

**CITY OF OAK FOREST
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday

January 26, 2016

Mayor Henry L. Kuspa called the City Council meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Roll Call as follows:

Present: Alderman Clemons
Alderman Simon
Alderman Wolf
Alderman Schoenfeld
Alderman Hortsman
Alderman Danihel
Mayor Kuspa

Also Present: City Administrator Ishler
Treasurer Kelly
City Clerk Burkhardt
Community Development Director Dotson
Assistant P.W. Director Milanowicz

Absent: Alderman Emmett
Finance Director Julian
Fire Chief Griffin
Police Chief Anderson
Public Works Director Rinchich
Bldg. Commissioner Forbes
E.M.A. Chief Small

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mayor Kuspa offered his condolences to the family of Harold Neubauer who was a voluntary firefighter in Oak Forest in the 1970's through mid 1980's.

Oak Forest Senior Luncheon will be on Thursday, January 28th at 11 a.m. Tickets available at City Hall. Entertainment provided by Edison Dayao.

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There will be a public speaking symposium hosted by the Chicagoland Speakers Network on Thursday, January 28th at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is at South Suburban College, and registration is \$49.

City Hall will be closed Saturday, January 23rd.

City Hall will be open Saturday, January 30th 9 a.m. to noon.

Clear the Clutter free seminar will be hosted by M. Colleen Klimczak, CPO - Peace of Mind Professional Organizing on Wednesday, February 17th at 7 p.m. at the Arbor Park Middle School Library.

The Oak Forest Rotary Club will host a Free Pancake Breakfast and Blood Drive on Sunday, February 21st from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Oak Forest High School.

The annual Oak Forest Fleadh will be on Saturday, March 5th on Cicero Avenue. CNB will sponsor the Fleadh 5K at 8:30 a.m. Open Streets at 10 a.m. and Family Parade at 11 a.m. Pub and Restaurant Open House at 5 p.m.

The Civil Service Commission is currently working on running a test for the position of Public Works Maintenance Worker.

Mayor Kuspa announced the passing of K-9 Officer Orry whose handler was Officer Jason Vodnik.

4. MOTION TO ESTABLISH CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Schoenfeld made the motion to establish Consent Agenda.

Alderman Wolf seconded.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Schoenfeld			Alderman Emmett
Alderman Hortsman			
Alderman Danihel			
Alderman Clemons			
Alderman Simon			
Alderman Wolf			

The motion to establish Consent Agenda carried 6/0 with one ABSENT.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes:

- 1. City Council - December 8, 2015
- 2. City Council - January 12, 2016

B. Consideration of the following Lists of Bills dated:

- 1. Regular Bills Fiscal Year 2015-2016 - January 26, 2016
- 2. Supplemental Bills Fiscal Year 2015-2016 - January 26, 2016

C. Consideration of the following minutes:

- 1. Consumer Protection - January 13, 2016
 - 2. Senior Citizens - November 11, 2015
 - 3. Crime Prevention - November 18, 2015
 - 4. Veterans - November 19, 2015
 - 5. Civil Service - November 12, 2015
 - 6. Civil Service - January 14, 2016
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Alderman Danihel made the motion to approve Consent Agenda.

Alderman Simon seconded.

Alderman Hortsman commented on a City Council meeting minutes correction.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Danihel			Alderman Emmett
Alderman Clemons			
Alderman Simon			
Alderman Wolf			
Alderman Schoenfeld			
Alderman Hortsman			

The motion to approve Consent Agenda carried 6/0 with one ABSENT.

6. BUILDING

A. Approval to waive the Mowing Service Bid Process for vacant / foreclosed properties.

Alderman Simon made the motion to waive the Mowing Service Bid Process for vacant / foreclosed properties.

Alderman Wolf seconded.

Alderman Schoenfeld asked what the contract was worth and if mowing services was budgeted. Mayor Kuspa stated that every mowing is charged at \$400.00. He also stated there are various charges for liens, city personnel time and legal fees. The \$400.00 collected per mowing is above all related fees.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Simon			Alderman Emmett
Alderman Wolf			
Alderman Schoenfeld			
Alderman Hortsman			
Alderman Danihel			
Alderman Clemons			

The motion to waive the Mowing Service Bid Process for vacant / foreclosed properties carried 6/0 with one ABSENT.

7. PUBLIC WORKS

- A. Approval of Resolution No. 2016-01-0283R authorizing the 2016 City of Oak Forest Motor Fuel Tax Program for street improvements.
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Alderman Simon made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-01-0283R.

Alderman Clemons seconded.

Assistant Director of Public Works Milanowicz came forward with supporting details. She further stated proposed streets to be included in this year's road program:

- Blair Street, from Wagman to Henry Street
- Willowick, from Lisa Lane to Fieldcrest Drive
- School Street, from Las Flores to Briar Lane
- Grange, from El Vista to Long Avenue
- Long Avenue, from 149th Street to 147th Street
- 162nd Street, from Long Avenue to Lockwood
- Jessica Drive, from Central to Lockwood
- Mission Court, North from Mission to the cul-de-sac
- 153rd Street, from Laramie Avenue to LeClaire Avenue

Alderman Simon asked if 163rd Street, from Central to Debra, was evaluated. Asst. Director Milanowicz stated she did evaluate the street, however, the City is hoping that street will be included in the proposed Oak Lawn water main project.

