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## **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Committee Date: March 11, 2021  
Present: Ald. Sorrentino, Susmarski, E. Wesley  
& Woods  
Absent: Ald. Catalano, Jakab, Messina, R. Wesley  
Also Present: Mayor Pulice, Treasurer Porch, Clerk Curiale, City Manager  
Mermuys, City Attorney Bond, Police Chief Vesta, B. Wilson,  
E. Cage, A. Lange, P. Hastings  
Meeting Convened at: 7:36 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Ald. Woods made a motion, seconded by Ald. Sorrentino to approve the Minutes of the February 25, 2021 meeting as presented. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye; motion carried.

### **REPORT & RECOMMENDATION:**

COVID-19 LOCAL STIMULUS EXTENSIONS

### **DISCUSSION:**

Director Wilson reported there are five items City Council implemented last year as COVID relief/stimulus for businesses and residents. These are all set to expire with various dates and direction is needed to cease, extend or go in another direction.

#### *Liquor license – Relief to Restrictions*

The outdoor dining liquor licenses implemented last year ceased when outdoor dining ceased. If Council wishes to do this again, another ordinance will be needed. The Police Department also wants an additional restriction of outdoor music after 9pm. Manager Mermuys stated that if outdoor liquor licenses are approved, the rules would be waived just for the summer season not affecting permanent code changes.

### **Vote:**

Ald. Woods made a motion, seconded by Ald. E. Wesley to move forward with a new ordinance for outdoor dining liquor licenses. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

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*50 50 Cost Share for Applicable Cost to Establish Outdoor Dining –*

There were a few restaurants that reached the \$2,500 cap. It was agreed to restart the clock so everyone will be entitled to the full \$2,500 cap for reimbursement.

Vote:

Ald. Woods made a motion, seconded by Ald. Susmarski, to approve the 50 50 cost share for applicable cost to establish outdoor dining and everyone would be entitled to the maximum of \$2,500. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

*Waived Renewal Fee on Liquor Licenses with the Exception of GSP and Supermarket Type Establishments –* Last year the City Council waived the entire fee for these businesses. Attorney Bond pointed out that grocery stores were doing quite well in sales and the Pandemic did not really impact them. Director Wilson noted that any new liquor license applicant would have to pay a new fee.

Vote:

Ald. Sorrentino made a motion, seconded by Ald. Woods, to waive 50% of the Liquor License fee for every business in the City with a liquor license except GSP and supermarket type establishments. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye, except Ald. Susmarski, who was opposed. Motion carried.

*Water Utility Penalties and/or Shutoffs –* Since March the City has not assessed penalties on water utilities or any shutoffs. Some other towns have sent out letters to inform residents the regular process is starting up again. Currently May 1<sup>st</sup> is the date set for Wood Dale to return to normal per City Code for penalties and shutoffs.

Vote:

Ald. Woods made a motion, seconded by Ald. Sorrentino, to move ahead with the program as outlined to get back on line with penalties and shutoffs. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

*Dial a Ride Fees –* The City ceased charging these last March. That was supposed to expire in February, but the City has held off. Director Lange noted that ridership is down from pre-Pandemic and they are only doing essential trips.

Vote:

Ald. Sorrentino made a motion, seconded by Ald. Woods, to start charging passengers again, but at 50% of the cost of a ride starting May 1, 2021. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

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**REPORT & RECOMMENDATION:**

REQUEST FROM WOOD DALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING

**DISCUSSION:**

This request is to help offset the cost of a new roof and windows. They were trying to work through the Façade Improvement Program, but that did not work out. The cost would have been between \$4,200 and \$4,400. Ald. Woods expressed concerns about possibly funding a business. Attorney Bond explained that the City acquired the property in June of 1980. In 1992 they entered into an agreement with the Historical Society. There is a clause in the Agreement so there is no legal obligation for the City to continually fund the operation. It is not unusual when making a contribution to do a restrictive donation with conditions the donator can deem appropriate. If it ceases to be a museum, it would revert back to the City. A court lien could be put on the property as a condition for the dollar amount being put on any contribution moving forward.

**VOTE:**

Ald. Woods made a motion, seconded by Ald. Susmarski, to grant the Historical Society \$6,000 for repair of the building with a new stipulation the City has the amended reverter and lien attachment to the property with language as to what happens to the property depending on certain circumstances. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- Audit – March 25, 2021
- Investment Policy – April/May

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

*Minutes taken by Eileen Schultz*



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## **PUBLIC WORKS** **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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Also Present: Mayor Pulice, Treasurer Porch, Clerk Curiale, Attorney Bond, City  
Manager Mermuys, Police Chief Vesta, B. Wilson, E. Cage,  
A. Lange, P. Hastings  
Meeting Convened at: 7:30 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Ald. E. Wesley made a motion, seconded by Ald. Susmarski, to approve the Minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting as presented. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye; motion carried.

### **REPORT & RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES FOR FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION PROJECT

### **DISCUSSION:**

Patrick Hastings reported this is a grant through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources that was announced in June of 2020 for properties along the flood zone. Letters were sent out seeking interest in participating in the program, and five residents responded that they were interested. An additional property owner was also contacted as an alternate in case one of the five backs out. Cost estimates were gathered for acquisition of the properties and demo costs which were given approval. If the market fluctuations change, IDNR will seek out if there are others. Once the property owners agree to taking the offer, the City assumes ownership and maintains the property in its natural state.

Mr. Hastings explained the next steps in the process. The offers are made based off the appraisals. The homeowners will have two options – they can either express they are not interested, or they can get an independent appraiser on their own. If the state approves it, they can go ahead and do that. Proposals will be ready by the middle of March, and an IGA needs to be signed by the IDNR.



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**VOTE:**

Ald. E Wesley made a motion, seconded by Ald. Susmarski, to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the Flood Hazard Mitigation Project Grant. A roll call vote was taken, with the following results:

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| Ayes:      | Ald. Sorrentino, Susmarski, E. Wesley & Woods |
| Nays:      | None  |
| Abstained: | None  |
| Motion:    | Carried                                       |

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- New Public Works Building Concept - March 25
- Veteran's Memorial Landscaping Construction Award – April
- Stormwater Ward 2/3 Contract Award – April
- Street Resurfacing Program Contract Award – May 13

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

*Minutes taken by Eileen Schultz*