

CITY OF WAUKEGAN MINUTES
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	<p>The Council of the City of Waukegan met in regular session on Tuesday July, 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 Cunningham, Seger, Moisiso, Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko and Taylor</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p>
	<p><u>INVOCATION:</u></p> <p>Bishop Coburn led a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
	<p><u>MAYOR'S COMMENTS:</u></p> <p>1. He asked everyone to spread the word that <i>Scoop</i> would be held Friday July 8th 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm and Saturday July 9th 11:00 am to 10:00 pm. This year there will also be a carnival for kids in the area behind Horse Feathers. Gospel Fest will be held at the Lake Front on Friday evening.</p> <p>He discussed that the City of Waukegan has been working with the Department of Justice for the past 7 months on reforming the Police Department. The Police Department along with various other City committees and advisories are also collaborating in this agreement. He introduced Rick Harris to give an overview of the work.</p> <p>Rick Harris is a member of the Citizens for Progress Committee. He listed recommendations that were announced during a council meeting on December of 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Diversity training for 150 Police Officers: There has been ½ day training of 4 hrs completed by all Police Officers. That will be followed by a full day, 8 hr training. 2.) Review the Civil Service Commission hiring process: There are tests being conducted on a step by step analysis of the recruitment, test and interview process. They did discover that minority African Americans and Latinos are 5 – 10% of total applicants. Their first recommendation was to no longer award bonus points to college graduates. A college degree is not a job requirement so it should not be held against minorities that are less likely to have access to a college degree. He clarified that standards are not being lowered but that bonus points are being limited to keep the hiring process fair to minorities. 3.) Diversify the Use of Force Commission. To the previous five Caucasian officer group the Mayor has added one African American and one Latino officers. 4.) Partner with the Department of Justice to share practices: There is no open investigation on the City of Waukegan. The City invited them to do a joint investigation. There are various recommendations such as extending neighborhood policing, police body cameras and incorporate mediated agreements. <p>Mr. Harris reiterated that there are no infractions. The agreement should be ready by next month, August, for the Aldermen. These are all recommendations within the City and by the City.</p> <p>The Mayor stated that this has been worked on during seven intense meetings held over seven months. This has been a give and take proposition. When the agreement is completed and signed by the Mayor it will become effective for the next five years. Every group that participated had a voice during the discussions. These are all efforts to make the community a better place to live, work and play.</p> <p>Ald. Moisiso requested a copy of the agreement for the City Council.</p>

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	<p>Mayor Motley stated that part of the agreement with the Department of Justice was that the agreement would not be available until it was completed and ready to be voted on. Ald. Cunningham echoed Ald. Moasio’s words. He would not only like a copy of the agreement, he would also like to be briefed on such agreement before it is made public as a final agreement. He said the community will be asking the aldermen questions and they are not prepared. Mayor Motley said the agreement would be available as soon as it was completed. Mr. Harris said the Dept. of Justice has a confidentiality agreement as a first order of business until the agreement is ready to be presented to the council. Ald. Cunningham said if the City is not under investigation then why is the agreement confidential.</p> <p>Mr. Harris said that the question of confidentiality should be addressed to the Department of Justice and not the Mayor. They may be powerful men but they cannot change federal law. They do not want people to share confidential information until the agreement is completed. Ald. Cunningham agreed that this was a good method. He repeated that what he asked is that once the agreement is agreed on by the Department of Justice and all the committees, he would like the Council to be briefed and receive a copy of the agreement before it is made available to the public. Mr. Harris said that is what will be done.</p> <p>Mr. Harris also agreed there will be many residents with questions because they are already receiving many questions. He gave an example of a question: why is the Sheriff’s Department not part of this? The answer is: The Mayor personally invited them. Ald. Cunningham and Moasio stated this is the City’s project why invite the Sherriff’s Department. Mr. Harris clarified this was an example of the questions they would get. The response is the Sherriff’s Department denied the invitation of the Mayor and the separate invitation from the Department of Justice.</p> <p>Ald. Taylor questioned if a college degree would still help within promotions. Yes, the bonus points were removed for the hiring process but will be given during the promotion process. The City encourages continued education by the officers. Ald. Moasio concluded by stating he would like to talk to the Department of Justice concerning not including the Aldermen which are the elected representatives of the residents. Ald. Cunningham wanted to clarify that the City called the Department of Justice, and the DOJ contacted the local committees and advisories to be part of the agreement advisory. The Mayor clarified that both were correct. Mr. Harris also stated the same process was done in North Chicago.</p>
<p>APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2016</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>MINUTES:</u></p> <p>2. Motion by Alderman Seger, seconded by Alderman Taylor to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes June 20, 2016.</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>PRESENTATION BY WAUKEGAN MAIN STREET, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ARTHUR COBB</p>	<p><u>RESOLUTIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS:</u></p> <p>3. Presentation by Waukegan Main Street</p> <p>He talked about the upcoming event, <i>Scoop Waukegan</i>. He went on to say this is his first summer as Executive Director of Waukegan Main Street.</p> <p>This past weekend he participated in the 4th of July festivities. All very exciting events. He announced there are three new businesses opening in the downtown area this week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A Women’s Boutique and * Paparazzi a gourmet popcorn outlet will be sharing a retail space at 104 S. Genesee * Tap Room will open at 36 N Genesee <p>For more information please call the Waukegan Main Street Office at 847-623-6650.</p>

