

CITY OF WAUKEGAN MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2016

	<p>The Council of the City of Waukegan met in regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. In the City Council Chambers, City Hall 100 North Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Mayor Wayne Motley; City Clerk, Maria LaCour; Treasurer, John Schwab; and Corporation Counsel, Steve Martin were present.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: Aldermen Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas and May</p> <p>ABSENT: Alderman Moisio</p>
	<p><u>INVOCATION:</u> Bishop Coburn led a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
	<p><u>MAYOR'S COMMENTS:</u></p> <p>1. He mentioned his visit and tour of Cornfields Inc. Cornfields Incorporated is located on Sunset Rd. and is a leader in the private label healthy snack market. The plant now employs 450 community workers across three shifts, seven days a week to keep up with demand. Cornfields Inc. is also a contract company that supplies major retailers worldwide in their own boutique label brands.</p> <p>During ArtWauk in downtown Waukegan there were samples of Chicago Mix popcorn, about 500 bags donated by the company for a free giveaway in honor of National Popcorn Day. Some samples were saved for this night to be shared with the aldermen and attendees of the City Council meeting. Cornfields Inc. focuses on manufacturing Natural/Organic and <i>Better For You</i> snacks.</p> <p>He concluded his time by asking everyone to always promote Waukegan products and businesses</p>
<p>APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2016</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>MINUTES:</u></p> <p>2. Motion by Alderman Villalobos, seconded by Alderman Seger to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2016.</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>PRESENTATION BY WAUKEGAN MAIN STREET</p>	<p><u>RESOLUTIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS:</u></p> <p>3. Presentation by Waukegan Main Street</p> <p>Jamie O'Meara presented herself as the Chair of the Mardi Gras Committee and fundraiser. She extended the invitation for all to attend this great event held on February 06, 2016 at Bonnie Brook Banquet Hall from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. She explained this is Main Street's largest fundraiser of the year. The event will consist of highlighting the New Orleans style, 50/50 raffle, casino night and great silent auction items.</p> <p>Arthur Cobb, Executive Director, shared some activities he has accomplished since the last council meeting, including meeting with various other non-profit organizations to review their services and make sure they are not overlapping on each other's missions. He went on to say that on January 13th the Waukegan Round Table Committee voted Jan Gibson, General Manager of the Genesee Theatre, and Captain of the New Neighborhood Watch Organization. Jan then joined him as he continued to meet with Landlords on Genesee St, asking them to continue to clean their window displays and possibly put up some Valentine's Day decorations. He announced that Main Street has pledged to take the lead and help keep the street sidewalks clean this spring.</p>

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<p>PRESENTATION BY TODD FREER REGARDING THE GREEN HOUSE PROJECT</p>	<p><u>RESOLUTIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS Cont.:</u></p> <p>4. Presentation by Todd Freer regarding the Green House Project.</p> <p>Mr. Todd Freer introduced himself as the reading teacher and Green House teacher in Andrew Cooke Elementary School. He explained that he took over the Green house program in the year 2010 and since then the program has grown solid. This program teaches students the relationship between the soil, water, sun, pollination, seeds and flowers.</p> <p>He said last year through grant writing and fundraising campaigns he was able to purchase five tower gardens. He explained that five towers can generate a combined 100 plants every five to six weeks, which illustrates the potential of the year-round indoor system. He said that if there were 30 of these towers that would make 600 plants and 600 plants could feed a lot of people. If the school district and the city were to support this program soon there would be thousands of plants, and think how many that could feed.</p> <p>He further explained the 5-foot towers are part of an effort to offset food deserts, urban areas without enough businesses serving produce. He concluded by saying Waukegan can become the original Green Town once again.</p> <p>The Mayor responded that it might be possible for a plan to be formed at Waukegan City Hall, which has several spaces with floor-to-ceiling glass, to bring in some tower gardens. The Mayor said it may be possible for students to go to City Hall and help maintain and harvest the produce.</p>
	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS / MOTIONS:</u></p> <p><u>FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT CHAIRMAN ALDERMAN VALKO:</u></p> <p>5. Reports and Communications only.</p>
<p>SETTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIM #C645-13-00852-01</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT CHAIRMAN ALDERMAN CUNNINGHAM:</u></p> <p>6. Motion by Alderman Cunningham, seconded by Alderman May authorizing the proper City Officials to settle Police Department Worker's Compensation Claim #C645-13-00852-01 for an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas, and May</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: Alderman Moisio</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>ADOPT AN ORDINANCE BY REFERENCE THE LAKE COUNTY WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, ADOPTED BY LAKE COUNTY ON OCTOBER 15, 2015 16-O-1</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT CHAIRMAN ALDERMAN NEWSOME:</u></p> <p>7. Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman TenPas to adopt as presented an Ordinance for Lake County Storm Water Management, adopting by reference the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance adopted by Lake County on October 15, 2015, establishing rules and regulations for flood plain and storm water management throughout Lake County.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas, and May</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: Alderman Moisio</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>

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<p>EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH I.D.O.T FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE ROADWAYS</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT Cont.:</u></p> <p>8. Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman TenPas to authorize the proper City Officials to execute an intergovernmental agreement with I.D.O.T for maintenance of the roadways as described in the agreement.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas, and May</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: Alderman Moisio</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF PAYROLL DATED JANUARY 08, 2016</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>NEW BUSINESS:</u></p> <p>9. Motion by Alderman Valko, seconded by Alderman Cunningham to approve regular Payroll dated January 08, 2016 in the amount of \$1,436,501.97, Final Payouts dated January 08, 2016 in the amount of \$28,103.17, PBLIC Holiday Buy Back dated January 08, 2016 in the amount of \$3,548.40, Retro payout dated January 08, 2016 in the amount of \$1,250.53 and Comp time cash out dated January 08, 2016 in the amount of \$2,629.17.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen May, Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisio, Villalobos, Newsome, and TenPas</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: Alderman Moisio</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVE BILLS DATED JANUARY 08, 2016</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>10. Motion by Alderman Valko, seconded by Alderman Cunningham to approve Bills dated January 18, 2016 in the amount of \$1,007,872.76.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen May, Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisio, Villalobos, Newsome, and TenPas</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVE RAFFLE SALE APPLICATIONS</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>11. Motion by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman TenPas to approve Raffle Sale Applications for U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary of Chicago, Inc., David Miller Invitational Bowling League, St. Anastasia Holy Name Society, FHCC and Waukegan Main Street.</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>FILE MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2015</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>12. Motion by Alderman Seger, seconded by Alderman Villalobos to accept and place on file the Monthly Treasurer's report for month of December 2015.</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>

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<p>Kathleen Long 510 10TH Street</p> <p>Julio Guzman Waukegan</p>	<p><u>AUDIENCE TIME:</u></p> <p>13. Ms. Long was speaking as a member of the Lake County United Group and as a resident of the first ward. Julio Guzman presented himself as a resident of the fifth ward. He recalled that on December 07, 2015 he and other members of Clean Power Lake County had presented 2,000 signed petitions of Waukegan residents asking the Mayor to consider bringing in NRG for a dialogue meeting.</p> <p>Tonight they were there to present the results of a survey conducted in late December 2015 of Waukegan Voters. He explained that the results were released on January 7th, 2016, and the survey was a sample of 300 voters. He went on to say that 70% of the surveyed supported the transition plan.</p> <p>Ms. Long concluded by saying they are partners of Waukegan in this transition plan. She mentioned that as she heard this great proposal of garden towers and the first thing she thought of was solar power and that can work into this proposal.</p> <p>The Mayor responded he has already reached out to Mark Nagel from NRG Energy and he will have more information soon.</p>
<p>Ralph Peterson Waukegan</p>	<p>14. He started out by explaining something he would like to see, not a black, a white, nor a Hispanic Mayor; he would like to see a fair, honest Mayor. He mentioned that great concern should not be shown just during election time but it should be an everyday job.</p> <p>He started making comments about former officers who are now private citizens.</p> <p>His time was over; Mr. Peterson was advised to take a seat.</p>
<p>Chris Blanks 409 Oak St.</p>	<p>15. He mentioned his disagreement with audience time being moved to the end of the Council Meeting, this does not build a good relationship with the community. He talked about the terms employer and employee, referring to the community being the employer and the Mayor being the employee. He expressed that although the Mayor may not agree with his comment that does not give him the sole power to make the change to the agenda without the consent of the City Council .</p> <p>He concluded by mentioning the celebration of Martin Luther King Day represents equality that should be carried in every action.</p>
<p>Tom Rimol 1425 North Ave</p>	<p>16. He shared some questions in regards to the Metra Station. Would the City of Waukegan consider keeping the Metra Station building open longer, perhaps extending their hours over the weekends? Keeping the station open and the bathrooms clean shows hospitality to visitors and families.</p> <p>Mayor Motley said he would reach out to Metra representatives as the City has no control over the station.</p>
<p>Pat O'Keefe</p>	<p>17. He spoke in regards to the recent snow and Ice around the city, specifically in front of businesses. Business owners are blocking the sidewalks and obstructing walking paths when clearing their parking lots. He asked if there was an ordinance that regulated snow cleaning for businesses. He recommended that the City should clear paths for pedestrians or force business owners to clear sidewalks.</p> <p>His second concern was about a concert to be held at the Lake Front this summer. He was opposed to inviting a certain artist, which was named at a previous council meeting, to this event. He mentioned this artist had shared some public comments that were controversial.</p> <p>Mayor responded this artist was not coming to this event.</p>

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<p>Margaret Carrasco 532 N. Lewis Ave</p>	
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<p>Charles Rush 1106 N Sheridan</p>	<p>19. He questions the police interrogation of Alderman TenPas which was conducted over the phone. He questions why the officer gave the alderman the name and address of the witness that called the police against the beating of the Raccoon. He referred to the Alderman as a senior citizen with documented anger management history, and he feels that the alderman should be considered dangerous.</p> <p>He referred to an ordinance against animal cruelty, that was not enforced, and that Alderman TenPas should remember because he voted in favor of passing the ordinance.</p>
<p>Clyde McLemore 2820 Gilboa</p>	<p>20. He mentioned that the last two weeks he received many calls from residents that are unhappy with actions of the City. He said that the audience is only heard during election time. He said that the Mayor should trust his advisory committees to run their own meeting; after all he appointed them himself. To him it seemed that the Mayor was telling them what to report and all their recommendations are pre-approved by the Mayor.</p> <p>He stated that he too was upset about audience time being moved to the end of the Agenda. He asked the Aldermen to speak up on this topic and make their opinion and vote count based on what residents in their wards want.</p>
<p>Alderman Valko</p>	<p><u>ALDERMEN'S TIME:</u></p> <p>21. He mentioned he is upset by the comments and the manner in which they are being delivered during City Council Meetings. He also quoted a line he found as he read many articles in the newspaper <i>Fight for the things you care about and do it in a way that will lead others to join you</i>, by Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.</p>
<p>Alderman Taylor</p>	<p>22. No comment.</p>
<p>Alderman Cunningham</p>	<p>23. He congratulated three organizations Alpha phi Alpha Fraternity, North Shore Minister Alliance and Waukegan Township for their Martin Luther king Celebrations. He said it was a</p>

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	<p>great day of fellowship with great messages.</p> <p>He also brought up that he will be presenting a resolution to a lady in the community that turned 104 years old. He expressed that these type of stories are great to share with the community, just as Alderman Newsome did in a previous council meeting as well</p>
Alderman Seger	24. No comment.
Alderman Villalobos	<p>25. He mentioned he had the pleasure to attend Waukegan Township’s Martin Luther King Luncheon for the first time.</p> <p>He also shared his approval on audience time being moved to the end of the Agenda. He said that he would often see many audience members leave moments after delivering their comments. He often wondered if they would get any conversation with their aldermen. Now they can meet with them right after the adjournment of the meeting.</p>
Alderman Newsome	<p><u>ALDERMEN’S TIME Cont.:</u></p> <p>26. She congratulated Tom Hagerty and Public Works. There were two water main breaks in her ward and the crews did a very fine job despite the harsh weather outside.</p>
Alderman TenPas	27. No comment.
Alderman May	<p>28. She acknowledged Waukegan Main Street’s commitment to help keep streets clean. However she would like businesses to recognize it is their duty to keep their streets clean. She went on to say that whether a person is an owner or renter, if they each took care of their little plot of land the area would be very clean. She said it is also courteous to help the elderly neighbors clean their snow. Every step makes the community better.</p> <p>She mentioned Mr. Freer’s presentation was very modest. She explained that she has personally seen the greenhouse project grow since 2009. She said that from the time her children went to school and she would be a substitute teacher at Cooke Magnet Elementary. She has seen this great program and curriculum from Mr. Freer grow strong. She said the children are the biggest benefactors.</p> <p>She concluded by sharing her thought that audience time was better to be scheduled at the beginning of the Council Meeting. She said there are often children that attend presentations and there is no need for them to sit through the entire council meeting. She believes residents should be listed earlier. She is a strong believer in listening to their comments.</p>
ADJOURNMENT APPROVED	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT:</u></p> <p>29. Motion by Alderman Cunningham, seconded by Alderman Valko to adjourn. Time: 7:55 p.m.</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>

 MARIA M. LACOUR, CITY CLERK