

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

City Council Meeting

Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Five Points, Washington Banquet Room

Call to Order	Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, April 19, 2021 to order at 6:30 p.m. in a banquet room at Five Points, Washington, 360 N. Wilmore Road, Washington, Illinois
Roll Call	Present and answering roll call were Aldermen Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Stevens and Yoder.
Also Present	City Engineer Dennis Carr, Public Works Director Kevin Schone, Finance Director Joanie Baxter, Police Chief Mike McCoy, Deputy Police Chief Jeff Stevens, and City Clerk Valeri Brod
Pledge of Allegiance	All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
Remote Access	Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to approve the remote participation of Alderman Dingledine <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</u>
Present Remotely	Alderman Dingledine and City Treasurer Dingledine
Agenda Review	The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.
Approve Consent Agenda	Mayor Manier presented the Consent Agenda for approval of the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Approval of minutes of April 5, 2021 Regular City Council Meetingb) Health Insurance Renewalc) TIF Payment for Sentimental Journey, 123 Washington Squared) Commodities Bid - CIPPe) Commodities Bid - Chemicalsf) Commodities Bid - Plant Watering and Maintenanceg) Legion Road Improvements - Concreteh) Canine Car Purchase - Police Department

Alderman Butler moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded.

Alderman Stevens asked a question regarding the City parking lot that is located north of the post office and it was clarified to be part of the Square maintenance plan.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Announcements and Proclamations	<p>Mayor Manier provided and read aloud the Arbor Day Proclamation to celebrate Arbor Day.</p> <p>Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Butler seconded.</p> <p>Mr. Oliphant noted that there is a spot in the square that will receive a new evergreen tree in honor of Arbor Day. He stated that this tree will be good for future decorating and noted that some of the trees in the square are showing signs of deterioration.</p> <p>On roll call on the motion to approve was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Audience Comments	None were
Standing Committee- Finance & Personnel Committee	<p>Chairman Daniel Cobb, Finance & Personnel Committee, shared that there are two items on the Consent Agenda and shared a brief detail about Item C, TIF Payment for Sentimental Journey, and Item H, Canine Car Purchase for the Police Department. Chairman Cobb noted that they are able to approve the purchase of the vehicle due to the donations from the Zimmerman family. He also noted that they are presenting a resolution to extend contract for the Police Chief to allow additional time for a contract to be created to replace his previous contract as well as an Ordinance to waive the second reading that would amend the WACC agreement and presenting an intergovernmental agreement with the Washington Park District Swimming Pool.</p>
Standing Committee- Public Safety Committee	Chairman Brian Butler, Public Safety Committee, introduced Chief McCoy to share any updates. Chief McCoy stated that there are no new updates.
Standing Committee- Public Works Committee	<p>Chairman Mike Brownfield, Public Works Committee, invited City Engineer Dennis Carr to provide details about the Freedom Parkway Phase 2 Design Engineering Agreement. Mr. Carr provided that the City is using Terra Engineering because they already have a working agreement and Terra has knowledge of the project. He stated that they are following all IDOT procedural guidelines in order to use STBG federal funding. They are hoping this can be approved next fiscal year. The agreement is for \$409,968.17.</p> <p>Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Butler seconded.</p> <p>On roll call on the motion to approve was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p> <p>Chairman Mike Brownfield introduced Mr. Carr to provide details about the Citywide Stormwater Agreement. Mr. Carr shared that they put out a request for proposals and received four strong proposals. Staff felt that TWM, Inc., was a clear choice with an agreement price of \$463,000.</p>

Alderman Adams moved and Alderman Dingledine seconded.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Chairman Mike Brownfield introduced Public Works Director, Kevin Schone who provided updates. Mr. Schone shared that crews are working on valves throughout the City, hydrant flushing has started and brush pick-up will start next week.

Chairman Mike Brownfield introduced Mr. Carr who provided updates. Mr. Carr shared that the Bobolink project is still underway. He noted that traffic around the school is difficult to work in so they will stagger their work schedule around traffic patterns. He shared that the Lawndale private side has completed tie-ins and landscaping is being done and Holland is waiting on the sod work.

Chairman Mike Brownfield introduced Mr. Oliphant, Planning and Zoning Director, who provided updates. Mr. Oliphant noted a good turnout for the Comprehensive Plan discussions and shared that Take Pride in Washington Day will take place on Saturday.

Mayor

Mayor Gary Manier provided the City Business Registration Program. He stated that having this system would have made communication easier during the pandemic. Mr. Oliphant clarified that this plan is not intended to be a revenue generator but used as a communication tool which could also be shared with the chamber and accessed by the Police Department if needs arose.

Adopt Resolution:
*Extending the Liquor
License deadline for
one month.*

Mayor Manier read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, Granting One Month Extension to Current Liquor Licenses allowing the City to utilize the (potential) new reclassified liquor licenses as well as follow the guidance of our State Liquor Commission. These new licenses will expire on April 30, 2022 to capture the full fiscal years revenue.

Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Adams seconded.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Adopt Resolution:
*Authorizing a 30-Day
Contract Extension
for the Chief of Police*

Mayor Manier read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, authorizing to extend the Washington Chief of Police Employment Agreement through May 31, 2021, while the parties negotiate a successor agreement to the Employment Agreement.

Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Adams seconded.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

2nd Reading

Ordinance:

*Adopting the Annual
Budget*

Mayor Manier provided the second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance approving the City of Washington's Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2021 and ending on April 30, 2022

Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Adams seconded.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

2nd Reading

Ordinance:

*Amending Liquor
License Clarifications
and Consolidations*

Mayor Manier provided the second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance amending the current language to be more concise and reduce the number of license designations.

Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Butler seconded.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

1st Reading

Ordinance with
request to waive

2nd reading:

*Amending the WACC
Agreement*

Mayor Manier provided the second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance amending the Use Agreement with the Washington Area Community Center that provides for a reduced payment of \$50,000 for each of three fiscal years (FY20-21, FY21-22, FY22-23). The reduction of payments totaling \$75,000 will be added to the end of the agreement.

Motion to waive second reading:

Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Butler seconded.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Motion to accept ordinance as presented:

Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Adams seconded.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

1st Reading Ordinance: <i>Intergovernmental Agreement with Park District for Pool</i>	Mayor Manier provided the first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance to approve an intergovernmental Agreement with the Washington Park District for the purpose of waiving the cost to fill the pools due to the hardships caused by Covid-19.
Alderman's Comments	Alderman Brownfield thanked staff for the work on the budget.
Moved into Exec Session	<p>For the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act and also for collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.</p> <p>Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Stevens seconded.</p> <p>On roll call on the motion to approve was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingleline, Stevens, Yoder <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Adjournment	<p>At 7:13p.m. Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Adams seconded to move.</p> <p><u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</u></p>

Valeri Brod, City Clerk