

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

<p>Mayor Manier called the Remote Web regular meeting of Monday, April 6, 2020 to order at 6:31 p.m. Physically present were Mayor Gary Manier, City Administrator Ray Forsythe, Police Chief Mike McCoy, and City Clerk Pat Brown.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>Remotely present and answering roll call were Aldermen, Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, and Yoder.</p>	<p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Also, remotely present were Finance Director Joanie Baxter, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Public Works Director Kevin Schone, Deputy Chief of Police Jeff Stevens, and City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine.</p>	
<p>All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	<p>Pledge of Allegiance</p>
<p>The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.</p>	<p>Agenda Review</p>
<p>Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Black seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the March 16, 2020 regular City Council meeting; payment authorization: progress payment #2, equipment and storage building, WWTP #2, FBI Buildings, Inc.; and approve & authorize TIF subsidy payment: Kayla & Jeremiah Boyd, 124 Peoria Street. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>	<p>Approve Consent Agenda</p>
<p>None.</p>	<p>Announcements</p>
<p>None.</p>	<p>Audience Comments</p>
<p>Alderman Daniel Cobb, Finance & Personnel Committee, reported three items on the agenda for consideration. Ordinance A, authorizing gas franchise extension agreement with Ameren Illinois; Ordinance D, authorizing downtown TIF redevelopment agreement with Washington Historical Society & Brunks Sporting Goods, 122 N. Main Street; and Ordinance E, authorizing downtown TIF redevelopment agreement with Alexander Financial Services, 117 Peoria Street.</p>	<p>Finance & Personnel Committee</p>
<p>Alderman Brian Butler, Public Safety Committee, reported no items on the agenda for consideration.</p>	<p>Public Safety Committee</p>
<p>Alderman Mike Brownfield, Public Works Committee, commented that Committee supports the progress payment to FBI Buildings for the equipment/storage building at WWTP #2 listed on the consent agenda and supports the purchase authorization for the sludge pump as well. He asked Public Works Director Schone to provide background on the sludge pump purchase authorization. Following background, Public Works Director Schone asked for Council authorization to purchase a sludge press pump at Wastewater Treatment Plant #2 in an amount not to exceed \$17,854.00 for the pump, setup, and warranty paperwork through Flow Technics, Inc. that will replace the existing pump. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Stevens seconded to authorize the request as presented. 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>	<p>Public Works Committee – purchase authorization: sludge pump, WWTP #2</p>
<p>Alderman Mike Brownfield, Public Works Committee, asked Public Works Director Schone to provide background on the engineering services contract extension and amendment with Strand & Associates. Following background, Public Works Director Schone asked for authorization for the engineering services contract extension and amendment with Strand & Associates for engineering services for the final engineering of Wastewater Treatment Plant #2, Phase 2B Trunk Line in an amount not to exceed \$120,700.00. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Butler seconded to authorize the contract extension and amendment as presented. A brief discussion ensued on the easement portion of the project, financial impact, and funding opportunities. 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>	<p>Public Works Committee – engineering services contract extension & amendment, Strand Assoc, WWTP #2, Phase 2B Trunk Line</p>
<p>Mayor Manier expressed his thanks to all the essential workers working in the medical field and other areas during the COVID-19 pandemic. He stressed the importance of continued social distancing practices that are working. Police Chief McCoy commented there are struggles with teenagers and elderly adhering to the stay at home guidelines and Mayor Manier expressed the importance of following the guidelines and encouraged everyone to lead by example.</p>	<p>Mayor’s Comments</p>
<p>City Administrator Forsythe updated Council on the residential solid waste contract transition from Waste Management to PDC Services. He shared a summary was sent out last Friday in his report, PDC is responding well, and Eric Shangraw from PDC is in attendance to provide an update as well. Mr. Shangraw shared that a special pickup was done on Saturday for those Tuesday customers who were formerly Wednesday customers with WM to accommodate the gap between service and apologized that the dumpsters did not work as intended in the LaHood Park area. He shared that postcards were sent and they have heard from approximately 5,500 residents after today regarding service and that more than 500 have signed up for landscape waste service. City Administrator Forsythe shared there was a question on the pricing table in</p>	<p>Residential solid waste transition, WM & PDC</p>

Residential solid waste transition, WM & PDC, Cont.)

the contract and Mr. Shangraw shared the pricing table was to show a 2.75% increase in basic service each year and a calculation error occurred as a result of a hiccup in the spreadsheet that was used but a new table has been given to the City Administrator and Clerk for correction. It was indicated by City Administrator Forsythe that an amendment will be forthcoming that shows the correct table information. Alderman Stevens asked about including a yard waste change and glass recycling in the amendment and City Administrator Forsythe indicated these are still being worked on to provide the best option for residents and will be forthcoming at a future meeting. Alderman Adams shared his pickup went smooth today and appreciated the efforts with the dumpster last week. Mayor Manier commented to remind residents that we have brush pickup happening this month as well. Aldermen Black and Stevens expressed thanks to Mr. Shangraw for the efforts of PDC and the information provided. Mr. Shangraw mentioned that their Morton facility for e-waste and landscape waste is currently on lock down and will be until the COVID-19 Executive Order is lifted as well. Alderman Stevens asked if the total number of customers is known yet as she knows of some who have not received any information. Mr. Shangraw indicated that the list they received from WM had 5,360 addresses and they also paid a fee to find out other addresses in the City through the Post Office which tagged another 800 addresses. He shared that this is all being sorted out and should have a better number. Alderman Stevens indicated that some residents are getting something from PDC and throw it away because they don't realize we now have PDC for our service and it has been suggested that the City send out something in the mail explaining this. City Administrator Forsythe shared the postcard has the City logo and is hoping it gets more attention than the brochure that went out did. He shared that numerous questions have been answered through City Hall offices and WM has responded well with questions too. Mr. Shangraw encouraged anyone who hasn't been reached to send us an email or call to establish service. Alderman Stevens asked if there has been any conversation on providing bags from the City for those who are getting carts and City Administrator Forsythe shared that we have indicated that we have about 380 recycling containers available but have had no requests for a bag or cart for garbage.