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AMEND SELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE WAUKEGAN LIBRARY BOARD.

RESOLUTIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS:

4. Motion by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Valko to authorize appointments to the Waukegan Library Board. New Members are Sylvia England, Michele Billingslea and Jennifer Salazar.

Mayor Motley read the motion; he explained that he personally interviewed all the candidates. He asked the Council if there were any questions.

Ald. Newsome said there is nothing wrong with the new candidates. However she would like to state that some previous members had been asked to remain on the board and then the next thing they knew they were being replaced. She asked what the term limits are and what the longest term has been. Richard Lee, Executive Director of the Waukegan Public Library, answered that there are no term limits and 12 years is the longest serving term. Ald. Newsome went on to say that an Alderman should be part of the board because they use taxpayer’s money and they do not know anything about the decisions they are making. Ald. Taylor and Ald. Cunningham echoed this opinion as well. Ald. Newsome asked how many board members are appointed. Nine board members per term year. Every July three members are up for re-appointment. Ald. Taylor asked why an Alderman could not be appointed in addition to the nine board members. Corporation Counsel stated there is an ordinance that explains this and an alderman is allowed to be appointed during a re-appointment. The Mayor stated that anyone can apply. That is why he asked the Aldermen to recommend individuals to be part of the board of directors. He explained he received four names of candidates. Ald. Newsome suggested that before the three candidates listed in the motion be appointed to the board, one of the Aldermen should be appointed to the board. She said she is tired of hearing rumors from the library board and not knowing how they are deciding on issues. She clarified that she did not mean she personally wanted to serve in the board of directors, any alderman could be appointed.

Mayor Wayne Motley asked if there was a State Ordinance that prohibited more than nine board members to serve. Mr. Lee said he believed there is such Ordinance. Ald. Cunningham said that maybe for voting reasons but an Alderman may be able to serve without voting rights. Mayor Motley said that Aldermen could attend the regular monthly meeting the third Wednesday of every month like the public. Ald. Cunningham said this issue is just like the scenario with Friends of the Genesee board. Corporation Counsel said the Ordinance applied to voting not non-voting members. Nine is the limit.

Ald. Cunningham asked the director what the budget for the Library was. Mr. Lee said an estimated \$4,000,000.00. He said the Library is audited just as the City is. To clarify, the Library’s audit is part of the City’s audit every year.

Ald. Cunningham apologized to the candidate because this discussion does not have to do with their qualifications to serve. Ald. Newsome asked how many of the candidates were present. Only two of three were present. She said those two candidates should be appointed along with an Alderman, she questioned why the other candidate did not make the commitment to be present for the appointment of the board. Ald. Villalobos volunteered to serve in the board.

