

**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017
FIVE POINTS WASHINGTON – SENIOR ROOM
360 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:30 P.M.**

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| Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2017 to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Room at Five Points Washington. | Call to Order |
| Present and answering roll call were Aldermen, Brownfield, Brucks, Moss, Butler, Dingledine, J. Gee, and Moehle. Alderman T. Gee was absent. | Roll Call |
| Also present was City Administrator Jim Culotta, Controller Joanie Baxter, Director of Public Works Ed Andrews, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Master Sergeant Jeff Stevens, Assistant City Attorney Derek Schryer, City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine, City Clerk Pat Brown, and members of the press. | |
| All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. | Pledge of Allegiance |
| The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented. | Agenda Review |
| Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman J. Gee seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the January 3, 2017 regular Council meeting; bills & payroll; purchase authorization: used global positioned system (GPS) field instrument; and acceptance of police pension fund actuarial valuation report 2016-2017. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Dingledine, Moss, Moehle, Brownfield, Butler, J. Gee, Brucks <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u> | Approve Consent Agenda |
| Mr. Chris Nichols, 1933 Colt Drive, shared that he read the Capital Improvement Program information for this evening’s meeting and acknowledges and commends the hard work that was put forth in its creation. He shared that he noticed that the Freedom Parkway extension only received a zero health/safety grading as part of the project prioritization matrix and feels it was underscored and would benefit public safety with the amount of accidents in the area. | Audience Comments |
| Alderman Moss, Finance & Personnel Committee Chairman reported one item on the agenda (Item XIV, Regular Session, A). Alderman Butler, Public Safety Committee Chairman reported nothing on the agenda. Alderman J. Gee, Public Works Committee Chairman reported three items on the agenda (Ordinances A & B and Staff Reports B). | Standing Committees |
| None. | Mayor’s Comments |
| City Administrator Culotta read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, approving the termination of the Employment Agreement and removal of Interim Police Chief from appointment. Adoption of this resolution would terminate the employment agreement and remove Interim Police Chief Ed Papis from his appointment as Chief of Police. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adopt the resolution as read. Mayor Manier shared that Papis served for 9-months as our Chief, moved us in a direction of positive changes, and extends accolades for the efforts he undertook while serving as Chief. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> J. Gee, Moss, Brucks, Butler, Moehle, Brownfield, Dingledine <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u> | Adopt resl, terminating agreement, Chief of Police Ed Papis |
| City Administrator Culotta read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, approving Chief of Police appointment. Adoption of this resolution would appoint Ted Miller to the position of Chief of Police effective January 18, 2017 for an indefinite temporary interim period of time. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Moss seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Brownfield, Butler, Moehle, Brucks, J. Gee, Moss, Dingledine <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u> | Adopt resl, approving Chief of Police appointment, Ted Miller |
| Mayor Manier asked Mr. Miller to give a brief history and Mr. Miller shared that he has served in law enforcement for 25-years, retiring as Chief of Police for the Pekin Police Department. He thanked everyone for the opportunity and is looking forward to serving the community. | |
| City Administrator Culotta provided first reading of the following ordinances, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Illinois by amending Section 152.005 of Chapter 152 entitled “Entitlement of Record Upon Approval.” Adoption of this ordinance would insert language in the Subdivision Code that explicitly prohibits the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for houses completed prior to the approval of all public infrastructure improvements; an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Illinois by amending Section 154.237 of Chapter 154 entitled “Certificates of Occupancy.” Adoption of this ordinance would insert language in the Zoning Code that explicitly prohibits the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy four houses completed prior to the approval of all public infrastructure improvements; and an ordinance reducing the Tax Levy for the Years 2016-2027, Hitherto made in connection with the \$5,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006, of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois. Adoption of this ordinance would abate the remainder of the taxes due as part of the \$5M General Obligation Bond, Series 2006 that was used to assist the financing of the construction of Five Points Washington. | 1 st read ords, amending Chapter 152.005 entitled “Entitlement of Record Upon Approval”; amending Chapter 154.237 entitled “Certificates of Occupancy”; reducing tax levy, General Obligation Bond, Series 2006 |

