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	<p>The Council of the City of Waukegan met in regular session on Monday October 17, 2016, at 7:01 P.M. In the City Council Chambers, City Hall 100 North Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Mayor Wayne Motley; City Clerk’s Executive Secretary, Itzel Garcia; Treasurer, John Schwab; and Corporation Counsel, Steve Martin were present.</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL:</b> Aldermen Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisiso, Villalobos, Newsome and May</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Alderman TenPas</p>
	<p><b><u>INVOCATION:</u></b>          Bishop Coburn led a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
	<p><b><u>MAYOR’S COMMENTS:</u></b></p> <p>1. He introduced Bruce Christian from the Lake County Highway Department and John Ambrose from Baxter Woodman, engineer for the Grand Ave Bridge project.</p> <p>John explained that there was a news article the previous week that talked about the cost of the Grand Ave Bridge Project and he wanted to clear the air. The project went out for bids in April of 2015 and the lowest bidder came in at \$6.9 million dollars. The construction started in the fall of 2015 and was completed on time by June 2016. At the moment it looks like the project will be completed under budget at an estimated total of \$6.8 million dollars.</p> <p>John then passed on the floor time to Bruce to talk about the funding mechanism for this project. He explained that they are present at today’s meeting per the invitation of Mayor Motley to answer questions. He explained he passed out a copy of the latest agreement between the City of Waukegan and IDOT. As John mentioned, the project is going to be completed under estimated construction costs. He, Bruce, was going to give a walk-through of the cost table.</p> <p>He pointed to the <i>Amended Division of Cost</i> table in the middle of the sheet he passed out. He explained the type of work for the project is listed on the left side column. The following column lists STP-BR which represents Service Transportation Program Bridge Funds. The City requested federal funds for the bridge construction and through the process it was determined that there needed to be a raise of the profile of the bridge as well as a raise of Pershing Rd. There were \$629,000 in federal funds approved for work on Pershing Rd, which is listed on the next column titled STU, Surface Transportation Urban. The third column is titled LA which stands for Local Agency and represents the funds that the City of Waukegan is responsible for. The bridge costs were accepted to be split 80/20 so that column shows that the City’s 20% share of costs are \$1,204,200. The highway construction costs were to be split 70/30 so the City’s share is \$269,700. The construction engineering costs were to be split 80/20 so the City’s share is \$94,840. Therefore the City’s total costs are \$1,568,740 out of the overall project’s cost of \$7,394,200. IDOT has paid approximately \$5.2 million for this project.</p> <p>He mentioned that the City of Waukegan has been receiving invoices from IDOT for approximately \$350-\$400 thousand. He stated he should mention that IDOT pays the total amount of construction costs to the contractor directly and then starts to send invoices to the City of Waukegan. In regards to the Construction Engineering, the City pays Baxter and Woodman Co. directly and then seeks 80% reimbursement from IDOT. He asked if the council had any questions.</p> <p>-Ald. Moisiso asked if the newspaper article was inaccurate. Yes, the City does not owe \$7.3 million dollars. That was an error in the newspaper. Math was off by 100%</p> <p>-Ald. Seger asked once the project is over, what is the total amount the City of Waukegan owes. \$1,568,740 is the City’s total and a substantial portion of that debt has already been paid.</p>

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	<p>CONT.</p> <p>-Ald. May stated that the Finance Department still has a million dollar hole on the City’s budget related to this project.</p> <p>-Ald. Taylor stated she wants the public to understand that the aldermen do want to see the contracts presented to the Finance Committee before they are accepted. She did not want to request line item by line item but she is suggesting going through the budget in more detail. They are trying to make an effort to make things better for the future.</p> <p>Mayor Motley moved on and introduced Betty Thomas to speak for a few minutes. Betty Thomas introduced herself and her son Walter Thomas. She is the sister of Robert “Bobby” Evans Sr. He proudly served 22 years in the Waukegan City Council as Alderman to the 1<sup>st</sup> ward. She put together a book with the chronicles and memoirs of his time in Office.</p> <p>She stated that many of the articles share profound stories. She shared a particular story from <i>the projects</i> in the 5<sup>th</sup> ward a day when the mail did not get delivered so Ald. Bobby went to the post office and he then personally delivered checks to all the waiting neighbors from <i>the projects</i></p> <p>She shared that he is currently ill. He is not in the best health. So this was the best moment to share this information of the wonderful and loving stories of her brother. He had his shares of ups and downs and he paid his dues. She stated she shared the book with Ald. Newsome and she suggested a copy of the book should be shared with the other Aldermen so they passed out a copy of the book to the City Council. If anyone else is interested in the book, please reach out to her.</p> <p>She read the prefix of the book to the audience. She thanked her good friend, a retired Waukegan Teacher Ms. Loretta Hampton, for helping her put together this book and publishing it.</p> <p>Mayor Motley introduced Jan Gibson to speak for a few minutes. She was happy to announce that the weekend show at the Genesee Theatre of <i>Peppa Pig</i> was successful and filled with guests between 15 months and 70 years old. She announced the upcoming Ghost walk on Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. The tickets are \$5.00 per person.