

CITY OF OAK FOREST
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday

September 27, 2022

Mayor Kuspa called the City Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Roll Call as follows:

Present: Alderman Gray
Alderman McCarthy
Alderman Selman
Alderman Emmett
Alderman Hortsman
Alderman Danihel

Absent: Alderman Wolf

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Kuspa spoke regarding the terrible incident that happened in Oak Forest the other day. He commended the organizers of the memorial held on the city hall campus. It was estimated that over a 1,000 people came. He thanked the first responders and police officers who pulled their squad cars up between the gunman and the wounded people on the ground. He asked to keep the family, friends and neighbors in prayers.

Regular city business announcements - The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners are accepting applications for the position of full time firefighter. Testing is being conducted to establish an eligibility list for future hiring needs. Applications must be received by September 28, tomorrow, at 4 p.m. For more information, you can go to the city website.

The City also has a position open for a part time deputy clerk. The position is responsible for providing information and assistance to the public regarding department operations, preparing agendas, minutes of various meetings and maintaining official City records. For more details, visit the city website.

Jewel Osco and Bremen High School District 228 are hosting a Community Wellness Clinic at Oak Forest High School on Friday, October 7th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The clinic will feature the Covid-19 booster for ages 12 and up along with flu shots, meningitis, shingles, pneumonia and other vaccinations. To learn more, visit the Bremen High School District website at www.bhsd228.com.

Save the date - Oak Forest-Crestwood Area Chamber of Commerce Community Expo on Saturday, October 15th 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Arbor Park Middle School. The free expo includes exhibitors, crafts, DJ, games, blood drives, kids costume parade and more. Starts at 10 a.m. For details visit www.oc-chamber.org.

Alderman Selman reported that a suggestion was made during a Veteran's Commission Meeting, and it was agreed, to change the color of the base of the Nike Missile at the park district parking lot. After some effort, we were able to contact Mr. Tom Ceska. He is the owner of The Sign Group and has done some signage work for the city before. Tom agreed to take care of the painting. Ms. Emily Delberty, Oak Forest High School art instructor, Mr. Chambers and art student Zachary Clark were involved in the process by which the design was put together and applied to the base of the missile.

Mr. Zachary Clark, Ms. Emily Delberty, Mr. Chambers, art teacher were recognized and given a stipend by Veteran's Commission Chairman Joe Pilach. Park District Director Cindy Grannon was also recognized. A letter was read by Mayor Kuspa.

4. MOTION TO ESTABLISH CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Emmett made the motion to establish consent agenda.

Alderman Danihel seconded.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

AYES **NAYS** **ABSTAIN** **ABSENT**

Alderman Emmett
Alderman Hortsman
Alderman Danihel
Alderman Gray
Alderman McCarthy

Alderman Wolf

The motion to establish consent agenda carried 5/5.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. City Council - September 13, 2022

B. Consideration of the following List of Bills dated:

1. Regular Bills: FY 2022-2023 - September 27, 2022
2. Supplemental Bills: FY 2022-2023 - September 27, 2022

B. Consideration of the following minutes:

1. Senior Commission - June 8, 2022

Alderman Danihel made the motion to approve Consent Agenda.

Alderman Selman seconded.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Danihel			
Alderman Gray			
Alderman McCarthy			
			Alderman Wolf
Alderman Selman			
Alderman Emmett			
Alderman Hortsman			

The motion to approve Consent Agenda carried 6/6.

6. POLICE DEPARTMENT

A. Swearing in of Probationary Officers who will be attending the academy for the City of Oak Forest. All 3 officers started academy yesterday. Retirements vacated some positions. Field training process in February when they graduate the police academy.

Police Chief Reid introduced Probationary Officers:

Probationary Officer Daniel Valley approached the dais and City Clerk Janozik delivered the Oath of Office.

Probationary Officer Nicholas Ebert approached the dais and City Clerk Janozik delivered the Oath of Office.

Probationary Officer William Dickman approached the dais and City Clerk Janozik delivered the Oath of Office.

B. Approval of Ordinance 202009290 authorizing the disposal and transfer of property from the City of Oak Forest Police Department to Working for Bikes.

Alderman Emmett made the motion.

Alderman Hortsman seconded.