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| 1 st red ords, Cont.) | This bond was refinanced as a bank loan in 2015, was fully paid off, and no longer requires the annual property tax abatement. These ordinances will be listed on the February 6 th meeting agenda for action. |
| Waive second read ord, authorizing agreement, McGregor Group, LLC, TIF redevelopment | <p>City Administrator Culotta provided first reading of the following ordinances, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an Agreement for Private Development with McGregor Group, LLC, 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 McGregor Group, LLC, for the redevelopment of 101-103 Washington Square. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Moehle seconded to waive second reading and proceed with adoption of the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 7</u> Butler, Brownfield, J. Gee, Dingledine, Moss, Moehle, Brucks</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p> |
| Adopt ord, authorizing agreement, McGregor Group, LLC, TIF redevelopment | <p>Alderman Moss moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adopt the ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an Agreement for Private Development with McGregor Group, LLC, for the Redevelopment of a portion of the Downtown Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area. There was no further discussion and on roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 7</u> Dingledine, Moehle, Brucks, Butler, J. Gee, Brownfield, Moss</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p> |
| 2016 Year End Development Activity Summary | P & D Director Oliphant shared the 2015 year end development activity summary noting the following: there were 33 total residential units issued, down from 90 in 2015 (entirely attributable to the 52 multi-family residential permits issued in 2015 compared with none in 2016) with a construction value of \$11.13M; there were 15 tornado rebuild permits and 25 tornado-related permits issued bringing the total of rebuilds to 496 and total tornado related permits to 919; and 15 commercial/industrial permits were issued totaling \$5.3M in construction value, up from the 11 permits issued in 2015. |
| Authrz progress payment #4, River City Construction, STP2 Phase 2A | <p>Public Works Director Andrews requested Council authorization to make Sewer Treatment Plant No. 2, Phase 2A expansion progress payment #4 to River City Construction in the amount of \$354,574.53. Alderman J. Gee moved and Alderman Dingledine seconded to authorize the request as presented. Alderman Dingledine asked what the projected time is for completion and Andrews shared that substantial completion is targeted for March 31st and the formal completion is targeted for the end of May first part of June. Alderman J. Gee asked if the floor had been poured yet and Andrews replied not as of the last progress meeting. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 7</u> Brownfield, Moss, Butler, Moehle, Brucks, Dingledine, J. Gee</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p> |
| 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan | <p>City Administrator Culotta asked Controller Baxter to review where we are at in regards to the City's surplus funds. Controller Baxter went over the FY 2017-18 projections noting the following: annual projection for the General Fund is \$359K, annual projection for Water Fund has slight deficit at (\$119K), and annual projection for Sewer Fund is \$204K; the CIP funding represents \$4.1M in projects; surplus balance in General fund is \$8.1M, surplus balance in Water Fund is \$900K, and surplus balance in Sewer Fund is \$3.8M; some funds have been accumulating and are not all annual funding only; and 25% of revenues are set aside as a minimum standard balance (rainy day fund) that is above the surplus balances indicated.</p> <p>City Administrator Culotta brought forward the plan for discussion noting the following: it provides an understanding of where we are at and what we can accomplish; the need to begin dialogue between Council and staff for the coming budget year and the years that follow; the proposed plan is a draft and will help in how we maintain what we have as far as infrastructure and what we need to plan for as far as rehabilitation and replacement; the plan identifies 25 projects; and outlines each project in detail, indicates justification for the need, lays out a calendar from the standpoint of what gets done when, and shows a project prioritization matrix where staff has done initial prioritizing using series of factors. He indicated that the new project sheets should allow Council and the public to better understand what is being proposed and also helps to identify funding and prioritization for projects. He shared that staff is available to go over the plan and answer any questions you may have.</p> <p>Mayor Manier indicated that several had talked with staff at last meeting and opened it up for questions this evening. Alderman Brucks commented that he can see the health/safety factor being greater in the extension of Freedom Parkway. He suggested that with the big price tag on the Freedom/Lakeshore project it could be broken down into two projects which could float Freedom closer to the top with quite a bit of the design work already in place. Treasurer Dingledine shared from an accounting standpoint to keep in mind going forward that if the surplus balance is expended there are no projected funding sources that would have the ability to meet funding for subsequent years. A brief discussion ensued on project expectations, funding availability and options for projects, and the need to investigate alternative funding sources as projects move forward. Mayor Manier encouraged everyone to reach out to staff and share priorities. He extended his appreciation to staff for all their hard work.</p> |
| Swearing In – Ted A. Miller, Chief of Police | City Clerk Brown swore in Ted A. Miller as Chief of Police. |
| Staff Reports | Master Sergeant Jeff Stevens reported that a recent armed robbery case is making good progress and is optimistic on the case being solved. He shared that a recent shooting of an animal on Peach Street resulted in the death of the animal, is being investigated, and thus far appears to be a lawful discharge of the firearm. He shared that Officers are investigating and he is confident |

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| in their findings and as is common it has gone to the State Attorney’s office for review as well. He shared that they continue to have problems with unlocked cars and their vulnerability to theft, but Officers are out there being proactive in looking for ways to prevent crime. | Staff Reports, Cont.) |
| None. | Aldermen’s Comments |
| At 7:22 p.m. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman J. Gee seconded to move into Executive Session 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. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Dingledine, Moss, Brownfield, Butler, Moehle, J. Gee, Brucks <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u> | Executive Session |
| At 7:50 p.m. Alderman J. Gee moved and Alderman Moehle seconded to reconvene in regular session. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</u> | Reconvene Regular Session |
| Determination of Health Benefit Appeal: City Administrator read the following motion: to approve appeal 2017-1 by approving the benefit level of 90% for appointments made for the time period of June 2016 to October 2016 for an approximate dollar amount of \$900.00 and to also not make this benefit available going forward. Alderman Butler moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to approve the appeal as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Brownfield, Moss, J. Gee, Dingledine, Moehle, Brucks, Butler <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u> | Determination – Health Benefit Appeal |
| At 7:52 p.m. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adjourn. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</u> | Adjournment |

Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk