Week" (Waiver of 1st Reading).

Motion made by Alderman Higgins, seconded by Alderman Styler to approve waiver of 1st reading of an Ordinance temporarily suspending the additional fee provisions of Title 10, Chapter 1, Section 7 of the Prospect Heights City Code – "Vehicle Sticker Amnesty Week". The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL AYES: Aldermen Higgins, Ludvigsen, Mendez, Styler, Williamson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Mendez, seconded by Alderman Styler to approve an Ordinance temporarily suspending the additional fee provisions of Title 10, Chapter 1, Section 7 of the Prospect Heights City Code – "Vehicle Sticker Amnesty Week". The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL AYES: Aldermen Higgins, Ludvigsen, Mendez, Styler, Williamson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

E. An Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Agreement for the Players Pub and Grill, 1250 N. River Road Comprising a Part of the Palatine Road/Milwaukee Avenue T.I.F. District of the City of Prospect Heights, Illinois (1st Reading).

City Administrator Marrin explained that this item was for the refurbishing of the property and for future expansion of Player's Pub and Grill.

City Attorney Zimmermann commented that the draft agreement follows the direction given by the Council at the last City Council Meeting.

This being first reading, no vote was taken.

F. An Ordinance Amending Title 2, Chapter 3, Section 9 of the Prospect Heights City Code for the Number of Class C-1 Liquor Licenses (1st Reading).

City Administrator Marrin commented that this item was for the liquor license applications from Blackhawk Restaurant Group for three locations.

This being first reading, no vote was taken.

G. (O-13-03) An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit to Allow for a Sit Down Restaurant at 694 North Milwaukee Avenue (2nd Reading).

Motion made by Alderman Mendez, seconded by Alderman Styler to approve an Ordinance approving a Special Use Permit to allow for a sit down restaurant at 694 North Milwaukee Avenue. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL AYES: Aldermen Ludvigsen, Mendez, Styler
NAYS: Alderman Higgins, Williamson
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

H. (O-13-04) An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit to Allow for a Sit Down Restaurant at 7B Camp McDonald Road (2nd Reading).

Motion made by Alderman Mendez, seconded by Alderman Styler to approve an Ordinance approving a Special Use Permit to allow for a sit down restaurant at 7B Camp McDonald Road.

Alderman Ludvigsen asked if the City Code differentiates between different restaurants.

Director of Building and Zoning Skiber commented that the City Code has restaurant, fast food, drive-in, and drive thru. This restaurant is a sit down restaurant with a kitchen and with the ability to serve patrons. This item was a 6-0 recommendation from PZBA.

Alderman Williamson commented that in light of Items G and H being only related to zoning, he would like to change his vote on Item G.

A motion was made to reconsider item G. The mayor heard the motion and called for a vote, thereby suspending discussion on item H.

Motion made by Alderman Styler, seconded by Alderman Mendez to reconsider Item G An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit to allow for a sit down restaurant at 694 North Milwaukee Avenue. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL AYES: Aldermen Ludvigsen, Mendez, Styler, Williamson
NAYS: Alderman Higgins
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Styler, seconded by Alderman Mendez to approve Item G an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit to allow for a sit down restaurant at 694 North Milwaukee Avenue. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL AYES: Aldermen Higgins, Ludvigsen, Mendez, Styler, Williamson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The mayor re-directed the council's attention to item H and the pending motion to approve item H by Alderman Mendez, seconded by Alderman Styler. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote:

ROLL CALL AYES: Aldermen Higgins, Ludvigsen, Mendez, Styler, Williamson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

I. Approval of Warrants.

General Fund	\$ 55,160.68
MFT Fund	\$ 8,617.14
Palatine/Milwaukee TIF	\$ 78.00
Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$ 16,226.73
Development Fund	\$ 4,046.39
Non-Home Rule Sales Tax Fund	\$ 0.00
DEA Fund	\$ 0.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 0.00
SS Area #1	\$ 0.00
SS Area #2	\$ 0.00
SS Area #3	\$ 0.00
SS Area #4	\$ 0.00
SS Area #5	\$ 260.25
SS Area #8–Levee Wall #37	\$ 56,535.41
SS Area–Constr #6 (Water Main)	\$ 0.00
SS Area-Debt #6	\$ 0.00
Road Construction	\$ 0.00
Water Fund	\$ 20,727.90
Parking Fund	\$ 48.87
Road/Building Bond Escrow	\$ 2,405.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 164,106.37
Wire Payments, Service Charges, & Payroll	\$ 155,725.83
TOTAL	\$ 319,832.20

Motion made by Alderman Styler, seconded by Alderman Higgins, to approve warrants in the amount of \$164,106.37 and wire payments, service charges, and payroll in the amount of \$155,725.83, for total expenditures of \$319,832.20. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL AYES: Aldermen Higgins, Ludvigsen, Mendez, Styler, Williamson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

There were none.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS (Non Agenda Matters)

There were none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Ludvigsen asked to place a discussion of reinstating a Committee of the Whole Meeting on the next Regular City Council Meeting Agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

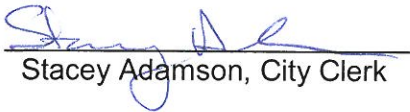
Motion made by Alderman Styler, seconded by Alderman Higgins to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting and to go into Closed Session for the purposes of sale or lease of City real estate, pending litigation, and review, compensation and appointment of legal counsel. No further action was taken. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ROLL CALL AYES: Aldermen Higgins, Ludvigsen, Mendez, Styler, Williamson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Motion carried by voice vote at 7:05 p.m.

Approved by the Prospect Heights City Council this 11th day of March, 2013.


Stacey Adamson, City Clerk


Nicholas J. Helmer, Mayor