Ald. Newsome motioned to amend the new members selected to be appointed to the library board. The amendment is to remove candidate Michele Billingslea and add Ald. Villalobos.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Cunningham, Seger, Moisiso, Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko and Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED

APPROVED

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<p>APPOINTMENTS TO THE WAUKEGAN LIBRARY BOARD.</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>RESOLUTIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS:</u></p> <p>5. Motion by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Valko to authorize appointments to the Waukegan Library Board, as amended. New members to be appointed are Sylvia England, Jennifer Salazar and Ald. Villalobos.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Cunningham, Seger, Moisio, Villalobos, Newsome, May, Valko and Taylor</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>ABSTAIN: Alderman TenPas</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>MOTION TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CLASS OF LICENSE FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF WINE AND BEER, SPECIFICALLY, EE-B.</p> <p>HELD OVER BY ALDERMAN CUNNINGHAM</p>	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS / MOTIONS:</u></p> <p><u>JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORT CHAIRMAN ALDERMAN MOISIO:</u></p> <p>6. Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman Valko to authorize the proper City officials to draft an ordinance creating a new class of license for the retail sale of wine and beer, specifically, EE-B.</p> <p>Alderman Moisio read the motion. Ald. Cunningham asked that the motion be held over.</p> <p>Mayor Motley asked the Council if there was a motion to override the hold over. Ald. Valko motioned to override hold over. There was no second to the motion.</p> <p>The matter is held over.</p>
<p>MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 2016 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COUNTY OF LAKE AND THE CITY OF ZION FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT CHAIRMAN ALDERMAN TENPAS:</u></p> <p>7. Motion by Alderman TenPas, seconded by Alderman Newsome to motion authorizing the proper City officials to accept the 2016 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$46,965.00 and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Lake and the City of Zion for the distribution of funds. The City of Waukegan will receive \$26,965.00, the City of Zion will receive \$10,000.00 and the County of Lake, Lake County State's Attorney's Office will receive \$10,000.00.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Cunningham, Seger, Moisio, Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko and Taylor</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>MOTION TO WAIVE THE BID PROCEDURE AND PURCHASE A 2016 FORD EXPLORER</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>8. Motion by Alderman TenPas, seconded by Alderman Newsome to waive the bid procedure and purchase a 2016 Ford Explorer from Morrow Brothers Ford at the State Contract price of \$29,980.00, State Contract #4017159. Payment for this purchase will be made from the Federal Drug Asset Forfeiture Fund, line item 296 629626493.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Cunningham, Seger, Moisio, Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko and Taylor</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>MOTION TO SETTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIM #C645-15-10027-01</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT CHAIRMAN ALDERMAN TENPAS:</u></p> <p>9. Motion by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman May to authorize the proper City officials to settle Police Department Worker's Compensation Claim #C645-15-10027-01 for an amount not to exceed \$51,163.37.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Cunningham, Seger, Moisio, Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko and Taylor</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>

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<p>MOTION TO SETTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIM #C645-15-10060-01</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT Cont.:</u></p> <p>10.Motion by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman May to authorize the proper City officials to settle Police Department Worker's Compensation Claim #C645-15-10060-01 for an amount not to exceed \$55,152.75.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Cunningham, Seger, Moisiu, Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko and Taylor</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>MOTION TO AWARD THE DEMOLITION OF THE BRP BUILDING TO THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDDER, LAKE COUNTY GRADING OF LIBERTYVILLE ILLINOIS</p>	<p><u>OLD BUSINESS:</u></p> <p>11.Motion by Alderman TenPas, seconded by Alderman Newsome to authorize the proper City Officials to award the demolition of the BRP building to the low qualified bidder, Lake County Grading of Libertyville Illinois, for an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00. Funds for this project are available in line item 307-130726480.</p> <p>Mayor read the motion and opened the motion for discussion. He called Gary Deigan to the podium to provide more details.</p> <p>Gary Deigan spoke of the current situation. He has heard clearly that the council has concerns with the uncertainty of environmental remediation after the demolition. He said the only facilitator is the City of Waukegan, which has to stand up and find innovative methods to take care of that issue for the Community. He expressed the reason he works hard at the Lake Front is because there are properties being opened up that the public has never had access to beyond the fences that protects them. Now those are disappearing and there is new life at the Lake Front.</p> <p>On May 12th there were asbestos surveys. The building cannot be demolished until the asbestos is removed. The other main concern has been the underground storage tanks. He said that of the 20 tanks only about 5 tanks may still be in the property. He estimated the total cost to remove the tanks to be about \$7,500, which can be postponed until grants are available.</p> <p>Ald. Taylor clarified that her concern for the BRP site was not an environmental remediation. She took the time to talk to other facility engineers and other corporations in the North Shore area . She learned that after the asbestos is removed there is no rush to demolish a building as long as the foundation is not damaged. Her concern she has stated is the financial costs of the demolition. Waukegan does not have corporate sponsors. The average income in Waukegan is about \$48,000. There are great ideas for big restaurants and outlets in the lake front but the residents cannot afford them. Current residents look forward to packing a cooler and spending the day at the beach. She said she could not give the residents more debt than they are already financially responsible for. She did not want any more bonds.</p> <p>The Mayor called Tina Smigielski, Finance Director, to address the financials questions.</p> <p>Ald. May asked for clarification that Lake County Grading will be performing the asbestos service as part of the bid agreement. Mr. Deigan confirmed this is part of the bid agreement, however Lake County will subcontract the asbestos service.</p> <p>Ald. Cunningham asked Mr. Deigan to gather and present the information he gathered to come to the conclusion there are only about 5 tanks left in the property. Mr. Deigan used several sources for the research including the state fire marshal, whose opinion is well known.</p> <p>Ald. Cunningham restated that the financials are based on an estimated 5 tanks in the property. What if there were to be more tanks found, would the project be delayed, he asked. Yes, the project can be delayed until there are grants available.</p> <p>Ald. May said they received information about using a GO bond. Tina said the GO bond is an alternative to using direct cash from the City. Unfortunately, the information on the bond was not received in time for this council meeting so the finance method will be voted on during another council meeting. Ald. May stated that this was all taxpayer money regardless. She asked if there is a developer present that is asking for the property for development now. She said a developer should be present to be able to negotiate what they can bring and help the City with on the Lake front.</p> <p>The Mayor called Russ Tomlin to address questions on planning and development. He said once a developer is interested all these costs can be absorbed by the development agreement.</p>

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<p>APPROVED</p>	<p>Alderman May agreed that this is the right time to allow development but it should not be the City paying for the demolition. Ald. Taylor said that five years down the road the City would still be paying the interest on this investment because there are no present plans for development or present contributors. Mr. Deigan said the plans have to be flexible to attract developers.</p> <p>Ald. Cunningham asked if Tiff is an option or will this be strictly GO bonds. Tina explained the property is located in a Tiff aid area. However, the Tiff district right now is committed to an existing redevelopment agreement with the Karcher art space. There would not be sufficient Tiff revenue to cover any more redevelopment plans. Tina also went into detail explaining that the City reimburses the Karcher 90% of its total property tax from negotiations that started in 2008 and completed in 2013.</p> <p>Ald. Villalobos asked if the City is ready to put out a request for development proposals. Noelle said it may hurt the City by doing this prematurely. There was a draft created for the coke property in 2006 and it was decided not to be released to the public because they wanted to wait to be able to group it with the OMC site. Three properties are more attractive to developers. Ald. Taylor asked why this project was not included in the annual budget. The Mayor presented the motion to purchase to the property to the aldermen during an executive session meeting. He also asked them how they would like to fund the purchase. The general consensus was not to bond the purchase. Tina explained the finance details of the purchase of the property.</p> <p>Ald. Valko said this is the last property that is needed to complete the Lake Front. He said former Mayors had also acknowledged the potential of the redevelopment on that property. He believes the project is a bargain and it should be completed. As chairman of the Finance Committee he knows this project can be completed. He has witnessed the amount of visitors the beach receives so he believes there is great potential.</p> <p>The Mayor said he is no stranger to controversial redevelopment projects. A few years ago he supported the sports park in Waukegan that replaced a golf park. That sports park now generates \$10,000,000 in revenue to Lake County. It was the right thing to do and now this is the last piece of the puzzle to get the properties ready for attract developers.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Moisiso, Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas and Valko</p> <p>NAYS: Aldermen Cunningham, Seger, May and Taylor</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF PAYROLL DATED JUNE 24, 2016</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>NEW BUSINESS:</u></p> <p>12.Motion by Alderman Valko, seconded by Alderman Cunningham to approve regular Payroll dated June 24, 2016 in the amount of \$1,440,426.07, Final Payout dated June 24, 2016 in the amount of \$4,931.82, Local 150 Comp Time Payout dated June 24, 2016 in the amount of \$1,531.83, PBLC Uniform Allowance dated June 17, 2016 in the amount of \$81,515.00, \$550.00, \$670.00 and 550.00.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Cunningham, Seger, Moisiso, Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko and Taylor</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVE BILLS DATED JULY 5, 2016</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>13.Motion by Alderman Valko, seconded by Alderman Cunningham to approve Bills dated July 5, 2016 in the amount of \$2,927,301.74</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Cunningham, Seger, Moisiso, Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko and Taylor</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>

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<p>APPROVE THE USE OF THE WAUKEGAN MUNICIPAL SOUTH BEACH FOR THE JUNIOR SAIL</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>NEW BUSINESS cont.:</u></p> <p>14.Motion by Alderman Villalobos, seconded by Alderman May to approve the use of the Waukegan Municipal Beach – South Beach for the Waukegan Yacht Club Youth Foundation Junior Sail registration, on Saturday, July 9th from 11:00am-2:00pm. This event is an approved event. In addition, the sponsor has applied under the new Directive for Non-City/ Government Use of City-Owned Buildings and Venues</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVE ALL BLOCK PARTIES</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>15.Motion by Alderman Seger, seconded by Alderman Moisiso to approve all block parties</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
	<p>16.Before moving on to Audience Time Mayor Motley read a quote he received via mail, from someone watching the council meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Negative people need drama like oxygen. Stay positive, it will take their breath away.</i></p>
<p>VERNA WILSON 2721 W. Atlantic Ave</p>	<p><u>AUDIENCE TIME:</u></p> <p>17.She introduced herself as a first generation graduate. She explained her father had a 6th grade education and her mother was a teacher. She went on to say she now has five college degrees. She was not present to gloat about her achievements but was present to talk about her passion, literacy. She was a former Waukegan Public Library Board member, for two terms, which ended today. She said the process needed to be revised because the Library Director asked her a month ago if she would like to renew her membership as a board member. She agreed. Through rumors, phone calls, e-mails and texts she heard that she would be replaced. She believes that the person that will be replaced should be notified of such decision at the end of their term. She was notified today at 12:11 am. She was proud to serve the community and she will continue to serve the library because she is the foundation president. If she would have known she would no longer be a board member for the library she would have accepted other offers to serve on the board of the Roosevelt Franklin University and the Mother’s Trust Board, both of which she turned down. She concluded by stating it was her duty to serve the community.</p>
<p>Clyde McLemore</p>	<p>18.He thanked Ms. Wilson for serving in the Waukegan Public Library board. He explained that his commitment with social justice does not mean that he hates white people. This is often a misunderstanding with people not familiar with social justice. He believes that how you say something will influence how someone treats you. He was present tonight on behalf of the Waukegan Public Library. He pointed out that the Library Director does not live in Waukegan. He said there have been no minorities hired by the Director of the Public Library. There is only one minority currently working there. He went on to say the Director fired the HR Manager while the she was on sick leave, resulting in a lawsuit and settlement of \$65,000. He said the Director knew there would be complaints so he canceled the May board meeting. He said board members are not paid to serve on the board but they should be respected.</p>
<p>Chris Blanks 409 Oak St</p>	<p>19.He discussed that he would not ask the City for sponsor funds to aid his work with the community youth. He thanked that on July 7th Chief George Bridges will take the time to explain the Firefighter requirements and qualifications to the community. Chief Walles also called him and will attend the event. He asked that the speakers that attend the community meeting not carry their firearms to the meeting. He said this is a community event not a law enforcement matter. He went on to say he has spoken about issues at the Waukegan Public Library before. He said war draws debt and bankers are known to fund both sides of war. He told the citizens that they should understand when someone is working for their best interest and when they are not.</p>

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<p>Margaret Carrasco 532 N Lewis</p>	<p>20. She discussed the salary of the Director of the Waukegan Public Library which is \$117,000. She asked how many residents of Waukegan would like this salary. She did some research and learned through the Lake County Board registration that the Director of the library lives in Winthrop Harbor. She filled out a FOIA to get the information of board members in various other City Commissions and is waiting for the response. She asked the Mayor why he is denying jobs to Waukegan residents and giving them to outsiders. She believes those jobs are only for Waukegan Residents and Waukegan voters.</p> <p>She brought a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Peterson from the Attorney General. This letter listed their determinations of five violations against his civil rights.</p>
<p>Alderman Cunningham</p>	<p><u>ALDERMEN'S TIME:</u></p> <p>21. He asked if there was an open lawsuit regarding Mr. Peterson. The Mayor stated that was something to be discussed during the Executive Session. Ald. Cunningham asked again, he just needed simple answer. Yes, there is a lawsuit open. The Alderman expressed he was saddened that this happened and shared his previous conversation when the Mayor was serving as City Clerk. He stated he was not discussing this case further, he was restating his opinion from the past, to which there is already public record.</p> <p>Ald. Cunningham went on to discuss a topic he brought up at the last council meeting about Mr. and Mrs. Kelley's severely damaged house. The couple was misled on the rehab plans. They then opted to do the right thing and demolish the house. They then received a lawsuit from the City for not having the proper procedures for the demolishment. He could not believe that former Corporation Counsel was suing Mr. Kelley. He believed the statute was misused. He said the Kelly's have the right to sue the City because they did the right thing.</p>
<p>Alderman Seger</p>	<p>22. No comment.</p>
<p>Alderman Moisiso</p>	<p>23. He thanked Mr. Harris and Mr. Cobb for all their work on their recommendations for the City. He does not understand why the Department of Justice is limiting the aldermen involvement in this process. The aldermen represent the people and they will be the ones to get the questions from the residents.</p>
<p>Alderman Villalobos</p>	<p>24. He discussed his activities during the 4th of July weekend around the Community. He also did not expect the turn of events of being selected to be a board member of the Waukegan Public Library. He is proud to get this opportunity because he worked at the library in the past for 6.5 years. He apologized to the person that was not appointed to the board as it was first announced.</p> <p>He explained he was not present at the last council meeting because he was a chaperone to his niece's class fieldtrip to China. If anyone has questions about his trip to China they are welcome to reach out to him.</p> <p>He discussed the BRP site vote was difficult. He said he understood the financial position this puts the City in. He wanted everyone to understand his perspective because he lives on a poverty income. He has an Alderman's salary of \$22,000. He is the Waukegan resident that they speak about. He identified himself as a minority in his mid. 30's. He is the general demographic of Waukegan. He put himself in a deeper hole with his vote however he has high hopes for the city.</p>
<p>Alderman Newsome</p>	<p>25. She thanked Ms. Wilson for speaking out tonight and for all her years of service. She also thanked Ms. Charmaine for serving as a board member. She agreed that it is important to know what is going on in the board.</p>
<p>Alderman TenPas</p>	<p>26. He thanked Mr. Harris for speaking tonight. He also shared that Mr. Harris used to wrestle on his team. He said Rick Harris is greatly appreciated for his work. He continued to thank Mr. Lee for his services at the Library. He complimented the 4th of July Parade; it was outstanding to see the community involved.</p>

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ADJOURNMENT	<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> 32.Motion by Alderman Villalobos, seconded by Alderman May to adjourn. Time: 9:41 p.m.
APPROVED	MOTION PASSED

MARIA M. LACOUR, CITY CLERK