Police Chief Reid spoke and stated they have 53 bicycles that have been in off-site storage for evidence. Oak Forest Police did an investigation to find an organization relatively close to Oak Forest that refurbishes bicycles that go to families in need across the world.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

AYES

NAYS

ABSTAIN

ABSENT

Alderman Emmett
Alderman Hortsman
Alderman Danihel
Alderman Gray
Alderman McCarthy

Alderman Wolf

Alderman Selman

The motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement carried 6/6.

7. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Approval of Ordinance No. 2022-09-09260 authorizing a Special Use Permit to allow a drive-thru and an outdoor eating patio at 5410 W. 159th Street.

Alderman McCarthy made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-09-09260.

Alderman Gray seconded.

Presentation given by the applicant, Ryan Swanson with Arch Design Resources, 5291 Zenith Parkway in Loves Park. They went through Planning and Zoning last week. Subsequently, there will be a subdivision request that subdivides the existing Oak Fest lot for this property.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman McCarthy			
Alderman Selman			
Alderman Emmett			
Alderman Gray			
Alderman Hortsman			
			Alderman Wolf
Alderman Danihel			

The motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-09-09260 carried 6/6.

B. Approval of Resolution No. 2022-00430R authorizing a plat of resubdivision that will subdivide one lot into six lots, rezoning a lot to institutional and a lot size variation.

Alderman Emmett made the motion.

Alderman McCarthy seconded.

Paul Ruane spoke and stated the property that Culvers is purchasing from the City has to be separated. This property includes Park District, baseball field, retention area, the old Oak Fest site and all the way up to the front where Culvers is looking to locate. 1) the back of Culvers - former Oak Fest site, 2) future parking space designated as Grey's Social to preserve their restaurant with enough parking, 3) specific Culvers - lot up front that has not been developed yet, 4) Oak Forest Lift Station - only property that would be rezoning, removing it from commercial to a city owned property, 5) retention in the rear, and beyond the park district baseball field to be separated from the retention pond. Everything would get a separate pin.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Danihel			
Alderman Gray			
Alderman McCarthy			
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Alderman Selman			
Alderman Emmett			
Alderman Hortsman			

The motion was approved, carried 6/6.

8. FIRE DEPARTMENT

A. Approval of payment to Johnson Controls in the budgeted amount of \$12,776.65 for emergency HVAC repairs to fire station No. 1.

Alderman Danihel made the motion to approve.

Alderman Emmett seconded.

Fire Chief Kasper said during the month of August, which typically is really hot and humid, the HVAC system at Station 1 stopped working. Johnson Controls gave a quote. Chief Kasper talked to Tim Kristin and he stated because it is an emergency repair of a HVAC system in the middle of the summer time to go ahead with the repairs.

Alderman Selman questioned the wording of the memo that it is a budgeted amount but emergency repair. Chief Kasper stated that it was a budgeted amount because it is coming out of line item budgeting maintenance. Colleen stated that even though something is budgeted does not mean that you can go and purchase it. There is policy that requires multiple quotes over \$10,000.00. It is an emergency because of the heat and needed to happen immediately. The budget is sufficient but it had to make it an emergency. Chief Kasper stated it is coming out of the proper line item.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman McCarthy			Alderman Wolf
Alderman Selman			
Alderman Emmett			
Alderman Hortsman			
Alderman Danihel			
Alderman Gray			

The motion was approved, carried 6/6.

B. Approval of payment to Illinois Finance Authority in the amount of \$101,000 to pay off the balance of the fire truck revolving loan.

Alderman Emmett made the motion to approve.

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Alderman Hortsman seconded.

Fire Chief Kasper stated back in 2019 then Fire Chief, Patrick Duffy had worked with Colleen Julian to help find some ways fund new apparatus. She found the Office of State Fire Marshall Revolving Loan Program which gives a low interest rate to Fire Departments that qualify. Discussion to pay off early with Colleen Julian to save on interest.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman McCarthy			Alderman Wolf
Alderman Selman			
Alderman Emmett			
Alderman Hortsman			
Alderman Danihel			
Alderman Gray			

The motion was approved, carried 6/6.

C. Approval of payment to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services in the amount of \$90,373.31.

Alderman Gray made the motion to approve.

Alderman Selman seconded.

Chief Kasper stated back in October 2020 the City Council entered in this IGA with Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services which gives us a way to bridge the gap between current public aid reimbursements and the actual costs that department incurs for running these calls. Public aid calls transferred \$300, cost report shows actual cost \$1,800 per transport for manpower, equipment and the hours. GEMT the program will pay the department the difference between the public aid and the actual cost. This is a way for us to capture funds that were not able to capture before the program. Colleen Julian described the actual breakdown. We received \$180,000 that would not normally have received. The confusing part is they give us 100% and the agreement is to give us 50%. They invoice us for

50%. We did receive \$180,000 and we are giving back \$90,000. We are ahead of the game \$90,000 and that was for two quarters.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman McCarthy			Alderman Wolf
Alderman Selman			
Alderman Emmett			
Alderman Hortsman			
Alderman Danihel			
Alderman Gray			

The motion was approved, carried 6/6.

9. PUBLIC WORKS

A. Approval of pay estimate No. 2 to Iroquois Paving for the 2022 MFT Road Program in the budgeted amount of \$948,931.74.

Alderman Danihel made the motion to approve.

Alderman Selman seconded.

Public Works Director Salamowicz explained that the project is about 88% complete. We are still holding back \$65,020 for retainage. Few punch list items but the amount of retainage will cover those items. They have some additional funds remaining to be used for additional 3" patching, approximately \$145,000 that the contractor will be doing that will bring it to the actual contract amount.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Emmett			
Alderman Hortsman			
Alderman Danihel			
Alderman Gray			

Alderman McCarthy

Alderman Wolf

Alderman Selman

The motion approved, carried 6/6.

B. Approval of Resolution No. 2022-09-00431R authorizing the budgeted expenditure of \$206,250 of 2022 motor fuel tax funds.

Alderman Emmett made the motion to approve.

Alderman McCarthy seconded.

Public Works Director Salamowicz stated this authorizes the City to expend MFT funds for the purchase of road salt for this season as well as the City has shared maintenances obligations for the street light signals along 159th Street and vehicle equipment rental.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Emmett			
Alderman Hortsman			
Alderman Danihel			
Alderman Gray			
Alderman McCarthy			
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Alderman Selman			

The motion approved, carried 6/6.

D. Approval of maintenance engineering agreement with Baxter and Woodman in the amount of \$1,250 for the 2022/2023 fiscal year MFT general maintenance program.

Alderman Gray made the motion to approve.

Alderman Selman seconded.

Public Works Director Salamowicz explained this is for road salt.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Emmett			
Alderman Hortsman			
Alderman Danihel			
Alderman Gray			
Alderman McCarthy			
			Alderman Wolf
Alderman Selman			

The motion approved, carried 6/6.

10. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Citizen, Tara Oldewall. Two questions. There is a wire hanging by the library on Central and Independence. It is a nuisance because kids cross there. They do not cross at the corner. Is there anyway of having that put up and tied up? Mayor asked for Public Works to check it out. Public Works stated they have tried contacting several of the utility companies and it is not ComEd wire. The other question, is there going to be any paving on Albert Drive? On the right hand side if you turn in from Central on the right hand side going down Albert Drive there are a few houses that go into their driveway there are big openings.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Kuspa asked for a motion to go into executive session. The purpose is to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for use by the City of Oak Forest, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing where a particular parcel should be acquired, and to discuss the setting of a price for the sale or lease of real estate owned by the City of Oak Forest and Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding must be recorded and entered into the minutes of a closed meeting.

Alderman Danihel made the motion.

Alderman Hortsman seconded.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Danihel			
Alderman Gray			
Alderman McCarthy			
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Alderman Selman			
Alderman Emmett			
Alderman Hortsman			

The motion to adjourn carried 6/6.

Let the record show there will be no further action taken by council after the executive session.

14. ADJOURMENT

Alderman Hortsman made the motion to Adjourn.

Alderman Danihel seconded.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
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Alderman Danihel
Alderman Gray
Alderman McCarthy

Alderman Wolf

Alderman Selman
Alderman Emmett
Alderman Hortsman

The motion to adjourn carried 6/6.

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



MAYOR HENRY L. KUSPA