



PUBLIC NOTICE

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M.**

**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PROSPECT HEIGHTS CITY HALL,
8 NORTH ELMHURST ROAD, PROSPECT HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS
MAYOR NICHOLAS J. HELMER PRESIDING**

1. CALL TO ORDER – At 6:30 PM, Mayor Helmer called to order the October 12, 2015 Regular City Council Workshop at 8 North Elmhurst Road, Prospect Heights, IL 60070.

2. ROLL CALL FOR QUORUM – City Clerk Morgan-Adams called the roll.
Present – Aldermen Derwin, Williamson, Messer, Ludvigsen, Mayor Helmer

Treasurer Tibbits, City Clerk Morgan-Adams

Absent by previous notification – Alderman Rosenthal

Also present – City Attorney Zimmermann, Building and Development Director Peterson, Finance Director Hannon, City Administrator Wade, Assistant to the City Administrator Falcone, Deputy Clerk Schultheis, Deputy Police Chief Steffen, and Police Chief and Interim Public Works Director Dunne.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Assistant to the City Administrator Falcone

4. INVOCATION - None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 28, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – Alderman Messer moved to Approve Item 5A; seconded by Alderman Derwin.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – Messer, Ludvigsen, Williamson, Derwin
 NAYS – None
 ABSENT – Rosenthal

Motion carried 4 - 0

6. PROCLAMATIONS, CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS AND AWARDS - None

7. APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS - None

8. CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS (agenda matters) –

Resident Marek Juscak, 1234 Cove Drive stated that by selling to a trucking company, the quality of life in the neighborhood would change. He believed that home values would be affected negatively. He would like the green zone to remain, and would like a barrier from the trucking company. He believed that the area should be made a park instead.

Resident Renee Evans, 1128 Cove Drive stated her concerns regarding noise, pollution and property values that would be affected by the trucking company

George Nixon, 1108 Cove Drive stated that SSA 5 residents would have to tolerate their funds being used to repair roads from the trucking company use.

Mayor Helmer reminded the audience that this has nothing to do with SSA 5. SSA 5 funds will not be used. Alderman Messer added that if the trucking company purchase is realized, there will be a new SSA formed and the trucking company will put money into the SSA for roads.

Les Plopa, 1591 Cove Drive, noted that there are smells from the diesel fumes and noise from running the truck engines that would be disturbing to nearby residents. He said that to get trucks started in the winter, diesel truck engines would need to run all night. He said that the reverse beepers on the trucks were loud.

The Mayor noted that there would not be trucks running, and that they would be shut off. The trucks that would be parked there would be stationed there for a week or two.

Carrie Dawson, 632 E Old Willow, was worried about noise and pollution. She said that it would not be feasible to screen out the sight of the trucks and the noise. She said that it would affect the standard of living of the surrounding residents.

The Mayor noted that there are already 50-60 trucks in the area and that there had not been any complaints received by City regarding the trucks that were currently there.

The Mayor asked that all of the concerned residents give the City their emails, so that they can be kept apprised of any news. He also noted that the Council would not be taking a vote at this meeting.

Alderman Ludvigsen reiterated that there was no signed agreement or new SSA yet. The Council had voted to declare the property to be surplus. It has not been sold yet.

Alderman Derwin stated that the property was in his ward and that there were many questions yet to be answered, but that thus far, no one had complained about the 50-60 trucks that were already there.

9. STAFF AND ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Mayor Helmer – Told the Audience that the Public Works Director had resigned and that Police Chief was the Acting Public Works Director in the interim.

Deputy Chief Steffen – said that the Citizens Police Academy had started.

Building and Development Director Peterson – discussed the update to the Greenbrier construction review for permit.

City Clerk Morgan-Adams – who is also a member of the Water Committee, said that the water survey was being printed out and ready to be sent to residents.

Alderman Derwin Ward 5 – Said that he would be attending the SWANCC Meeting.

Alderman Ludvigsen Ward 4 – Said that he and several other aldermen had asked to have a payoff of the note on the agenda as an Item, but it was not added to the agenda.

10. CONSENT AGENDA -

A. Renewal of Information Technology Services Agreement with DeKind Computer Consultants for \$2,720.00 per month for first 32 hours of service. – Alderman Williamson moved to Approve Item 10A; seconded by Alderman Derwin.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES –	Messer, Ludvigsen, Williamson, Derwin
NAYS –	None
ABSENT -	Rosenthal

Motion carried 4 - 0

Aldermen questioned whether or not 32 hours per month were actually used. City Administrator Wade replied that the City Hall and Police Department utilized these services also, and the Police Department is technology-heavy.

It was noted that there was a typo in the rider.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Progress with Authorization to Sell City-owned Property on Piper Lane as Addressed in RES: R-15-14 “Resolution Directing the Sale of the Property Commonly Known as 25, 29 East Piper Road.” – Mayor Helmer passed out updated information from Quality Trucking. It was mentioned that there would be a presentation by the trucking company in two weeks. There was discussion as to the strategy that the City would use to pay the arena note.

There was discussion as to whether or not there was enough room on the location for trucks, if the land were sold.

City Attorney Zimmermann alerted the Council that there should not be a discussion of zoning issues because no official site drawing was distributed and the developer was not present at the meeting. He offered a timeline – first a contract, then a zoning period – special use request and public hearing followed by action from the PZBA, and then it would go to Council for zoning approval.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Liquor Licensing for Video Gaming Establishments – City Attorney Zimmermann noted that there are limited options as Prospect Heights is not Home Rule. The City, by law, can only charge \$25 per machine. While facilities are banned state-wide from having more than five machines, there is no limit to the amount of facilities that can offer video gaming.

Illinois Gaming Authority does not recognize licensing regulation by the municipality. The City does have the option to make video gambling special use but banned everywhere else except where grandfathered by current existence. It was noted by Counsel that this is not a guaranteed way of regulating.

B. Consideration of City of Prospect Heights Membership with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County – TABLED awaiting word from a request that was sent out to SWANCC. – It was noted by the City Attorney that there were only 23 municipalities on SWANCC and that the economies of scale were not materializing, especially in a condo or a multi-family unit.

C. Consideration of Implementation of the City of Prospect Heights Comprehensive Plan and Related Capital Improvement Plan FY 2015 - FY 2019 – there was a question whether to take

action on the plan; or whether it was not a plan of action but a conceptual model. **–There was direction given for a zoning ordinance.**

Discussion of Bond Payoff – There was discussion as to whether or not money should be used for a bond payoff that might deplete reserves. There was also discussion of the need to meet the 12/15/15 note payment, as well as discussion of saving money by paying off the note a month early. The Mayor said that sale of the land would be the best course of action especially given the interest in purchase. One Alderman liked land as an asset, and reminded the Council that the Note and the sale of the land were two separate issues. The consensus of the Council was to have a special meeting and continue to investigate options. City Clerk Morgan-Adams added that the Council should consider the possibility that Governor Rauner might cut or eliminate shared state revenue. She did not want to see the reserves depleted and suggested that the City should rollover its note. The tentative date for a special Council meeting was set for Monday, October 19.

13. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

A. Approval of Expenditures

General Fund	\$175,539.21
MFT Fund	\$0.00
Palatine/Milwaukee TIF	\$4,750.00
Tourism District	\$86,304.50
Development Fund	\$0.00
DEA Fund	\$525.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$29,289.00
SS Area #1	\$0.00
SS Area #2	\$0.00
SS Area #3	\$0.00
SS Area #4	\$0.00
SS Area #5	\$1,181.79
SS Area #8 – Levee Wall #37	\$0.00
SS Area-Constr #6 (Water Main)	\$0.00
SS Area- Debt #6	\$0.00
Road Construction	\$0.00

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Water Fund	\$3,807.97
Parking Fund	\$25.35
Road/Building Bond Escrow	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$301,242.82
10/2/2015 PAYROLL	\$133,525.42
	\$18,182.82
9/20/2015 IMRF	\$452,951.06
TOTAL WARRANT	

City Clerk Morgan-Adams read the warrants.

Alderman Williamson moved to Approve Item 13A, seconded by Alderman Ludvigsen in the amounts of \$301,242.82 TOTAL; \$133,525.42 for 10/2/15 Payroll; \$18,182.82 9/20/15 IMRF; and \$452,951.06 TOTAL WARRANT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – Messer, Ludvigsen, Williamson, Derwin
 NAYS – None
 ABSENT - Rosenthal

Motion carried 4 - 0

14. RESIDENT COMMENTS (non-agenda matters) – None

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION -None

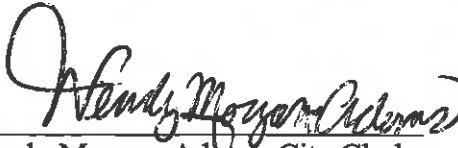
16. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS, IF REQUIRED

17. ADJOURNMENT –At 8:25 PM, Alderman Messer moved to Adjourn; seconded by Alderman Williamson.

VOICE VOTE: All ayes, no nays, one absent.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Prospect Heights on this day, the 26th of October, 2015.


 Wendy Morgan-Adams, City Clerk


 Nicholas J. Helmer, Mayor