Alderman Clemons thanked Street Superintendent Petrizzo and Asst. Director Milanowicz for their thorough evaluation of streets within her ward.

Treasurer Kelly asked if salt purchasing was done in conjunction with a supplier that works with South Suburban Mayors and Managers. Asst. Director Milanowicz stated the projected salt costs were going to double; however, salt costs stayed approximately the same as last year's prices. City Administrator Ishler confirmed it is a state purchased contract.

Alderman Danihel commented that there are no streets within the 7th Ward that are included in the 2016 road program. She asked if 157th Street could be considered in next year's roads.

Alderman Hortsman asked if curbs and sidewalks were also going to be included within the mentioned areas of road improvements. Asst. Director Milanowicz confirmed improvements.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Simon			Alderman Emmett
Alderman Wolf			
Alderman Schoenfeld			
Alderman Hortsman			
Alderman Danihel			
Alderman Clemons			

The motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-01-0283R carried 6/0 with one ABSENT.

8. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Approval of Ordinance No. 2016-01-05810 calling for a public hearing and a joint review board meeting to consider extending the life of the 159th Street and Cicero Avenue Tax Increment Financing District (TIF District #3).

Alderman Simon made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-01-05810.

Alderman Wolf seconded.

Community Development Director Dotson came forward with supporting details.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Simon			Alderman Emmett
Alderman Wolf			
Alderman Schoenfeld			
Alderman Hortsman			

Alderman Danihel
Alderman Clemons

The motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-01-05810 carried 6/0 with one ABSENT.

B. Approval of Ordinance No. 2016-01-05820 calling for a public hearing a joint review board meeting to consider the designation of a development project area and the approval of a redevelopment plan and project for the City of Oak Forest West 159th Street Corridor Tax Increment Financing District (TIF District #7).

Alderman Wolf made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-01-05820.

Alderman Schoenfeld seconded.

Community Development Director Dotson came forward with supporting details.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Wolf			Alderman Emmett
Alderman Schoenfeld			
Alderman Hortsman			
Alderman Danihel			
Alderman Clemons			
Alderman Simon			

The motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-01-05820 carried 6/0 with one ABSENT.

C. Approval of Resolution No. 2016-01-0281R approving an extension of the term of the preliminary development agreement with Mid-America Development Properties, LLC.

Alderman Clemons made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-01-0281R.

Alderman Simon seconded.

Community Development Director Dotson came forward with supporting details.

Mayor Kuspa asked if Mid-America Development Properties, LLC was instrumental in gaining the end users of the project. Community Development Director Dotson stated Mr. Flannegan was helpful in attracting ATI and Starbucks.

Alderman Hortsman stated this is the fifth extension and asked when the latest extension actually expires. Community Development Director Dotson stated expiration was approximately one week ago.

Alderman Hortsman also asked why there is always just a 6 month extension increment. Community Development Director Dotson stated the 6 month timeline is the appropriate amount of time for reevaluation.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Clemons			Alderman Emmett
Alderman Simon			
Alderman Wolf			
Alderman Schoenfeld			
Alderman Hortsman			
Alderman Danihel			

The motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-01-0281R carried 6/0 with one ABSENT.

D. Approval of Resolution No. 2016-01-0282R authorizing a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Gateway Access to Transit CMAQ Project.

Alderman Wolf made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-01-0282R.

Alderman Schoenfeld seconded.

Community Development Director Dotson came forward with supporting details.

Alderman Wolf asked when the sidewalks will be constructed. Community Development Director Dotson stated he is hopeful the project will start fall 2016.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Simon			Alderman Emmett
Alderman Wolf			
Alderman Schoenfeld			
Alderman Hortsman			
Alderman Danihel			
Alderman Clemons			

The motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-01-0282R carried 6/0 with one ABSENT.

9. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mayor Kuspa opened for public testimony, but there was none.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Aldermanic Liaisons.

Alderman Hortsman referred to past discussions regarding the inclusion of language as it relates to further education with employees. City Administrator Ishler stated there is existing language in the personnel manual, but it can be reevaluated.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Kuspa stated that Alderman Wolf suggested it may be time to discuss the city's strategic/comprehensive plans. Mayor Kuspa suggested a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss. Attendance was also suggested at upcoming PZC meetings.

Treasurer Kelly reminded all to schedule an appointment to have the new water meter installed. City Administrator Ishler confirmed that all meters will be replaced.

Alderman Hortsman asked if there was a specific policy relating to graffiti on private property. City Administrator Ishler stated that if graffiti is found in the public right of way, public works will take immediate action. Should graffiti be found on private property, code enforcement would contact the home owner. City Administrator Ishler will check with Cook County to see if they will come up on private property.

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12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

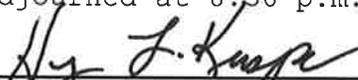
No Executive Session held.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hortsman made the motion to adjourn.

Alderman Danihel seconded.

All were in agreement and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.


MAYOR HENRY L. KUSPA