

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
April 4, 2022

The regular meeting of the City of Crest Hill was called to order by Mayor Raymond R. Soliman at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1610 Plainfield Road Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Mayor Soliman asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence to honor Donald Hoffman who was instrumental in forming the City. He was also a former City Official. The Mayor would also like to honor Mr. Troha, who was a member of the Police Pension Board for 30 years.

Roll call indicated the following present: Mayor Raymond Soliman, City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall, City Treasurer Glen Conklin, Alderman Scott Dyke, Alderman John Vershay, Alderwoman Claudia Gazal, Alderman Darrell Jefferson, Alderperson Tina Oberlin, Alderman Mark Cipiti, Alderman Nate Albert, Alderman Joe Kubal.

Also present were: City Administrator Jim Marino, Director of Public Works Mark Siefert, Police Chief Ed Clark, City Attorney Mike Stiff, Officer Heidi Outlaw.

Absent were: Finance Director Lisa Banovetz, City Engineer Ron Wiedeman, Interim Planner Maura Rigoni, Interim Economic Development Director Steve Gulden, Director of Information Technology Service Timothy Stinnett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 21, 2022 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 21, 2022 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

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(129) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on March 28, 2022 Council approval.

(#2) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, second by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the minutes from the work session held on March 28, 2022 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Kubal, Dyke.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Albert.

There being seven (7) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

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CITY ATTORNEY: (145) City Attorney Mike Stiff had no agenda items for discussion.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (152) City Administrator Jim Marino presented A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 (REVISED) FOR THE CITY CENTER MEMORIAL PLAZA GARDEN BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND KD LANDSCAPE, INC per the memo dated April 4, 2022. This was discussed at a previous work session. A question came up at the work session regarding the proposed lighting of the columns and if the lighting colors can be changed. The columns will be lit, and the Building Commissioner is checking with the contractor to see if we can change the lighting colors. If this is not in the specs, we can ask that this be amended.

(#3) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Dyke to approve A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 (REVISED) FOR THE CITY CENTER MEMORIAL PLAZA GARDEN BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND KD LANDSCAPE, INC per the memo dated April 4, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #1151

(201)

(220) Alderman Vershay asked if we are advertising for an Assistant Manager. Is GovHR doing the background work and at what cost. Administrator Marino explained that we are advertising for an Economic Development Director. He previously sent the Council an email suggesting we hire an Interim Administrator.

(260) Mayor Soliman informed the public that the memorial stones that are in the existing memorial garden will be moved to the new location. We are thinking that we might need to have one more Memorial Day ceremony in the current garden and briefly went over the program.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (301) Public Works Director Mark Siefert presented AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,500,000.00 per the memo dated March 31, 2022. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#4) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,500,000.00 per the memo dated March 31, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Albert.

There being seven (7) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #1900

(337)

(363) Director Siefert informed the residents, we are currently filling potholes as quickly as possible, weather permitting. Alderman Vershay questioned the stop sign on Caton Farm Road near a business. Director Siefert explained that this is a private drive and is up to them to replace it. Alderwoman Gazal questioned the Com-Ed poles. Director Siefert said that these are the ones that were disconnected, and he would get in contact with them to get the poles removed.

CITY ENGINEER: (432) There were no agenda items for discussion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (434) There were no agenda items for discussion. The reports were on file.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (438) Police Chief Ed Clark had no agenda items for discussion. The reports were on file.

MAYOR: (448) Mayor Raymond Soliman presented a PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING D.A.R. E's BIRTHDAY. Members of the Council read the proclamation.

(#5) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve a PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING D.A.R.E.'S BIRTHDAY.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

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(565) Mayor Soliman read a list of names of our past D.A.R.E representatives. He commended our past and present representatives. The City along with the Crest Hill Lions Club has sponsored this program for a number of years. The Mayor gave a brief speech.

(663) Mayor Soliman presented a copy of the proclamation to Officer Outlaw who is our current D.A.R.E representative. Officer Outlaw gave a speech. Members of the Council commended Officer Outlaw on her dedication to the D.A.R.E program. Chief Clark gave a speech regarding the D.A.R.E program.

(870) Mayor Soliman announced that Republic Services resumed yard waste pick up today. Yard waste is picked up on your regular garbage day now, through the end of November. He also wished everyone a Happy Easter. Alderwoman Gazal asked if we could put the meaning of a committee and the duties on the next work session agenda,.

CITY CLERK: (909) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall announced that the spring city wide garage sale would take place from May 19, 2022 through May 22, 2022. The cost for a permit is \$5.00 and the deadline to get on the list is Tuesday May 17, 2022.

CITY TREASURER: (933) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from March 14, 2022 through March 27, 2022 in the amount of \$238,278.83.

(944) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$517,830.20 for Council approval.

(#6) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$517,830.20 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (967) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (969) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (972) There were no committee/liaison reports.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (974) Alderperson Oberlin announced that this is the 80th anniversary of the Lidice Memorial program. This year's ceremony will be held on June 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Alderman Cipiti acknowledged the Richland Boys Bowling team on a recent win. Alderman Albert announced that the Crest Hill Lions Club will be hosting their annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday May 16, 2022 at Richland School starting at noon. Alderman Dyke wished everyone a Happy Easter. Alderwoman Gazal announced that the Richland music program is hosting a fundraiser. Information is on the school's website. She also wished everyone a Happy Easter.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1070) There were no citizens wishing to address the Council.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion for adjournment was in order.

(#7) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to adjourn the April 4, 2022 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Kubal, Albert, Cipiti, Oberlin, Gazal, Jefferson, Vershay, Dyke.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.


There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Approved this 18 day of April, 2022
As presented ✓
As amended _____


CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK


RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR