

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020
REMOTE WEB MEETING
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order	Mayor Manier called the Remote Web regular meeting of Monday, April 20, 2020 to order at 6:30 p.m. Physically present were Mayor Gary Manier, City Administrator Ray Forsythe, Police Chief Mike McCoy, and City Clerk Pat Brown.
Roll Call	<p>Remotely present and answering roll call were Aldermen, Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, and Yoder.</p> <p>Also, remotely present were Finance Director Joanie Baxter, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, City Engineer Dennis Carr, Public Works Director Kevin Schone, Deputy Chief of Police Jeff Stevens, and City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine.</p>
Pledge of Allegiance	All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda Review, Amended	<p>The Agenda was reviewed and Alderman Cobb motioned and Alderman Stevens seconded to remove the approval of the Non-Union Pay Plan and take it to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes:</u> Adams, Black, Cobb, Stevens, Yoder</p> <p><u>Nays:</u> Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine</p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p> <p>The Agenda stood as amended.</p>
Approve Consent Agenda	<p>Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Adams seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the April 6, 2020 regular and April 13, 2020 special City Council meetings; bills & payroll; payment authorization: TIF pay request #3 (final) – Black Panther Holdings, LLC, 104 N. High Street; payment authorization: Water Tower #1 painting inspections, pay request #1, Dixon Engineering, Inc.; payment authorization: Wastewater Treatment Plant #2, equipment & storage building, RNS Electric, Inc.; approval of commodities & services bid awards: PW-20-01, hot-mix asphalt; PW-20-02, water & sewer treatment chemicals; PW-20-03, class s1 ready-mix concrete; PW-20-06, concrete assistance; PW-20-08, weed spraying; PW-20-09, cast in place pipe (CIPP) assistance; and PW-20-10, excavator assistance; accept & place on file: other post-employment benefits (OPEB) program – interim valuation; and accept & place of file: monthly financial report period ending January 31, 2020. Alderman Adams asked that the April 6, 2020 meeting minutes be corrected to reflect his nay vote on the waiving of the second reading of the TIF redevelopment agreement, Historical Society, 122 N. Main Street ordinance. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes:</u> 8 Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder</p> <p><u>Nays:</u> 0</p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Announcements	None.
Audience Comments	City Clerk Brown read several comments that were submitted via email. Comments are attached and made part of these minutes.
Finance & Personnel Committee	Alderman Daniel Cobb, Finance & Personnel Committee, reported one item on the agenda for consideration that is recommended for approval by Committee. Consent Agenda G, accept & place on file: Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Program – Interim Valuation.
Public Safety Committee	Alderman Brian Butler, Public Safety Committee, reported one item on the agenda for consideration that is recommended for approval by Committee. Resolution D, authorizing Collective Bargaining Agreement, Policemen’s Benevolent Labor Committee, representing Patrol Officers. Police Chief McCoy expressed his appreciation for all the support that was given through the process as well as all the hard work done in getting to a fair agreement.
Public Works Committee	Alderman Mike Brownfield, Public Works Committee, reported five items on the agenda for consideration that are recommended for approval by Committee. Consent Agenda items D, E, & F, payment authorization on Water Tower #1 painting inspections, payment authorization WWTP #2 equipment & storage building, and approval of annual commodities; Resolution B, approving water softener salt commodity bid as two were received with the same amount bid & we would like to continue with our current supplier; and Ordinance H, establishing special fees & charges for connection to public sewer mains related to N. Cummings property development infrastructure assistance.
Mayor’s Comments	Mayor Manier commented that Washington is doing a great job with the COVID-19 stay at home order with many working from home as well. He shared NBC is in town every Saturday filming different portions of town for a story they will be doing once we get past the pandemic. He commented on the TIF redevelopment agreement with the Historical Society noting that they have previously had a couple of other TIF agreements as well.
Adopt resl, , approving GIS contract, Cloudpoint Geographics, Inc.	<p>City Administrator Forsythe read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, approving a Geographic Information System (GIS) Technical Services Contract with Cloudpoint Geographics, Inc. Adoption of this resolution would formally approve a technical services contract with Cloudpoint Geographics, Inc. for the City’s Geographic Information System for a one-year term beginning May 1, 2020 in a not-to-exceed amount of \$61,500. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Black seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes:</u> 8 Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder</p> <p><u>Nays:</u> 0</p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>

City Administrator Forsythe read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, authorizing the Bid Award of PW-20-04 Industrial Grade Water Softener Salt to Gunther Salt Company. Adoption of this resolution would award the FY20-21 Public Works commodity bid for 1,250 tons of industrial grade water softener salt to Gunther Salt Company at the unit price amount of \$112.50. Alderman Butler moved and Alderman Adams seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was:
Ayes: 8 Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder
Nays: 0
Motion declared carried.

Adopt resl, authrz bid award, PW-20-04 softener salt

City Administrator Forsythe read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, authorizing the execution of a Storm Sewer Easement Grant with Linda S. Weedon. Adoption of this resolution would allow for the formal acceptance of a permanent storm sewer easement for the proposed drainage work needed that will correct the drainage flow of the detention basin in Cambridge Estates that was missed when the former ditch section along Newcastle Road was improved to curb and gutter. Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Stevens seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was:
Ayes: 8 Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder
Nays: 0
Motion declared carried.

Adopt resl, authrz storm sewer easement, Linda S. Weedon

City Administrator Forsythe read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, ratifying and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Washington, IL and the Policemen’s Benevolent Labor Committee, representing Patrol Officers of the Washington Police Department. Adoption of this resolution would ratify and authorize the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Washington, IL and Policemen’s Benevolent Labor Committee representing full-time Patrol Officers of the Washington Police Department for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2023. Alderman Butler moved and Alderman Black seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was:
Ayes: 8 Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder
Nays: 0
Motion declared carried.

Adopt resl, authrz collective bargaining agreement, Policemen’s Benevolent Labor Committee

City Administrator Forsythe provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement for private development with the Washington Historical Society for the redevelopment of a portion of the Downtown Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area. Adoption of this ordinance would approve a TIF redevelopment agreement with the Washington Historical Society for the redevelopment of 122 N. Main Street. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Butler seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. Alderman Black asked for examples of when this scenario was used on other TIF applications where a 3rd party had applied for the funding and P & D Director Oliphant shared none along this line but the agreement about four months ago for outfitting one of the 124 Peoria Street spaces was applied for through the tenant of the space. City Administrator Forsythe commented that the City routinely budgets funds from the TIF to use for Christmas decorations, landscaping maintenance, parking lot maintenance, and the fountain which are all used for the benefit of other residents and business owners. Alderman Adams expressed his concerns with using a routine format that that does not fit with the contract as well as the application form that was used where applicant boxes were not checked as the three listed did not fit within the parameter of the 3rd party applicant. He commented that he would have liked to see the owner of the business apply for the funding and would like to see the contract language and application cleared up. Mayor Manier commented that the language has been cleared up and the items of concern have been removed out of the contract. P & D Director shared that he had emailed everyone to see if there was a desire to strike a couple of the components of the contract that speak more to the responsibility of the property or building owner, notably Items E and F in Section 1 of the contract referring to paying of taxes and commencement of operations. He shared that Assistant City Attorney Schryer saw no problems with removing these two items and would have no impact on the agreement. He noted that Item G refers to exemption of tax and changing from developer to real estate owner. Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Butler seconded to amend the motion to incorporate the deletion of Items E and F from the agreement and change the wording in Item G from ‘Developer’ to ‘Real Estate Owner’. Aldermen Stevens and Black expressed concerns about not having enough time to understand the amendments to the agreement. Alderman Stevens shared she would have no problems with agreement if it were the property owner applying for the funding and if 3rd parties are allowed to apply for funding on behalf of owners who can’t afford to have the work done will there be more walls in town being considered for murals in the future. Alderman Butler expressed his concerns with not taking advantage of this opportunity to move this forward and beautifying an eyesore that has been in existence for quite some time. He indicated this expenditure of \$1,800 is something for the citizens of the community who drive south on N. Main Street and see the eyesore every day and we now have an opportunity to get corrected. Alderman Adams shared he likes the changes made to the contract as they address the questionable areas but in regards to the application form moving forward would like to see it reflect this situation and to make it clear on the form that a 3rd party has the opportunity to apply. P & D Director Oliphant shared that he can make that change to the form. Alderman Dingledine expressed his desire to see Council support this and move on. On roll call to amend the motion to vote was:
Ayes: 7 Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Yoder
Nays: 1 Stevens
Motion to amend declared carried.

Adopt ord, approve TIF redevelopment agreement, Historical Society, 122 N Main St

Adopt ord, approve TIF redevelopment agreement, Historical Society, 122 N Main St, Cont.)	<p>On roll call to approve the ordinance as amended the vote was: <u>Ayes: 6</u> Adams, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Yoder <u>Nays: 2</u> Black, Stevens <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Adopt ord, approve TIF redevelopment agreement, Alexander Financial Services, 117 Peoria St	<p>City Administrator Forsythe provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement for private development with Bonnie Alexander Declaration of Trust dated January 4, 2019, for the redevelopment of a portion of the Downtown Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area. Adoption of this ordinance would approve a TIF redevelopment agreement with Bonnie Alexander Declaration of Trust dated January 4, 2019, for the redevelopment of 117 Peoria Street. Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Black seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Adopt ord, adopting annual budget FY20-21	<p>City Administrator Forsythe provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance adopting a budget for corporate purposes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021 and approving certain amendments to the FY19-20 Budget. Adoption of this ordinance would approve the City of Washington’s budget for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending on April 30, 2021 in the amount of \$24,613,158. As required by state statute, a public hearing on the city’s FY20-21 Tentative Annual Budget is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2020. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. Alderman Stevens read a statement regarding her vote to be included in the minutes which are attached and made part of these minutes. Alderman Adams expressed his concerns with the unknowns of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the City’s budget. He shared he will be requesting a resolution to come forward at the next meeting for consideration that will address his concerns on spending and hiring, etc. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Yoder <u>Nays: 1</u> Stevens <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Adopt ord, authrz sale various items declared surplus	<p>City Administrator Forsythe provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance authorizing the disposal and/or sale of various items and property owned and used by the City of Washington designated as “Surplus Property”. Adoption of this ordinance would authorize the disposal and/or sale of certain designated surplus property. Alderman Adams moved and Alderman Yoder seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Adopt ord, authrz sale various unclaimed property declared surplus	<p>City Administrator Forsythe provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance authorizing the donation and/or sale of various unclaimed property possessed by the Washington Police Department designated as “Surplus Property”. Adoption of this ordinance would authorize the donation and/or sale of unclaimed property designated surplus property. Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Black seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Adopt ord, authrz agreement w/Chamber of Commerce	<p>City Administrator Forsythe provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, to enter into an agreement between the City of Washington and the Washington Chamber of Commerce for the provision of tourism and economic development services. Adoption of this ordinance would approve an agreement between the City of Washington, IL and the Washington Chamber of Commerce regarding tourism and economic development services for a one-year period ending on April 30, 2021. Among other things, the agreement provides for the payment of \$30,000 to the Washington Chamber of Commerce for services rendered. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Black seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Adopt ord, amending special fees/charges connecting public water/sewer mains	<p>City Administrator Forsythe provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance amending special fees and charges for connecting onto certain public water mains and public sanitary sewer mains owned and operated by the City of Washington, Illinois. Adoption of this ordinance would amend the fee schedules attached to Ordinance No. 3086, which authorized and imposed a single fee for certain properties connecting onto the designated public water and/or sanitary sewer mains. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>

City Administrator Forsythe provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance establishing special fees and charges for connecting onto public sanitary sewer mains owned and operated by the City of Washington, Illinois. Adoption of this ordinance would establish special fees to recoup the expenses for the extension of sanitary sewer mains constructed by the City of Washington and municipal funds to properties near the future intersection of N. Cummings Lane and Freedom Parkway. The following ordinance would authorize and impose a fee for those properties connecting onto the designated public sanitary sewer mains. Alderman Dingleline moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:
Ayes: 8 Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingleline, Stevens, Yoder
Nays: 0
Motion declared carried.

Adopt ord, establishing special fees/charges connecting public sewer main

City Administrator Forsythe provided first reading of the following ordinances, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance authorizing a First Amendment to the agreement for private development with Heider Properties, LLC, for the Redevelopment of a portion of the Downtown Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area. Adoption of this ordinance would approve an amendment to a TIF redevelopment agreement with Heider Properties, LLC, for the redevelopment of 101-103 Washington Square; and an ordinance amending and correcting an error in the pricing table of Ordinance 3368 entitled “Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, to execute a Residential Solid Waste Contract with PDC Services, Inc. an Illinois Corporation for the period April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2027. Adoption of this ordinance would correct a calculation error in the pricing table, amend the pricing table to include a fee for landscape waste drop-off, and include access to the Contractor’s landscape waste facility. These ordinances will be listed on the next meeting agenda for action.

1st reading ords, first amendment, Heider Properties, LLC private development agreement; and amending & correcting error in pricing table of Ordinance 3368, residential solid waste contract

Alderman Stevens expressed her disappointment in the comments surrounding the Historical Society TIF Agreement ordinance and felt it could have been avoided if the Committee of the Whole meeting was held where it could have been worked out together. Alderman Adams indicated his concerns with the FY20-21 Budget that included hiring additional staff, looking at wage increases, and the additional projects outside of what we already have in place. He requested that staff put together a resolution indicating the following three items: 1) all items above the procurement policy to come before City Council for review; 2) hiring freeze to include replacement of anyone who leaves to come before City Council; and 3) a temporary freeze on wages for a period of 90-days. He made a motion for this to be added to next City Council agenda and Alderman Stevens seconded the motion. Following discussion on if this was the proper way to add an item to the agenda, it was noted that the City Attorney will be contacted for guidance on the proper protocol. Alderman Brownfield expressed his thanks to staff on their hard work in bringing forward the budget and looks forward to everyone working together going forward. Alderman Adams asked if TIF funding can only be used for things that have to do with buildings as there are very few essential businesses around the Square that can operate during this COVID-19 pandemic and City Administrator Forsythe shared he will take a look to see if marketing type items could be considered.

Aldermen’s Comments

At 7:28 p.m. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Adams seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment

-----Original Message-----

From: Joey Howe

Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 12:42 PM

To: Patricia Brown <pbrown@ci.washington.il.us>

Subject: COVID-19 and Budget Implications

Hello-

Have there been any discussions in regard to potential contingency plans if the city's revenue streams fall short of projections due to COVID-19? If so, what are some the contingency plans being considered (i.e reduction in expenditures, reduction in FTE's, delaying capital improvements)? If not, would it not be prudent to have plans in place considering the impact of COVID-19 may not fully be known at the time the budget is voted on and ultimately passed?

Thank you

Joe Howe

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Washington City Council
301 Walnut Street
Washington, IL 61571

April 20, 2020

Dear Washington City Council Member:

As you are aware, the Historical Society has requested TIF funds to help with a project that we are undertaking in partnership with Curt Reynolds, owner of Brunk's Sporting Goods at 122 N. Main Street. The ultimate goal of the project is to engage with a national organization known as *The Walldogs* to paint a historically themed mural on the side of Brunk's business. However, before we can embark on the mural, we need to be sure the exterior wall that will feature the painting is structurally ready to support it. The exterior wall at Brunk's is in need of tuckpointing, paint removal, and cleaning. Mr. Reynolds is thrilled to have the mural on his building but is unable to fund the restoration work at this time. Since the Historical Society is handling this project, we will also pay for the exterior wall remediation. We have requested TIF funds to help pay for the project. Transparency is important to us, which is why we are entering the agreement with the City for the TIF funds; we're paying for the work, so we are requesting the TIF funds. Anything else would be a dishonest presentation of the situation.

Restoring building exteriors in our TIF district is practically the reason our TIF district was established. Our understanding is that third parties may indeed legally contract with the City to be recipients of TIF funding, and that the City of Washington has very recently entered into a TIF agreement with a third party. We certainly anticipate that we will be treated the same as prior third-party applicants.

It is difficult for us to imagine why the City Council would not want to partner with the Historical Society to help fund this project, particularly during this time when our small business community is struggling and needs all of the support that we, collectively, can provide. Our historic downtown gives Washington its "sense of place" - its identity. The City recognized this when they created the Downtown Historic District and the rules and guidelines for owning a building in this district. It also recognized the importance of our downtown district when it created the TIF district in the first place. The goal of the TIF district is to set aside property tax monies that would otherwise go to all of the local taxing bodies, including our schools, so that those monies can be re-invested into

preserving and beautifying buildings in the District. This project certainly meets all the criteria laid out in creation of the TIF district: it beautifies and structurally improves and preserves a historic building within the TIF district.

Finally, we would note that the recommendation of City staff is that the City provide a 30% match to our project, or \$1,830. This is a fairly small amount of money for the City, but a significant amount for our organization. We are a very small not-for-profit that relies on donations and fundraisers to function. Like other not-for-profits, and like small businesses, right now our financial future is uncertain; charitable donations may resume to normal levels, or they may not. In these uncertain times, we certainly appreciate the support of the City as we continue to preserve Washington's past and support other organizations and businesses in the community. We know that our mission is important to you, too, and we look forward to your support on this project.

As always, thank you for your dedication to serving Washington.

Sincerely,

The Washington Historical Society Board of Directors

Jennifer Essig, President
Jewel Ward
Sue Freeburg
Mary Kerr
Linda Nieukirk
Judy Gross

Patricia Brown

From: BA Ward
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 1:10 PM
To: Patricia Brown; Jon Oliphant; Ray Forsythe
Subject: Public comment for City Council meeting 4/20/2020
Attachments: My husband and I have been a small business owner within Washington for over 40.docx

Hello Pat Brown,

I have sent following attachment above containing a letter that I would like read in public comments at tonight's city council meeting please.

Thank you for your assistance.

Jewel A. Ward
B. A. Ward, Inc.
Corp. Secretary

My husband and I have been a small business owner within Washington for over 40+ years, I was disappointed to **FIRST** learn on Saturday 4/18/2020, after talking to a few City Council members on the telephone, that they were not supportive of using TIF in the amount of \$1,830.00 for beautification of the City of Washington or helping and supporting a small downtown merchant. This TIF request was first presented back in March, and the approval of this TIF request has a start date of 4/21/2020 with local construction workers awaiting a paycheck with the go ahead to start the project. This partnership is between the non-profit - Washington Historical Society and Brunk's that makes a win for the entire a community by helping restore a historic building. I want it to be clear, and I stress that by you voting NO tonight, is a direct vote against supporting Washington's Small Businesses. Vote **YES** to the future of small businesses in Washington!



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Attn: Washington City Council

Heider Properties TIF Agreement Proposal

Re: Audience Comments

Friday, April 17, 2020

In response to the proposal sent to us, and as stated on February 10, we appreciate the city council's time and willingness to discuss Heider Properties TIF Agreement. We understand the situation is both difficult and complex. As we have stated on previous occasions, The Blacksmith is not making a profit and has been losing money. This was something as business owners we were prepared to take on and possibly utilize our other business to help lessen the financial blow. Since our last discussion The Blacksmith has now been closed due to issues concerning the Emergency Order. If a business has been losing money/not profiting and has now been closed over month, how would said business be in a situation to pay \$10,747.50 within 60 days of the Emergency Order being lifted (let alone and additional \$8,231 120 days later)? If this pandemic's economic effects don't force us to close our doors, this agreement most certainly will. We are asking the council to consider eliminating the \$16,462 portion of the 2019 penalty. With the Emergency Order and the uncertainty of when Kep's will return to back to full scale, we cannot guarantee Kep's will be able to support both businesses and the expectation of these payments are unrealistic given the circumstances.

Patricia Brown

From:
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 2:36 PM
To: Patricia Brown; Jon Oliphant; rforsythe@ciwashington.il.us
Subject: City Council comment

I would like to thank the City Council in advance for approving the TIF request that I have a partnership with the Washington Historical Society to restore and complete the first stage of restoration of the North wall of my business. I am excited to initiate the first step of restoration with more repairs to come in near future as the planning is being finalized now. I am grateful for the monetary help and look forward to enhancing one of the main entry ways into Washington City Square. Thank you, Curt Reynolds

Brunk's Sports Center

122 N. Main
Washington, IL 61571

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Lilija Stevens comment during the XII Ordinances C. (Second Reading) Adopting Annual Budget for FY2020-2021 portion of the April 20, 2020 City Council meeting:

I would like my statement, which describes the reasons for my vote to be included in the minutes:

After the Council goal setting session, I understood this budget process would reflect reductions of up to 10% with the objective to free up more funding for capital projects.

This proposed budget includes additional personnel expenses that are over 10% higher than our current budget. These personnel expenses are not a one time expenditure, they will result in permanently increasing operating costs.

Recent media coverage stated this is a deficit budget. The mayor explained "it's not really a 5M dollar deficit, that we would be borrowing from reserves and we're not spending down reserves to the point we're in any kind of financial trouble".

Given the current unknown economic situation, I question increasing funding activities that are non essential to basic government functions and services for our residents.

There is no agenda item on tonight's agenda to assure me, in writing, that city staff will not be going forward with additional personnel and projects not currently in progress.

Thus the reason for my 'no' vote for the FY20-21 budget as presented.