



**CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS
City Council Workshop Meeting
February 10, 2014**

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- Higgins, Williamson, Ludvigsen, Mendez, Styler

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report – Finance Director Hannon said that the City was currently \$238,923 ahead of last year's income due to higher collections related to fines and fees, the State of Illinois is one month ahead of paying its intergovernmental revenue, and vehicle stickers are up due to enforcement of the program. The revenue is offset by a \$400,000 loan that the General Fund paid to SSA #8. The City is slightly ahead of Budget.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

A. Approval of a Request for Backbones Annual 5K Run, Walk and Roll to be held in the City of Prospect Heights. – The Run will be held on April 27, 2014 at 8 AM

Alderman Styler moved to Approve Item A; seconded by Alderman Williamson.

There was unanimous approval.

VOICE VOTE All Ayes, no Nays

Motion passed 5 – 0

B. Review and Discussion of a Resolution Creating a Natural Resources Commission for the City of Prospect Heights – Dr. Agnes Wojnarski and Kerry Spiegelhalter discussed restoration, protection and preservation of McDonald Creek and the Slough. It was noted that the Slough is a migratory corridor. They provided old maps as evidence that the Slough dates back before pioneers even reached this area. Their maps from 200 years

ago show the Slough exactly in the same place that it is today, proving that it was not manmade. The presenters propose the creation of a Prospect Heights Natural Resource Commission to maintain the native lands and flora/fauna; and to remove invasive species. Projects would include restoring the Slough, rain barrel and water conservation, and other ecological initiatives. The consensus of the Council was that they were in favor of the Commission. It was noted that there were 11 potential commissioners interested, and that grants were possible. City Administrator Marrin said that the Commission, if formed, would have access to the City's grant writers and that Staff was already meeting with ComEd regarding the bike trail because that is ComEd right-of-way. – **A resolution will be presented at the February 24, 2014 City Council Meeting.**

C. Status of the Special Service Area 9 Feasibility Study (Treasurer Rich Tibbits and City Clerk Stacey Adamson) – City Clerk Adamson said that she looked at the total dollars and the dollar per property for the different item. She said that the latter was better able for comparison. The reports were being reviewed by the City Engineer.

D. Review and Discussion of the State of Illinois Medical Marijuana Act – City Attorney Zimmermann gave the background of the Act, and said that municipalities cannot ban dispensaries or cultivation centers. Looking for direction from Council as to where these dispensaries and cultivation centers should be located. He suggested that these be set up as Special Use. As the City is in the middle of a Comprehensive Plan Review, there could be a moratorium. A six month moratorium could be set up, with the possibility of an extension if needed. Or, a district could be created and that the appropriate amendment could be made to the Ordinance and be presented to the PZBA. The consensus of the Board was to opt for a moratorium. It was noted by City Administrator Marrin that a draft for the Comprehensive Plan was slated for July, and possible passage in August.

There was a discussion of the definition and impetus behind the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan was designed to give a bird's eye view of where the City wants to be in twenty years, how the City will grow, and the vision for the future. It is a planning tool the developers where the City wants to grow. It will give the City an idea of how much funding will be needed, so that growth is not piecemeal.

E. PZBA Cases: Sanders Road Apartments

PZBA Case No 14-02 MA/SU/PUD

Applicant: Algonquin Investments, LLC

John Faulk, 99 Detering Street, #200, Houston, TX 77007

Address: 2700 Sanders Road, Northbrook, IL 60062

A Map Amendment from O-1 Office/Research Park to B-4 Office /Industrial Zone and a Special Use for a proposed multifamily, residential, Planned Unit Development with integral 5 tier, open parking garage. Did not receive recommendation of approval from PZBA.

PZBA Case No. 14-01PC

Applicant: Algonquin Investments, LLC

John Faulk, 99 Detering Street, #200, Houston, TX 77007

Address: 2700 Sanders Road, Northbrook, IL 60062

Roll Call AYES – Mendez, Styler
NAYS – Ludvigsen, Higgins, Williamson

Motion denied 3 – 2.

Alderman Williamson moved for a Resolution to Deny the Development; seconded by Alderman Higgins.

ROLL CALL AYES – Ludvigsen, Williamson, Higgins
 NAYS – Mendez, Styler

Motion passed 3 – 2.

E. Discussion of Purchasing iPads for the City Council. –

Mayor Helmer said that he did he hoped the City would be able to get rid of packets. He believed in the use of the iPads, and said that they should be purchased by the City. There was discussion - some Aldermen were in favor and some against. It was noted that the discussion should continue at the Budget meeting. There was mention that information on the iPads could be FOIA'able if related to public business in a public forum. Assistant to the Administrator Sabo said that the iPads being researched are 16 gig/WiFi, No service plan – iPad Air. The iPads would be the property of the City, if purchased by the City.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

G. Approval of Warrants

General Fund	\$117,050.01
MFT Fund	\$14,548.38
Palatine/Milwaukee TIF	\$14,828.96
Tourism District	\$0.00
Development Fund	\$676.25
DEA Fund	\$542.46
Solid Waste Fund	\$41,565.49
SS Area #1	\$0.00
SS Area #2	\$0.00
SS Area #3	\$0.00
SS Area #4	\$0.00
SS Area #5	\$141.08
SS Area #8 – Levee Wall #37	\$305.61
SS Area-Constr #6 (Water Main)	\$0.00
SS Area- Debt #6	\$450.00
Road Construction	\$0.00
Water Fund	\$1,061.10
Parking Fund	\$2,318.01
Road/Building Bond Escrow	\$0.00
TOTAL Expenditures	\$193,487.35
Wire Payments, Service Charges, & Payroll	\$143,446.24
TOTAL	\$336,933.59

City Clerk Adamson read the Expenditure totals.

Alderman Higgins moved to approve the Expenditures as presented; seconded by Alderman Williamson for TOTAL Expenditures of \$193,487.35; and Wire Payments, Service Charges and Payroll in the amount of \$143,446.24; for a The TOTAL amount of \$336,933.59. There was unanimous approval.

ROLL CALL AYES – Higgins, Ludvigsen, Mendez, Styler, Williamson
NAYS – None

Motion passed 5 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alderman Williamson – thanked Boy Scout Troop 468 for keeping the sidewalks clear for the elderly citizens. And, thank you to Public Works for the overtime.

Dog Ordinance – open to interpretation. At the next workshop, the Alderman would like that item on the next workshop agenda.

Alderman Williamson said that he would like to discuss a website re-direct with an alias to existing web address so that residents do not need to type out a long domain. He would also like to see more than a crayon drawing of the map.

He would also like to see something on the agenda regarding a referendum for Home Rule.

He wanted to make certain that 101 east Palatine Road residents – Mr. and Mrs. Dean. Their medication is not being delivered because they cannot shovel their walkway.

Alderman Williamson asked that the City provide volunteers or personnel to shovel for the elderly.

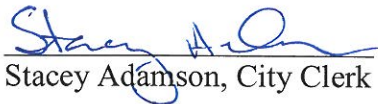
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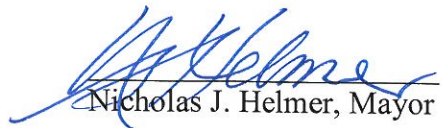
At 8:06 PM, Alderman Styler moved to Adjourn; seconded by Alderman Mendez. There was unanimous approval.

VOICE VOTE All ayes, no nays.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

Approved by the Prospect Heights City Council this 24th of February, 2014.


Stacey Adamson, City Clerk


Nicholas J. Helmer, Mayor

