

CITY OF WAUKEGAN MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2016

	<p>The Council of the City of Waukegan met in regular session on Monday August 15, 2016, at 7:28 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 City Attorney, Brian Smith were present.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: Aldermen Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas, May Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, and Moisio</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p>
	<p><u>INVOCATION:</u></p> <p>Bishop Coburn led a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>Ald. Cunningham extended the prayer for former Ald. Robert Evans. His wife, Trudy Evans, passed away recently.</p>
	<p><u>MAYOR'S COMMENTS:</u></p> <p>1. On September 3rd, 2016 the Waukegan Township will host a 5k fundraising race at Independence Grove. This Saturday August 20th Afro Fest will be held at the lake front. He announced he is proud of various things about Waukegan, especially the municipal beach. He gave credit to David Motley for taking the lead in change. He also stated that the demolition of the snack house was a great decision. The new sand sifter that collects anything that does not belong in the sand has also helped with the beach clean-up. He also reported the total revenue of weekend visitors to the municipal beach is over \$30,000. The BRP demolition will start the next day and the OMC site has been leveled off by being filled with soil.</p> <p>He expressed how proud he is of the beach rangers. The rangers have helped with ecological tours, cleaning the beach and being cordial to guests. David Motley was asked to present the Beach Rangers to the public.</p> <p>David Motley said the beach has had countless numbers of volunteers help improve the beach with the support of Public Works, the Police and Fire Department. The Coast Guard Auxiliary and the regular Coast Guard have also helped. He hopes to maintain the beach clean and safe for visitors and to continue to add programs and activities.</p> <p>He went on to say the beach rangers have been great role models to the community. He shared a short story of two young siblings that went up to the rangers while they cleaned the south beach and they stated they wanted to grow up to be beach rangers. He then introduced each ranger and they shared a summary about themselves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jonathan Ludowise: Former JROTC Cadet. Attends College of Lake County and is in the Firefighter program. - Dajah Smith: Graduate of YCCU Conservation Youth. Attends College of Lake County to be a nurse. - Gilberto Colin: Attends DePaul University and is studying finance and philosophy. - Alex Rodriguez: He is studying Psychology. He shared that on one of his days off from ranger duties he rode his jet ski in Lake Michigan. He then got lost in the lake for four hours and was rescued by the coast guard. When he came back to the shore, he was met by his family and his team of rangers. - Vanessa Lopez: She thanked Coach Moisio for recommending this summer job to her. - Josue Pasillas: Long time intern in Public Relations. Senior at Pitzer College in California. <p>David Motley shared that Chris Logan and Jose Carbajal, both absent from today's meeting, have also been part of the team. He also introduced Jane Ferry as the original beach ranger that has been volunteering for many years. She said it has been a pleasure to work with the team of energized rangers. David presented the ranger's group pictures to the Aldermen and audience.</p> <p>Mayor Motley referred to David Motley as a workaholic. David works every weekend and every City public event without pay.</p>

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<p>APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2016</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>MINUTES:</u></p> <p>2. Motion by Alderman Villalobos, seconded by Alderman Taylor to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 1, 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>The Wine and Art Stroll is August 27th, 2016 downtown Waukegan. Early bird tickets for \$20 are available until August 20th. Regular priced tickets are \$22 for members and \$25 for non-members. Attendees will receive a complimentary wine glass and a \$10 gift card.</p> <p>For more information please visit www.waukeganmainstreet.org</p>
<p>APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE WAUKEGAN PORT DISTRICT BOARD</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>4. Motion by Alderman Villalobos, seconded by Alderman Valko to appoint members to the Waukegan Port District Board: Grant B. Farrell 2016~2022, Gene A. Bach 2014~2020 and Joe Legat 2016~2022.</p> <p>Ald. Valko asked for clarification on Mr. Bach's term. Mayor Motley explained each member serves a six year term, Mr. Bach was only approved for a two year but it has now been extended.</p> <p>Ald. TenPas and Cunningham asked for an overview of the board. Mayor Motley gave the overview. There have been several meetings discussing the option of purchasing additional property by the airport. If the airport is not expanded, the status of the airport will downgrade from National airport to local airport.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, and Moio</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>PROCLAMATION - THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14TH TO 20TH, 2016 AS TREASURER'S WEEK</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>5. Motion by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Newsome to proclaim the week of August 14th to 20th, 2016 as Treasurer's Week.</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>AUTHORIZE THE IT DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A DOCUMENTATION STORAGE UNIT FOR THE FIRE DEPT.</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT CHAIRMAN ALDERMAN VALKO:</u></p> <p>6. Motion by Alderman Valko, seconded by Alderman Cunningham to grant permission to the Information Technology Director to purchase for the benefit of the Fire Department a Documentation Storage Unit from Cyber Netics in an amount not to exceed \$41,718.00 charged to line item 100 301926495.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, and Moio</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>

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MOTION TO INCREASE THE CITY'S SHARE FOR THE SHERIDAN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2007, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DISBURSEMENT OF A FINAL PAYMENT TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT cont.:

7. Motion by Alderman Valko, seconded by Alderman Cunningham to increase the City's share for the Sheridan Road Reconstruction project approved on September 17, 2007 from \$2,158,400 to \$4,094,934 as a result of the final close-out of the project, and further to authorize the disbursement of a final payment of \$1,061,500.17 to the Illinois Department of Transportation charged to line item 228 922827605.

Ald. Valko read the motion and explained that the City of Waukegan just received an invoice from the 2007 Road Construction project from the State of Illinois. Their last prior invoice was received in the year 2010. He also explained this motion was amended during the committee meeting to include an installment payment plan. Mayor Motley asked if there were any questions.

Ald. May explained to the public that the invoice was sent to the City of Waukegan in April 2016, however the Aldermen just learned about this invoice last week. Mayor Motley learned about this invoice at the end of July 2016. She assumed this invoice was sitting on someone's desk for four months; meanwhile the Aldermen approved the BRP demolition project.

She said this was a project along with a project on the Grand Ave Bridge that have issues now and it is easy to say they were approved by the previous administration. However, this is everyone's issue now. Someone should have known about this invoice.

Mayor Motley said the Director of Public works would be able to explain more details of this project in the upcoming days. He also said a new City Engineer would be hired. Mayor Motley took full responsibility for this discrepancy and he will not let this happen again.

Ald. Taylor also expressed that she is upset that an employee of the City would withhold this invoice and information on a balance owed on this project. She said this is an embarrassment that the Mayor should not take the fall for. It is also costly to the taxpayers because the City is not working as a team. It has made the City of Waukegan look bad.

Ald. Cunningham recommended that the City should consider postponing the demolition project of the BRP site to use the funds to cover this last minute invoice. The City has strict plans not to create bonds or raise taxes to cover the cost of new projects. Therefore the funds of one approved project need to be deferred to another project of higher priority. He explained the rainy day fund has already been tapped into so there are no more funds available in that account.

City Attorney Brian Smith said the postponement or cancelation of the demolition of the BRP site could be considered a breach of contract and bring forth a lawsuit. Ald. Cunningham said the City and companies make changes to contracts all the time. Ald. Taylor asked if the company would break the contract if they knew they would not get paid. Ald. Cunningham asked the Mayor to issue an executive order to hold this motion until further information is given to the Aldermen. Mayor Motley said he would not take such motion. Ald. Cunningham said that the City Council would not have approved the BRP demolition if they had known of this open invoice. Ald. Moio said there was no excuse for the City to not know about this invoice, even if the last invoice was received in 2010. The City approved and accepted the responsibility to pay the State of Illinois back for this project.

Ald. May still questioned why it took so long to inform the Aldermen of this invoice. She reiterated that the invoice was received the week of April of 6th and Frank Furland started to work on it the week of April 20th.

Ald. TenPas said that although the State of Illinois has been incompetent with its budget, the City should have still listed the amount owed on its books. He compared this to receiving a bill from ComEd, an automatic process that sends out bills to its clients.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED

APPROVED

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<p>APPROVAL OF PAYROLL DATED AUGUST 5, 2016</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>NEW BUSINESS:</u></p> <p>8. Motion by Alderman Valko, seconded by Alderman Cunningham to approve regular Payroll dated August 5, 2016 in the amount of \$1,474,252.20 and Final Payout dated August 5, 2016 in the amount of \$1,491.79.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, and Moisio</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVE BILLS DATED AUGUST 15, 2016</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>9. Motion by Alderman Valko, seconded by Alderman Cunningham to approve Bills dated August 15, 2016 in the amount of \$2,852,254.27.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger and Moisio</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVE RAFFLE SALE APPLICATIONS</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>10. Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman TenPas to approve raffle sale applications for the Waukegan Township Republican Organization and Men's Church Association – Bowling League.</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVE THE LITTLE FORT LIONS CLUB'S 2016 CANDY DAYS FUNDRAISING FOR 2016</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>11. Motion by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Seger to approve the Little Fort Lions Club's 2016 Candy Days Fundraising for October 14th and 15th, 2016.</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE THE MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2016.</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>12. Motion by Alderman Taylors, seconded by Alderman Seger to accept and place on file the Monthly Treasurer's report for the month of July 2016.</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVE THE USE OF URBAN EDGE FOR THE ARTWISE COMMUNITY CULTURAL ARTS SERIES, FROM SEPT. 10th - NOV. 10th, 2016</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>13. Motion by Alderman Villalobos, seconded by Alderman Moisio to approve the use of Urban Edge for the Waukegan Arts Council ArtWise Community Cultural Arts Series, from September 10th to November 10th, 2016. This event is sponsored by The Waukegan Arts Council, and is an approved event. In addition, the sponsor has applied under the Directive for Non-City/ Government Use of City-Owned Buildings and Venues, and has paid all costs required by that Directive.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, and Moisio</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>

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<p>ADOPT AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CLASS OF LIQUOR LICENSE, SPECIFICALLY, EE-B. 16-O-60</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:</u></p> <p>14.Motion by Alderman TenPas, seconded by Alderman Moisio to adopt an Ordinance creating a new class of Liquor license, specifically, EE-B.</p> <p>Ald. May questioned why the Ordinance did not amend section 3-44 the limit of licenses that would be issued. She made the motion to include this section amendment to the Ordinance. Amendment was approved.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Villalobos, TenPas, May, Valko, Taylor, Seger, and Moisio</p> <p>NAYS: Alderman Newsome and Cunningham.</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>ORDINANCE AMENDING SEC. 21-122 LIMITED PARKING, BY ADDING HANDICAPPED PARKING 16-O-61</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>15.Motion by Alderman Cunningham, seconded by Alderman Seger to adopt an Ordinance amending Section 21-122 Limited Parking, by adding Handicapped Parking only, south side, in front of the property commonly known as 1009 8th Street.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, and Moisio</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY BY THE CITY OF WAUKEGAN PURSUANT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM, SPECIFICALLY 1513 12TH STREET 16-R-62</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>16.Motion by Alderman Seger, seconded by Alderman Newsome to adopt a Resolution authorizing the purchase of property by the City of Waukegan pursuant to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, specifically 1513 12th Street, Waukegan, Illinois, 60085 for a purchase of \$34,000.00.</p> <p>Ald. Seger asked for clarification on why the City was purchasing this property in his ward.</p> <p>Ezzel Robins explained that the purchase would allow the City to take control of this property. The house would then be remodeled and sold. Ald. Seger acknowledged that this property has been a problem in his ward. Ald. Moisio asked Mr. Robins how many houses had been purchased through this program. 34-35 houses have been purchased. Ald. Taylor asked if these houses are checked-up on after rehab and sale. Yes, Mr. Robins explained there is a continuance check-up after the houses are rehabbed up-to city code. Ald. TenPas asked if the Alderman of the area was notified. No, it is not one of the required steps of this program. Ald. TenPas asked that when a house in his ward is considered for this program he would like to be notified.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Villalobos, Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, and Moisio</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>CHARLES PITTS</p>	<p><u>AUDIENCE TIME:</u></p> <p>17.He presented a flyer of a recent market day held at Zion. He said this would be a great platform for small businesses. It would also vitalize downtown Waukegan area. He suggested the legislature of street markets should be addressed.</p> <p>He reminded the Council that there is still a problem with electronic waste being left in the Glen Rock neighborhood. He would like the aldermen to address this issue. He said the City needs to take action, not just say they will do something and ignore issues.</p>

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CLYDE MCLEMORE	<p><u>AUDIENCE TIME cont.:</u></p> <p>18. He said he did not publically recognize and congratulate Mr. Harris for his new appointment within the City. He believes Mr. Harris is beyond qualified and will be very successful bringing all races together in the City. He offered his services to Mr. Harris.</p> <p>He said he also noticed that Ald. May did not congratulate Mr. Harris on his new position with the City. He advised her that voters are always watching, especially during election time.</p> <p>He moved his attention to Mayor Motley. He told him that he needed to do changes all the time, not just now during election time. He addressed the lawsuit settlement of the juveniles that were arrested. He said that Motley should have removed the officers and investigated further.</p>
MARGARET CARRASCO	<p>19. She presented documents printed from the records of the Secretary of State that stated that the entity of Vet Fest, LLC was registered on May 5, 2016. She stated that was two months after they started negotiations with the City of Waukegan. She presented a newspaper cover from March 2016 when the company was first mentioned.</p>
CHRIS BLANKS	<p>20. He read a prayer poem out loud. It was an extension to the poem read in the previous council meeting.</p>
RALPH PETERSON	<p>21. He said he has had a difference of opinion in past with the Mayor of North Chicago. The Mayor of North Chicago then came to the realization that in order to achieve both of their goals they needed to work together and there needed to be changes. The Mayor then made and kept changes, which were done with inclusion and dialogue. The community then changed.</p> <p>He recognized that he has discussed several topics with the Mayor of Waukegan. He does complain on issues but when he sees good progress he knows how to recognize it. He said that history tends to repeat itself. He hopes to see change in Waukegan just as in North Chicago. He acknowledged that the Mayor and he have come to the understanding that they need each other to make things work.</p> <p>He plans to step out in faith just like Martin Luther King Jr and Mandela. He looks forward to the Mayor of Waukegan moving forward or at least try to listen better.</p>
ALDERMAN VILLALOBOS	<p><u>ALDERMEN'S TIME:</u></p> <p>22. He shared that he plans on attending the upcoming event of Black Lives Matter at the Public Library on August 18th. He said the body cameras are now active on police officers and he took the time to see them in person and ask officers a few questions. He described how the cameras look physically and how they indicate that the recording setting is activated. He also shared his experience attending the USEPA meeting. There were 48 attendees from the City of Waukegan and Lake County area.</p> <p>He went on to give an overview of the various events he attended in the past two weeks. He gave a summary of topics discussed by the Library Board. The board would be voting for a President, Vice-President and Secretary the next week. There will be a beach clean-up on August 27th at 10:00 am.</p> <p>In regards to the BRP demolition, he expressed that although he was a huge supporter for this project he would have voted differently if he had known about the open invoice from the 2007 road project.</p> <p>Mayor Motley advised that the Sierra Club is working towards obtaining a grant to help NRG with Lake Front improvements.</p>

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ALDERMAN NEWSOME	<p><u>ALDERMEN'S TIME cont.:</u> 23.She congratulated Waukegan Township for their Annual Staben House Achievement Ceremony. They also had their Mortgage Burning Ceremony; their 20 year mortgage was paid off on July.</p> <p>As a board member of the Genesee theatre she shared that the Genesee Board of Directors had a raffle to win tickets to two of their upcoming September and October shows. Participants filled in their information including e-mails that can be passed on to the marketing department in the Theatre. The theatre is also hiring ushers and anyone interested can send their resumes to usher@genesee theatre.com or visit the box office.</p> <p>She reminded the community that if they have ordered anything online and the packages are to be delivered at home, they should make sure someone is home to receive the delivery. Otherwise it is important to include delivery instructions to avoid leaving unattended packages at their door.</p>
ALDERMAN TENPAS	24.No comment.
ALDERMAN MAY	<p>25.She recognized the Police Department for investigating a multitude of arm robberies within the City of Waukegan. She is impressed with their dedication and hard work. They arrested a few juveniles responsible for the crimes. It points to a deeper root issue that the community must heal.</p> <p>She questioned how it was possible for a large invoice to be overseen for many years. She said any professional organization would have a system of continuity although the leaders may change. She said that the time to establish a claim on the letter of credit on the 2007 Sheridan Road Project started running in 2008 and ended in 2012. Now the City has to pay of the invoice. She said they cannot continue to point fingers at prior administrations. A professional engineering department would be cognizant of these projects and create a timeline to meet deadlines.</p> <p>She is happy the City will hire an Engineer. She cleared up that Mr. Frank Furland is an independent engineer that has been subcontracted by the City of Waukegan and is not at fault for this issue.</p> <p>She addressed Mr. McLemore's comment and apologized to Mr. Harris for not congratulating him at the end of that evening. She believes that during the actual appointment of Mr. Harris she congratulated him along with her fellow Aldermen.</p>
ALDERMAN VALKO	26.He congratulated the successful National Night Out hosted by the Police Department. There were great demonstrations that evening for the community.
ALDERMAN TAYLOR	<p>27.She announced upcoming block parties within her ward. She encouraged neighborhoods to host block parties to get to know their neighbors.</p> <p>She has received over 30 e-mails from residents concerned about the River Glen subdivision. They state the properties are not being maintained; therefor it is not attracting families to the homes. She believes it is a disgrace that the developers do not maintain the properties that they are trying to sell to the community. She said Waukegan is a great city to work, play and live in.</p> <p>She concluded by congratulating the Police and Fire Chief for hosting the National Night out and the Fire Station Open house. These events show great community partnership.</p>
ALDERMAN CUNNINGHAM	<p>28.He echoed Ald. Taylor's words and also congratulated both Chiefs on National Night Out and the Open House. He went on to say there have been great block parties this year. He congratulated Margaret Carrasco for hosting a school supply give away for children in the City.</p> <p>He also congratulated the Waukegan Township association for paying off their mortgage. They have amazing programs to help women in the community.</p> <p>He shared that he attended the event by the lake, "<i>Blues by the Lake</i>", and he saw many non-resident attendees. He reminded residents that tomorrow was the start of Operation Clean-up in the 1st ward. Advanced Disposal would place large containers within the ward, one for tires and one for electronics.</p>

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ALDERMAN SEGER	<u>ALDERMEN'S TIME cont.:</u> 29.No comment.
ALDERMAN MOISIO	30.No comment.
ADJOURNMENT	<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> 31.Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman Cunningham to adjourn. Time: 9:15 p.m.
APPROVED	MOTION PASSED

MARIA M. LACOUR, CITY CLERK