WACC, Inc. deferred payment request

City Administrator Forsythe brought forward for consideration a request from Washington Area Community Center, Inc. to defer their annual \$50K bond payment which supports the bond that was secured to help with the construction of Five Points Washington. He shared the payment is usually paid the month of March and due to the COVID-19 impact on their facility they are asking for a deferral of payment. He indicated his recommendation it to allow the deferral until such time that the Governor lifts the stay-at-home order and allows the facility to reopen to the public. Alderman Adams moved and Alderman Black seconded to authorize the request as presented. Alderman Stevens indicated she would like the Council to start receiving updates from the WACC board of directors noting that updates are given to two other entity boards. On roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Adopt resl, tentative annual budget FY 2020-2021

City Administrator Forsythe read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, regarding the City of Washington, Illinois Tentative Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Adoption of this resolution sets a date for a Public Hearing on the City's FY2020-21 Annual Budget for 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 13, 2020 and, furthermore, directs that the Tentative Annual Budget for FY20-21 be made available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Brownfield 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, declaring various items surplus property

City Administrator Forsythe read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, declaring various items and property owned and used by the City of Washington as "Surplus Property". Adoption of this resolution would declare certain personal property to be "Surplus". Alderman Adams moved and Alderman Cobb 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, declaring various unclaimed property surplus property

City Administrator Forsythe read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, declaring various unclaimed property stored by the Washington Police Department as "Surplus Property". Adoption of this resolution would declare unclaimed property that is in the possession of the Police Department to be "Surplus". Alderman Brownfield 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, supporting STBG, Freedom Parkway

City Administrator Forsythe read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, supporting a Surface Transportation Block Grant request to construct a portion of Freedom Parkway. Adoption of this resolution would pledge the City's commitment for a 30% local cost share and support a Surface Transportation Block Grant request to construct a portion of the remainder of Freedom Parkway. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Cobb 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.

City Administrator Forsythe provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance extending the authorization to Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois its successors and assigns to construct, operate and maintain a gas utility system in the City of Washington, County of Tazewell, and State of Illinois. Adoption of this ordinance would change the franchise payment from being based on a compensation formula to a flat dollar amount of \$47,110 per year. A 3% growth clause will also be added and the agreement will also be extended an additional 10 years with a final termination date of 2050. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Adopt ord, extending authrz Ameren Illinois, gas franchise

City Administrator Forsythe provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance approving the transfer of Volume Cap in connection with Private Activity Bond Issues, and related matters. Adoption of this ordinance would approve participation in the First Time Homebuyers Program. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Adams seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Adopt ord, approve 1st time homebuyers program

City Administrator Forsythe 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 154.092 entitled "C-2 Districts." Adoption of this ordinance would allow for motor vehicle sales businesses to be located as a permitted use in the C-2 zoning district provided the total lot size does not exceed one acre. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Adams seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Adopt ord, amend Chapter 154.092, C-2 Districts

City Administrator Forsythe provided first 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 Dingledine moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to waive second reading and proceed with adoption of the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 3 Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine

Nays: 5 Adams, Black, Cobb, Stevens, Yoder

Motion did not carry.

Waive 2nd reading ord, approve TIF redevelopment agreement, Historical Society, 122 N Main St

City Administrator Forsythe provided first 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 Brownfield moved and Alderman Dingledine seconded to waive second reading and proceed with adoption of the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 3 Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine

Nays: 5 Adams, Black, Cobb, Stevens, Yoder

Motion did not carry.

Waive 2nd reading ord, approve TIF redevelopment agreement, Alexander Financial Services, 117 Peoria St

City Administrator Forsythe provided first reading of the following ordinances, 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; 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; 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; 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; 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; and an ordinance establishing special fees and charges for connecting onto public sanitary sewer mains owned and operated by the City of

1st reading ords, adopting annual budget FY20-21; authrz sale various items declared surplus; authrz sale various unclaimed property declared surplus; authrz agreement w/Chamber of Commerce; amending special fees/charges connecting public water/sewer mains; and establishing special fees/charges connecting public sewer main

1st reading ords, Cont.) 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. These ordinances will be listed on the next meeting agenda for action.

Aldermen's Comments Alderman Adams expressed his appreciation for all the hard work being done and the information that is being provided through this trying time through the Fire Department, Police Department, and City Staff. Alderman Stevens echoed Alderman Adams comments and shared she has concerns about the FY20-21 budget which she will share at the public hearing.

Adjournment At 7:34 p.m. Alderman Black moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk