## CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020 REMOTE WEB MEETING 6:30 P.M.

Call to Order Mayor Manier called the Remote Web regular meeting of Monday, June 1, 2020 to order at 6:30

p.m. Physically present were Mayor Gary Manier, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Police Chief

Mike McCoy, and City Clerk Pat Brown.

Roll Call Remotely present and answering roll call were Aldermen, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb,

Dingledine, Stevens, and Yoder. Aldermen Adams was absent.

Also, remotely present were Finance Director Joanie Baxter, City Engineer Dennis Carr, Public Works Director Kevin Schone, Deputy Chief of Police Jeff Stevens, City Attorney Derek

Schryer, and City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine.

Pledge of Allegiance Moment of Silence All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Manier asked for a moment of silence for

our country and all that we are faced with.

Agenda Review The Agenda was reviewed and Alderman Cobb moved that Items D & E be removed from the

consent agenda and moved to the next Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.

Agenda stood as Alderman Stevens seconded. On roll call to vote was: amended.

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Nays: 3 Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine

Motion declared carried.

Approve Consent Agenda Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Black seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the May 18, 2020 regular City Council meeting; payment authorization: pay request, crack sealing work on designated streets, Ace in the Hole, Inc.; payment authorization: pay reques#1, N. Lawndale Avenue reconstruction project, Stark Excavating, Inc.; and accept & place on file: monthly financial report periods ending February, March, & April, 2020. Alderman Black noted that the May 18, 2020 minutes reflected a no considerations from Alderman Yoder twice regarding the glass recycling discussion under Alderman's Comments and one should be corrected to reflect himself as a no consideration. Alderman Stevens commented that there was a section in the minutes where she requested that the 1983 rules of procedure be added to the minutes but maybe it wasn't the correct place but maybe they could be added to the City Clerk's website page as a link. Mayor Manier commented the rules of procedure will be talked about at the Committee of the Whole meeting. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was:

Ayes: 7 Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Announcements None

Audience Comments City Clerk Brown reported no comments were received.

Finance & Personnel Committee

Alderman Daniel Cobb, Finance & Personnel Committee, reported no items on the agenda for consideration.

Public Safety Committee, New Hire Police Officer Alderman Butler brought forward for consideration a temporary increase in authorized strength with a new hire Police Officer in the police force during the COVID-19 90-day hiring freeze. He shared City Administrator Forsythe prepared the background document and this item has been discussed at the Public Safety Committee meeting and will give opportunity for questions and for the Public Safety Committee members to speak to this as well. He provided a summary of the document noting the following: 1) uniqueness in hiring process for police officers through the Police Commission that creates a certified eligibility list of candidates; 2) how candidates have the opportunity to move up on the list if they have already been through PTI training or equivalent, saving costs for training; 3) potential of losing two officers and having an opportunity to hire a lateral transfer officer who can step right into field training. He shared through discussion at Public Works Committee their recommendation would be for the Police Commission to move through their process and make a recommendation for a hire, the Police Chief would extend the offer, and the next time a full-time commissioned Police Officer position is open we would postpone the replacement of that officer by at least 90-days. Alderman Yoder and Alderman Black both shared their support of the recommendation. Police Chief McCoy shared the opportunities the City has in hiring an experienced officer that include substantial cost savings. Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Black seconded to authorize the request as presented. On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 7 Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Public Safety Committee Alderman Brian Butler, Public Safety Committee, reported no other items for consideration on the agenda. Police Chief McCoy commented on the rumors being posted to Facebook about a group coming to Washington to do home invasions are all false. He shared they are also working with local businesses in barricading parking lots overnight in the event a group tries to enter and create disturbances.

Public Works Committee Alderman Mike Brownfield, Public Works Committee, reported the Public Works Committee scheduled this evening was postponed due to lack of quorum. City Engineer Carr provided updates on the following projects: N. Lawndale reconstruction; MFT; and Calvary Way paving. Public Works Director Schone shared crews started with the Calvary Way paving and will then

move to alleys and cemetery roads, noting the same rented paver used last year is being used again this year and is proud of the work crews are doing. Alderman Brownfield indicated that the Committee is moving all the agenda items from today's agenda (including the disposition of the blue recycling containers under the City Administrator) to a Special Public Works Committee meeting that will be held next Monday before the Committee of the Whole meeting. Public Works Director Schone summarized City Administrator's memo regarding the blue recycling containers that will come before Public Works next week.

Public Works Committee, Cont.)

Mayor Manier asked for continued healing for Kim Brownfield (Alderman Brownfield's wife) and Alderman Adams as they recover from their recent surgeries.

Mayor's Comments

City Attorney Derek Schryer read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, approving outdoor dining guidelines for restaurants and bars during Phase 3 of the Restore IL Plan. Adoption of this resolution would approve guidance as to the requirements for operations during Phase 3 of the Restore IL Plan and temporarily suspend any section of the City Code that conflicts with the requirement set forth. Alderman Butler moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adopt the resolution as read. Alderman Stevens thanked everyone who was involved in bringing this forward but would have liked to have seen more involvement from Council in its creation. Mayor Manier commented that restaurants were thrilled to get the information early, timing was of the essence, and Council's that took action prior to last Friday fortunately had meetings scheduled last week. He noted the weekend went well for restaurants that opened outdoor dining and hopefully we will see more open in Phase 4 of the Restore IL Plan. Alderman Butler commented the guidelines are different from what other communities are doing as we are not making ordinance changes and by giving the guidelines to restaurants and bars last week it pre-answered questions for businesses that wanted to open last Friday, noting it was proactive and within the City Administrator's authority to do. On roll call the vote was: Ayes: 7 Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Adopt resl, approving outdoor dining guidelines during Phase 3 of Restore IL Plan

Nays: 0 Motion declared carried.

Mayor Manier provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance granting a Special Use to allow for poultry to be housed at 310 Ernest Street. Adoption of this ordinance would allow for poultry to be housed at 310 Ernest Street. Alderman Black moved and Alderman Stevens seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. Alderman Butler expressed his concern with poultry being detrimental to public health, substantially diminishing property values, and the difficulty of enforcing the ordinance when a violation would occur, noting he could never support their allowance in the city. Alderman Stevens commented there have been no neighbor complaints or objections to this particular property. Alderman Dingledine commented that he remains against poultry in the city and will always vote against their allowance. On roll call the vote was:

Adopt ord, granting special use to allow poultry, 310 Ernest St.

Ayes: 2 Black, Stevens

Nays: 5 Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Yoder

Motion did not carry.

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Mayor Manier provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance granting a Special Use to allow for poultry to be housed at 607 Westgate Road. Adoption of this ordinance would allow for poultry to be housed at 607 Westgate Road. Alderman Black moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. Alderman Stevens commented that as a result of Council passing the ordinance that allows poultry we look at each individual situation and expressed the following: 1) the location of this particular property is a small corner lot; 2) the drawing was not complete at the first reading of the ordinance; 3) she now understands that the shed may have to move; 4) not certain where the fence is going; 5) received complaints from neighbors; and 6) as an alderman when she receives neighbor complaints that is what is first and foremost in her mind to determine her vote. Alderman Butler expressed his previous comments on the 310 Ernest property ordinance consideration remain the same. On roll call the vote was:

Adopt ord, granting special use to allow poultry, 607 Westgate Rd.

Ayes: 0

Nays: 7 Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Motion did not carry.

Mayor Manier provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance amending Chapter 51 of the Municipal Code pertaining to garbage and refuse. Adoption of this ordinance would create comprehensive rules including the exclusive method for the disposition of garbage, refuse, and ashes and other pertinent administrative provisions related to the disposition of such materials. Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Black seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:

Adopt ord, amending Chapter 51, garbage & refuse

Motion did not carry.

Ayes: 7 Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Manier provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance amending Chapter 136 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, entitled "Gambling Offenses," regarding licensed video gaming establishments. Adoption of this ordinance would permit licensed truck stop establishments as defined under the State of Illinois Video Gaming Act to obtain a video gaming license in the City. It would also increase the number of establishments and terminals allowed in the City at one time. Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:

Adopt ord, amending Chapter 136, licensed video gaming

Ayes: 7 Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Adopt ord, amending Chapter 53, storm water runoff control Mayor Manier provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Illinois by amending Chapter 53.004 entitled "Design Criteria". Adoption of this ordinance would insert language into the City of Washington's Storm Water Runoff Control regulations to update the reference to the most recent Illinois State Water Survey as part of the need to address current peak flow rates and discharge rates to utilize in the design of storm water drainage systems. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 7 Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Adopt ord, authrz IGA with Park District and Township

Mayor Manier provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Washington, the Washington Park District, and the Washington Township Road District concerning mutual aid and assistance. Adoption of this ordinance would allow the City to enter into an agreement with the Washington Park District and Washington Township Road District to establish a procedure whereby a party in need of mutual aid and assistance may request such aid and assistance in the form of personnel, equipment, materials and/or other associated services as necessary from another party. Alderman Black moved and Alderman Stevens seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. Aldermen Stevens and Black expressed their appreciation for the agreement. On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 7 Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Aldermen's Comments

Alderman Stevens asked if Finance Director Baxter could explain the monthly financial report from the consent agenda at the Committee of the Whole meeting as it covers three months (February, March, April) and looking at these numbers is a daunting task and to provide a summary in how COVID-19 has affected the numbers we currently have. Mayor Manier commented that the numbers would not be COVID related yet as those tax numbers are not available but an update can be given.

Adjournment

At 7:17 p.m. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Black seconded to adjourn. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote</u>.

Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk