



# CITY OF WOOD DALE

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF WOOD DALE, DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
December 2, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor Nunzio Pulice called the Regular City Council Meeting to Order at 7:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following were:

Present: Aldermen Ames, Catalano, Curiale, Jakab, Messina, Sorrentino, Susmarski and Woods, along with Mayor Pulice

Absent: None

Also Present: City Clerk Curiale, Treasurer Porch, Legal Counsel Bond, City Manager Mermuys, Police Chief Vesta, Public Works Director Lange, Director of Finance Wilson

Whereupon the Mayor declared a quorum present

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Susmarski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ames, to approve the Regular City Council Minutes of November 18, 2021. When the question was put, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Aldermen Ames, Catalano, Curiale, Jakab, Messina, Sorrentino, Susmarski and Woods

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

i. Citizens to be Heard

None

ii. Written Communiqués of Citizens to Be Heard

None

VI. MAYOR'S REPORT

None

VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Canadian Pacific Railway and Kansas City Southern Railway are proposing a merger affecting everyone on the Milwaukee District West Line. After reviewing the information, it has been determined that the projected impact placed on the Wood Dale community will outweigh the benefits cited by these 2 Companies in their merger. The City of Wood Dale would see an increase in freight trains dividing our City in half, from an average of 16 trains per day to 24 trains per day resulting in an increase in signal closures of approximately 6 minutes per 8,500 feet long trains that will affect our response to emergency situations. The Surface Transportation Board (STB) is doing an Environmental Impact Statement. The City of Wood Dale is opposed to this proposed merger and working with our neighboring communities and Legislators. Residents are encouraged to join the City in its opposition to the proposed merger by visiting our wooddale.com homepage that contains a link to the Project website to submit comments during the Public Comment Period open until December 17, 2021.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**A. Omnibus Vote**

None

IX. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**A. Planning, Zoning and Building Committee**

None

**B. Public Health, Safety, Judiciary and Ethics Committee**

None

**C. Public Works Committee**

- i. An Ordinance Declaring Property Owned by the City of Wood Dale Surplus for the Purpose of Selling*

On a motion by Alderman Messina, seconded by Alderman Jakab, to approve *An Ordinance Declaring Property Owned by the City of Wood Dale Surplus for the Purpose of Selling*. When the question was put, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Aldermen Ames, Catalano, Curiale, Jakab, Messina, Sorrentino, Susmarski and Woods

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried

**D. Finance and Administration Committee**

- i. An Ordinance Authorizing a Study of the Feasibility of Establishing Tax Increment Allocation Financing to Improve Deteriorating Physical Conditions and Stimulate New Economic Development Within a Proposed Redevelopment Project Area*

On a motion by Alderman Catalano, seconded by Alderman Sorrentino, to approve *An Ordinance Authorizing a Study of the Feasibility of Establishing Tax Increment Allocation Financing to Improve Deteriorating Physical Conditions and Stimulate New Economic Development Within a Proposed Redevelopment Project Area*. When the question was put, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Aldermen Ames, Catalano, Curiale, Jakab, Messina, Sorrentino, Susmarski and Woods

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried

ii. *An Ordinance Authorizing the Levy and Collection of Taxes for the Corporate and Municipal Purposes of the City of Wood Dale, DuPage County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2021 and Ending April 30, 2022*

On a motion by Alderman Catalano, seconded by Alderman Ames, to approve *An Ordinance Authorizing the Levy and Collection of Taxes for the Corporate and Municipal Purposes of the City of Wood Dale, DuPage County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2021 and Ending April 30, 2022*. When the question was put, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Aldermen Ames, Catalano, Curiale, Jakab, Messina, Sorrentino, Susmarski and Woods

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried

iii. *An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Hertofores Levied for the Year 2021 to Pay Debt Service on \$9,250,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020, \$6,290,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020B, and \$14,315,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021, of the City of Wood Dale, DuPage County, Illinois.*

On a motion by Alderman Catalano, seconded by Alderman Curiale, to approve *An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Hertofores Levied for the Year 2021 to Pay Debt Service on \$9,250,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020, \$6,290,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020B, and \$14,315,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021, of the City of Wood Dale, DuPage County, Illinois.*

Alderman Catalano requested a brief explanation be given to the Residents. Director Wilson responded these 3 sets of bonds are for the first part of the Stormwater Project, the refunding was for the First Phase of the Treatment Plant Project from 2012, and the Large Series one just issued is for the Public Works Facility and Land Acquisition. They are General Obligation Bonds Alternate Revenue Source that we intend to pay back with an Alternate Revenue Source aside from the GO Pledge. If the bonds go thru the GO Pledge, then the amounts for these Bonds will be placed on the Residents' Tax Bills for the year that would be spread out over the entire City, which was never the intention for paying these Bonds. This is a method to not have it go on to the Residents Tax Bill.

When the question was put, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:  
Ayes: Aldermen Ames, Catalano, Curiale, Jakab, Messina, Sorrentino, Susmarski  
and Woods  
Nays: None  
Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried

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X. OTHER BUSINESS

**A. Airport Noise Report**

None

**B. Stormwater Commission Report**

None

XI. APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS: December 2, 2021 **\$1,451,742.66**

On a motion by Alderman Catalano seconded by Alderman Susmarski, to approve the December 2, 2021 payment of the List of Bills, for the total amount of **\$1,451,742.66** for the following:

• General Fund	\$ 192,570.37
• Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 8,465.98
• Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$ 2,381.26
• Tourism Fund	\$ 8,124.72
• Narcotics Fund	\$ -
• TIF District #1	\$ 14,022.50
• TIF District #2	\$ 7,480.00
• Capital Projects Fund	\$ 536,753.48
• Land Acquisition Fund	\$ -
• Commuter Parking Lot Fund	\$ 140.00
• Sanitation Fund	\$ 74,597.09
• Water & Sewer Fund	\$ 595,146.87
• CERF	\$ 12,060.39
• Special Service Area Fund	\$ -

**Total of all Funds: \$ 1,451,742.66**

**Total Number of Checks: 99**

When the question was put a roll call vote was taken with the following results:  
Ayes: Aldermen Ames, Catalano, Curiale, Jakab, Messina, Sorrentino, Susmarski  
and Woods  
Nays: None  
Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Review of the Official Record [Pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c)(21)] and Personnel [Pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c)/1]

XIII. ITEMS TO BE REFERRED

None

XIV. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None

XV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Alderman Woods, seconded by Alderman Susmarski, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2021 to go to Executive Session to discuss the Review of the Official Record [Pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c)(21)] and Personnel [Pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c)/1].

When the question was put, all Aldermen voted in the Affirmative. Whereupon the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

*Minutes Taken by City Clerk Lynn Curiale  
Reviewed by Legal Counsel Patrick Bond*