



CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS
City Council Workshop
October 14, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Helmer at City Hall, 8 North Elmhurst Road, Prospect Heights, Illinois 60070.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Helmer, Treasurer Tibbits, City Clerk Adamson, Aldermen-Styler, Williamson, Ludvigsen, Mendez, Higgins.

A quorum was present. Also present: City Administrator Marrin, City Attorney Zimmermann, Director of Building and Zoning Skiber, Deputy Police Chief Steffen, Assistant to the Administrator Sabo, Assistant Director of Building / Acting Public Works Director Cutaia, and Deputy Clerk Schultheis.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:31 PM, Alderman Styler moved to go into Closed Session to discuss Pending Litigation (Exception 11) and Appointment of a Public Official (Exception 3); seconded by Alderman Williamson. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call.

ROLL CALL AYES: Aldermen Styler, Higgins, Ludvigsen, Mendez, Williamson

NAYS: None

Motion carried 5 – 0.

At 7:39 PM, Open Session was resumed, and Roll Call was taken.

Present: Mayor Helmer, Treasurer Tibbits, City Clerk Adamson, Aldermen-Styler, Williamson, Ludvigsen, Mendez, Higgins. A quorum was present.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

- A. Proclamation Declaring the Month of October 2013 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month (Rebecca Rosario, OMNI Youth Services/PHPD). Rebecca Rosario read the Proclamation regarding Prospect Heights' declaration of the month of October as Domestic Violence.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

- B. An Ordinance Granting a variation to Permit an Eight Foot Ten Inch Encroachment Into the Required Fifteen Foot Interior Side Yard Setback and a Variation to Permit a Five Foot Nine Inch Encroachment Into the Required Fifty Foot Required Attached Garage and Principle Dwelling Addition for the Property Located at 203 Prospect Court (Steve Skiber) (Waiver of 1st Reading).
- C. An Ordinance Granting a Variation to Permit a Two Foot One Inch Encroachment Into the Required Fifteen Foot Interior Side Yard Setback and a Variation to Permit a Four Foot One Inch Encroachment Into the Required Forty Foot Required Front Yard Setback to Permit the Construction of a Single Story Addition Attached to the Principle Dwelling for the Property Located at 200 East School Lane (Steve Skiber) (Waiver of 1st Reading). **Alderman Higgins moved for omnibus waiver of the first reading for Items B and C; seconded by Alderman Styler.**
VOICE VOTE AYES: Aldermen Styler, Higgins, Ludvigsen, Mendez, Williamson

NAYS: None

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Discussion by Building and Zoning Director Skiber that both were yard variations for single story additions. Both received unanimous recommendation by the PCZBA.

Alderman Mendez moved for an omnibus adoption of Items B and C; seconded by Alderman Styler.

VOICE VOTE AYES: Aldermen Styler, Higgins, Ludvigsen, Mendez, Williamson

NAYS: None

Motion carried 5 – 0.

- D. Discussion and Approval of An Ordinance Amending Title 10, Chapter 1 of the City of Prospect Heights City Code Relating to Vehicle License Requirements (Anne Marrin) (Waiver of 1st Reading). – City Administrator Marrin discussed changing the Ordinance to utilize the registry to collect fees as intended for all registered vehicles in the City.

Alderman Ludvigsen moved to waive the first reading of Item D; seconded by Alderman Styler.

Alderman Higgins asked about the wording. City Attorney Zimmerman noted that the Ordinance enforcement would be based upon where the car was titled. Aldermen stated that some vehicles were registered in other municipalities with cheaper vehicle sticker fees, yet were housed in Prospect Heights. City Attorney Zimmerman said that he would discuss the issue with Police Chief Dunne.

No Vote was taken

- E. Review of an Intergovernmental Contribution Agreement with Metra. (Anne Marrin).

City Administrator Marrin said that after discussion with METRA, the station would be provided with \$17,817 to be put towards the purchase and installation of surveillance equipment. Authorization for the

intergovernmental agreement will be presented at the October 28th Council Meeting. This will include live monitoring by the Police, as well as recording. Recording will be 24 hours.

- F. Discussion of a Resolution Supporting the Retrofit of Existing DOT-111 Rail Tank Cars (Anne Marrin/NWMC). – City Administrator Marrin said that the NWMC had asked all of the municipalities to ban together to revamp the DOT-111 tank car program. The NWMC passed a resolution asking the federal government to improve the tankers. The tank cars degrade severely throughout the year and could rupture. More of these types of cars are coming through local communities. The goal is to compel the national government to meet with the railroads and make certain that there is a plan to replace these cars over the next twenty years. There is a newer, safer car available, and the railroads need to speed up the conversion to these cars. The Council will be asked to pass a Resolution in support of the NWMC Resolution to be presented at the October 28th City Council Meeting.
- G. Discussion and Review of Existing Liquor License Hours and License Classifications (Alderman Ludvigsen). - Alderman Ludvigsen distributed possible liquor license categories, hours and fees. He also wanted to see the language tightened up so that liquor license is secondary to the restaurant use.
- H. Discussion of Alderman Compensation for Fiscal Year 2015 (Alderman Mendez). – **TABLED.**

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

I. Approval of Warrants

General Fund	\$152,148.13
MFT Fund	\$1,184.23
Palatine/Milwaukee TIF	\$365.24
Tourism District	\$4,725.15
Development Fund	\$1,293.99
DEA Fund	\$805.57
Solid Waste Fund	\$33,889.34
SS Area #1	\$96.00
SS Area #2	\$93.00
SS Area #3	\$124.00
SS Area #4	\$94.00
SS Area #5	\$151.34
SS Area #8 – Levee Wall #37	\$53,096.23
SS Area-Constr #6 (Water Main)	\$182.00
SS Area- Debt #6	\$0.00
Road Construction	\$1,531,893.29
Water Fund	\$9,614.47
Parking Fund	\$1,803.01
Road/Building Bond Escrow	\$500.00
TOTAL Expenditures	\$1,792,058.99

Wire Payments, Service Charges, & Payroll	\$142,251.49
TOTAL	\$1,934,310.48

City Clerk Adamson read out the expenditure totals.

Alderman Styler moved to approve as presented; seconded by Alderman Mendez for a total expenditures in the amount of \$1,792,058.99, wire transfers, service charges, and payroll in the amount of \$142,251.49, for a grand total of \$1,934,310.48. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call.

ROLL CALL AYES: Aldermen Styler, Higgins Ludvigsen, Mendez, Williamson

NAYS: None

Motion carried 5 - 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Katherine Michaely – 618 Thistle Lane, Prospect Heights – She discussed pay compensation for elected officials. She wondered if the Prospect Heights Council would be comparing itself to like municipalities. She asked if remuneration could be unchanged, and expenses be compensated.

Tom Folta – 1225 North Stratford Road, Prospect Heights – slide show presentation regarding low frequency sound noise pollution. He said that the lower the frequency a sound is, the more it penetrates through materials. He believed that this type of sound disturbed sleep patterns and caused subliminal effects on people. He said that iPhones cannot be used to pick up these low frequency sounds; and that it required special equipment to monitor low frequency sounds.

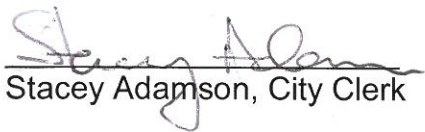
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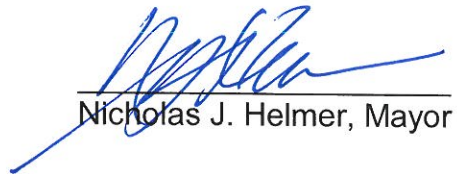
At 8:11 PM, Alderman Styler moved to Adjourn; seconded by Alderman Higgins.

VOICE VOTE ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Approved by the Prospect Heights Council this 28th day of October, 2013.


Stacey Adamson, City Clerk


Nicholas J. Helmer, Mayor

