

APPROVED on June 20, 2017

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Wilmington City Council**
Wilmington City Hall
1165 South Water Street
Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Wilmington City Council on June 6, 2017 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Strong in the Council Chambers of the Wilmington City Hall.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Strong requested a moment of silence in memory of John Persic, Sr.

Roll Call

Upon Roll Call by the Clerk the following members of the corporate authorities answered "Here" or "Present":

Aldermen Present Persic, L. Hall, K. Hall, Tutor, Kirwin, Evans, Studer, Butler

Quorum

There being a sufficient number of members of the corporate authorities in attendance to constitute a quorum, the meeting was declared in order.

Other Officials in Attendance

Also in attendance were the Interim City Administrator Frank Koehler, Deputy City Clerk Joie Ziller, City Accountant Kim Doglio and Attorney George Mahoney & Attorney Bryan Wellner

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Tutor made a motion and Alderman Butler seconded to approve the May 16, 2017 Regular City Council meeting minutes and have them placed on file

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 8 Aldermen Persic, L. Hall, K. Hall, Tutor, Butler, Kirwin, Evans, Studer

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Mayor' Report

Alderman Studer made a motion and Alderman L. Hall seconded to approve the mayoral appointment of Patrick B. Kerr as Part-Time Police Officer

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Aldermen Persic, L. Hall, K. Hall, Butler, Kirwin, Evans, Studer

ABSTAIN: 1 Alderman Tutor

The motion carried.

Sandy Vasko, Commissioner of the Will County Historic Preservation Commission presented the City with a plaque designating the Old Wilmington City Hall a Historic Landmark.

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Citizen Comments

Debbie Militello of the Will County Board representing District 6 introduced herself to the Council.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Committee Reports

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Health & Safety Committee

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Water, Sewer, Streets and Alleys Committee

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Police & ESDA Committee

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Finance, Administration & Land Acquisition Committee

Alderman Tutor made a motion and Alderman Studer seconded to approve the Accounts Payable Report dated June 6, 2017 in the amount of \$602,464.88 as presented by City Accountant Doglio

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: **8** Aldermen Persic, L. Hall, K. Hall, Tutor, Butler, Kirwin, Evans, Studer

NAYS: **0**

The motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Ordinance & Licensing Committee

Co-Chairs – Kirby Hall & Steve Evans

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Personnel & Collective Bargaining Committee

Co-Chairs – Larry Hall & John Persic Jr.

Alderman L. Hall made a motion and Alderman Persic seconded to approve the Employee Leasing Four Month Extension with GOVTEMPUSA, LLC for Frank Koehler, Interim City Administrator ó May 21, 2017 until September 21, 2017

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Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 8 Aldermen Persic, L. Hall, K. Hall, Tutor, Butler, Kirwin, Evans, Studer

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Interim City Administrator's Report

Interim City Administrator Koehler gave his summary of meetings and happenings over the last two weeks. His report will be attached to the approved version of these minutes.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Mahoney informed the Council that he has met with previous City Attorney John Urban to review pending documentation on the Buck Easement, Cell Tower at the old Police Department and Marathon Station. Attorney Mahoney presented the Council with an overview of the City owned property surrounding the old Police Department. Attorney Mahoney introduced Attorney Bryan Wellner who will be handling traffic court on behalf of the City and covering some meetings.

Executive Session

Alderman L. Hall made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded to go in to Executive Session to discuss Matters of Personnel ó 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(2) at 7:17 p.m.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 8 Aldermen Persic, L. Hall, K. Hall, Tutor, Butler, Kirwin, Evans, Studer

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Alderman L. Hall made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded to close the Executive Session at 7:24 p.m.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 8 Aldermen Persic, L. Hall, K. Hall, Tutor, Butler, Kirwin, Evans, Studer

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

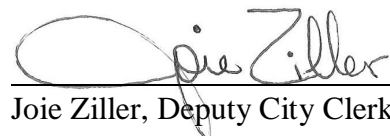
Action Taken Following Executive Session

No action was taken

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Alderman Tutor and seconded by Alderman Persic. Upon voice vote, the motion carried. The Regular Meeting of the City of Wilmington City Council held on June 6, 2017 adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joie Ziller, Deputy City Clerk



MEMORANDUM

TO: Roy Strong, Mayor
Alderman Larry Hall
Alderman John Persic
Alderman Frank Studer
Alderman Fran Tudor
Alderman Kevin Kirwin
Alderman Kirby Hall
Alderman Lisa Butler
Alderman Steve Evans

FR: Frank Koehler, Interim City Administrator

DT: Friday, June 2nd, 2017

RE: **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

CDBG FUNDS

Earlier this month, I met with Ron Pullman from Will County's Community Development Block Grant program. As you may know, the County is currently utilizing the majority of its CDBG allocation for programs in the Fairmont area south of Lockport. I discussed with Ron needs we have in Wilmington and am trying to identify projects that might be able to qualify for smaller funding amounts.

DOW CHEMICAL GRANT

We have completed and submitted to DOW Chemical a request for \$1,000 in funding and volunteer time for improvements to the landscaped area in front of City Hall. Work has already been done (THANK YOU DOW Chemical employees/volunteers) including the repainting of the City Hall sign, pulling of weeds and spreading of mulch in the area adjacent to the evergreen tree. Remaining funds would be used to repair and enhance the lighting fixtures in the landscaped area.

CMAP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – BIKEWAY PLANING

I recently attended a one day workshop hosted the CMAP to discuss their Local Technical Assistance Planning program. As you know, we are currently using this program to undertake the Wilmington Downtown Study. CMAP has announced a request for projects to be implemented in 2018. In addition to downtown studies, assistance is available for corridor studies, zoning and development ordinance re-writes, comprehensive plans, capital improvement plans, and the like.

We are working on an application that would develop a plan for a bikeway extending from Kankakee River State Park, linking Forked Creek Forest Preserve, Forsythe Woods Forest Preserve, Downtown Wilmington, Midewin, Elwood and Joliet. We are calling this the "Bison Trial". Efforts will also be made to extend the bikeway through Wilmington, across the river, and west towards Ridgeport Industrial Park and the Des Plaines

Conservation Area north of Lorenzo Road. To this end, a working meeting has been called for Tuesday, June 6th, 1:30 at Haydens to see if other organizations and communities are interested in working with us on a joint application. We have received confirmation as to attendance at the meeting from officials in Elwood and Joliet, representatives from Midewin, Will County Forest Preserve District, Wilmington Library, Wilmington Park District, Wilmington High School, and the Will County Board.

In addition to the Bison Trail planning initiative, we will also look to pursue IDOT Safe Routes to School Grants to allow for development of bikeways to area schools.

MIDEWIN

In addition to our efforts for a regional bikeway, we are also putting together an ad hoc committee to discuss ways in which the City and Midewin can work more closely to identify ways in which we can assist each other. Part of this could include brochures at Midewin to let visitors know of retail services in Wilmington, and the hosting events in Wilmington that would highlight Midewin, such as participation in a National Parks Day or National Bison Day celebrations later in the year. The first meeting of this committee is set for Wednesday, at 1 PM at the City Hall.

CMAP 2050

On Wednesday, May 31st, we hosted a meeting of CMAP representatives as they are gathering information as part of their 2050 Comprehensive Plan for the region. Officials from Symerton and Diamond attended the meeting along with myself and Mayor Strong.

BUDGET

I will be working with City Accountant Kim Doglio this week as we put the finishing touches to the budget for FY 2017/2018. The first budget workshop is scheduled for Tuesday next week, June 6th, at 5:30.

Thank you.

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