</p> <p>Mayor Motley moved on and said that on January 2016 he and other committee groups met with the Department of Justice to create an agreement to set the tone for the Police Department operations. He had promised the Aldermen he would have the documents ready for review by today and he does. It is a 5 year agreement. He named seven organizations that were contributors to this project. The City Council will vote on the approval at the next council meeting.</p> <p>He moved on to say the City wants to continue building a diverse workforce that represents the demographics of the City of Waukegan. He announced the completion of recruitment for the Police Department. There were selective changes to the process such as: expanding the time of the application by six weeks, sending out mailers with the water bills to residents, sending flyers, attending several community events and engaging with members of the Department of justice. He shared the application statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-There were 131 applicants: 42% African Americans, 15% women</li> <li>-No one who took the test failed the test</li> </ul> <p>He thanked the community leaders, members of the Department of Justice, local pastors, Elected Officials and local Police Officers.</p>
<p>APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2016</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><b><u>MINUTES:</u></b></p> <p>2. Motion by Alderman May seconded by Alderman Valko to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2016</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>

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<p>PRESENTATION BY WAUKEGAN MAIN STREET, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ARTHUR COBB</p>	<p><b><u>RESOLUTIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS:</u></b></p> <p>3. Presentation by Waukegan Main Street He reminded everyone that on Monday October 24<sup>th</sup> the Waukegan Main Street's Annual meeting will be hosted at the Puerto Rican Society. Guest speaker Mike Higbee will brief attendees on the potential South Sheridan revitalization project. The price to register is \$17 for members and \$20 for non-members. For more information please call the Waukegan Main Street Office at 847-623-6650.</p>
<p>PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION –WAUKEGAN ROTARY CLUB 100<sup>th</sup> YEAR <b>16-R-75</b></p>	<p>4. Presentation of Resolution celebrating the Waukegan Rotary Club's 100<sup>th</sup> year of service Representatives of the Waukegan Rotary Club accepted the Resolution and posed for a picture with Mayor Motley. They thanked the City and accepted the recognition not only on behalf of the Rotary Club but also on behalf of all the service organizations that work for the betterment of the City of Waukegan. The City of Waukegan is a wonderful place to live and work</p>
<p>APPOINTMENT – HECTOR ESCOBAR AS A HISTORIC PRESERVATION MEMBER</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>5. Motion by Alderman Villalobos, seconded by Alderman Cunningham to appoint Hector Bryan Escobar as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission Mayor Motley introduced Hector as a contributor to one of the recent land markings in the city. Hector introduced himself as a Waukegan Park District employee, Cultural Arts Specialist. He has a Master's degree in History from Loyola University. As Mayor Motley stated, he put together the research for the land mark of the Carnegie Library. He is glad to bring knowledge and experience to the City of Waukegan. MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>AUTHORIZE CITY OFFICIALS TO AWARD THE 2016 C.D.B.G. CONTRACT TO D'LAND CONSTRUCTION LLC FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$111,210.00.</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><b><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS / MOTIONS:</u></b> <b><u>PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT CHAIRMAN ALDERMAN NEWSOME:</u></b></p> <p>6. Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman Moisio to authorize the proper City Officials to award the 2016 C.D.B.G. contract to the low qualified bidder of D'Land Construction LLC for an amount not to exceed \$111,210.00. Funds for this contract are available in C.D.B.G. funds. ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisio, Villalobos, Newsome and May NAYS: None ABSENT: Alderman TenPas MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>AUTHORIZE CITY OFFICIALS TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF GROUNDWATER AS A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY <b>16-O-76</b></p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>7. Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman Moisio to authorize the proper City Officials to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the use of groundwater as a potable water supply by the installation or use of potable water supply wells or by any other method in an area set forth in the ordinance. ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisio, Villalobos, Newsome and May NAYS: None ABSENT: Alderman TenPas MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>AUTHORIZE CITY OFFICIALS TO REDUCE THE SURETY BOND POSTED BY BRIDGE MCGAW LAND, LLC</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>8. Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman Moisio to authorize the proper City Officials to reduce the Surety Bond posted by Bridge McGaw Land, LLC from \$3,306,259.00 to \$901,950.00 as recommended by the City Engineer, Frank Furlan. ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisio, Villalobos, Newsome and May NAYS: None ABSENT: Alderman TenPas MOTION PASSED</p>

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<p>AUTHORIZE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF INTENT AND CONCURRENCE, MASTER AGREEMENT COUNTY-OWNED TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><b><u>PUBLIC WORKS Cont.:</u></b></p> <p>9. Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman Moisio to authorize the proper City Officials to execute a Letter of Intent and Concurrence, Master Agreement County-Owned Traffic Control Devices, Amendment # 1 to Exhibit A.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisio, Villalobos, Newsome and May</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: Alderman TenPas</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>AUTHORIZE CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LAKE COUNTY FOR JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER OF LEWIS AVE</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>10.Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman Moisio to authorize the proper City Officials to enter into an Agreement between the County of Lake and the City of Waukegan for the Improvement, Maintenance and Jurisdictional Transfer of Lewis Avenue (County Highway 27) from 14th Street to Belvidere Street.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisio, Villalobos, Newsome and May</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: Alderman TenPas</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>AUTHORIZE CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A MASTER AGREEMENT WITH LAKE COUNTY FOR ENERGY/ MAINTENANCE/ FUTURE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CITY-OWNED TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>11.Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman Moisio to authorize the proper City Officials to enter into a Master Agreement between the County of Lake and the City of Waukegan for Energy Costs, Maintenance Costs and Future Costs associated with City-Owned Traffic Control Devices.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisio, Villalobos, Newsome and May</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: Alderman TenPas</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>AUTHORIZE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,953.41 PAYABLE TO CAMPANELLA AND SONS</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>12.Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman Moisio to authorize the proper City Officials to execute a change order in the amount of \$50,953.41 payable to Campanella and Sons of Wadsworth, Illinois. Funds for this are available in line item 555 916027692.</p> <p>Ald. Valko asked for clarification on this project. Tom Hagerty, Public Works Director, said the project was on Butrick St.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisio, Villalobos, Newsome and May</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: Alderman TenPas</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>AUTHORIZE CITY OFFICIALS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UPCOMING COUNTY AUCTION IN OCTOBER</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>13.Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman Moisio to authorize the proper City Officials to participate in the upcoming County auction in October to dispose of old and wrecked vehicles.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisio, Villalobos, Newsome and May</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: Alderman TenPas</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>

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<p>AUTHORIZE CITY OFFICIALS TO AWARD THE 2016 VALVE INSERTION PROJECT TO CANYON CONTRACTING, INC. FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$57,142.00.</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><b><u>PUBLIC WORKS Cont.:</u></b></p> <p>14.Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman Moisio to authorize the proper City Officials to award the 2016 Valve Insertion project to Canyon Contracting, Inc. of Spring Grove IL for an amount not to exceed \$57,142.00. Funds for this project are available in line item 555 916027043.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisio, Villalobos, Newsome and May</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: Alderman TenPas</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF PAYROLL DATED OCTOBER 14, 2016</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><b><u>NEW BUSINESS:</u></b></p> <p>15.Motion by Alderman Valko, seconded by Alderman Cunningham to approve regular Payroll dated October 14, 2016 in the amount of \$1,435,576.60, Civil Service dated October 14, 2016 in the amount of \$4750.00, Final Payout dated October 14, 2016 in the amount of \$2,385.97, IAFF Uniform Allowance dated October 14, 2016 in the amount of \$41,525.00, Two Final Payouts dated October 14, 2016 in the amounts of \$30,050.06 and \$2,297.43</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisio, Villalobos, Newsome and May</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: Alderman TenPas</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVE BILLS DATED OCTOBER 17, 2016</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>16.Motion by Alderman Valko, seconded by Alderman Cunningham to approve Bills dated October 17, 2016 in the amount of \$1,391,582.81</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisio, Villalobos, Newsome and May</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: Alderman TenPas</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVE RAFFLE SALE APPLICATIONS</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>17.Motion by Alderman May, seconded by Alderman Newsome to approve raffle sale applications for Greenwood Elementary School and Family &amp; friends Bowling League</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>ACCEPT AND FILE TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPT 2016.</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>18.Motion by Alderman Seger, seconded by Alderman Villalobos to accept and place on file the Monthly Treasurer's report for the month of September 2016.</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF ALL BLOCK PARTIES</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>19.Motion by Alderman Cunningham, seconded by Alderman Moisio to approve all Block Parties</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON APPROVALS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE RIVER ROAD CORRIDOR FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS <b>16-O-77</b></p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>20.Motion by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Seger to adopt an ordinance extending the Moratorium on Approvals for Development in the River Road Corridor of the City of Waukegan for a period of 6 months, through and including May 18, 2017.</p> <p>Ald. May asked for the status of this project because there have been several extensions to the moratorium for River Rd. She believes this has been extended for the past three years. Mayor Motley asked Russ Tomlin, Director of Community Development, to explain this extension. Russ explained this was related to a collaborating process with a neighboring property owner.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisio, Villalobos, Newsome and May</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: Alderman TenPas</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>

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<p><b>RESOLUTION - ACCEPT A DONATION FROM JOSE M. ZURITA TO THE CITY, OR THE CITY'S DESIGNEE, OF 726 SOUTH MCALISTER ST, PIN # 08-28-311-086.</b></p> <p><b>16-R-78</b></p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><b><u>ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:</u></b></p> <p>21.Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman Seger to adopt a Resolution authorizing the proper City Officials to accept a donation from Jose M. Zurita to the City, or the City's Designee, of the property commonly known as 726 South McAlister Street, Waukegan, IL 60085, PIN # 08-28-311-086.</p> <p>Mayor Motley explained Mr. Zurita voluntarily donated this property and that was announced at the last council meeting. The property will be signed over to Habitat for Humanity.</p> <p>Ald. May questioned if other residents would be able to offer similar deals. She personally knows other properties that would benefit from this same process. Otherwise she questioned why this property had this unusual arrangement approved. Steve Martin, City Counsel, advised that the deed could be bypassing the City and can be transferred directly to a separate designee.</p> <p>Ald. May questioned if this would satisfy the home requirements they owe through breca where they owe 15 homes to Habitat for Humanity. She also questioned the \$21,000 property taxes. Steve Martin explained the County has the taxes so he will ask them to vacate those taxes to the City. He explained it is not the City's responsibility to pay any taxes on the property.</p> <p>Ald. Cunningham questioned what did Habitat for humanity get out of the whole process. Steve explained he had not talked directly with Habitat for Humanity, only CDBG has reached out to them. He has only made arrangements with Mr. Zurita's attorney. Ald. Cunningham questioned why the City had to be a middle person in this process. Steve explained the plan was to give the property directly to Habitat for humanity. They are the selected designee as stated in the Ordinance. Ald. Cunningham explained this reminds him of the BRP Property case. Steve explained the County will vacate the taxes. Ald. Cunningham reiterated the question the other aldermen asked, can this process can be done to other properties. Ald. Cunningham explained this could be used as leverage to collect all of Mr. Zurita's damaged properties. He said that the south side of Waukegan, that is south of Washington St, is in a bad state. He stated it is ironic that the properties being discussed are located on the south side. He reiterated that these cases would not happen in other wards. He is frustrated with this situation. He asked that a renegotiation with Mr. Zurita be opened and his second property on Elizabeth Ave should be included in the property transfer.</p> <p>Dave Marion, Building Commissioner, stated that the property on McAlister is zoned as residential and the property on Elizabeth is zoned as commercial. The property on Elizabeth has recently ended some settlements with insurance companies about a fire from a few years back on the property, so the property will finally be able to be rehabbed.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Taylor, Seger, Moisio, Villalobos, Newsome and May NAYS: Alderman Cunningham ABSENT: Alderman TenPas MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>CHRIS BLANKS 801 MCALISTER</p>	<p><b><u>AUDIENCE TIME:</u></b></p> <p>22. He said that in the last council meeting his name was mentioned by Ald. Valko while he discussed that the audience speakers did not have all their facts straight during their 3 minutes to speak. He came to clarify and show evidence of the last cases he discussed during audience time. He presented a picture of Jonathan Garcia, a juvenile that ended up in the hospital after excessive force from the Police Department. He stated that the Alderman's son, Officer Valko, was the facilitator in this case.</p> <p>He then placed \$100 on the counter and stated that if his facts were wrong, then Ald. Valko should take the \$100. Otherwise the Alderman should refrain from using his name.</p> <p>In regards to the issue Margaret Carrasco brought up at the last meeting. he stated there has been Waukegan officers that have beat their wives and have still risen to high political offices. So he believes the totality of the situation needs to be seen before comments are made.</p>

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<p>JAMIE O'MEARA 1318 CHESTNUT ST</p>	<p><b><u>AUDIENCE TIME cont.:</u></b></p> <p>23.She asked the City Council to consider broadcasting the Committee Meetings. From observation and experience of attending those meetings, that is when the residents learn about the things the council is voting on. She pointed out that today's Council Agenda was very unclear as to what the actual discussion being voted on was. If the public had access to the actual meeting where the discussion took place they would be able to have their questions answered and gather the required research for a better vote.</p>
<p>CATHY COLTON 267 HARDING</p>	<p>24.She introduced herself as a 7<sup>th</sup> ward resident and a member of Clean Power Lake County Group. She hosted a recent house party for members and neighbors. They were able to discuss environmental challenges that the Lake Front faces and how they could help chart a new pathway beyond the dirty energy industry. One of the concerns they have are the ash ponds and other pollution at the Lake Front.</p> <p>She suggested the City should create a Transition Task Force by the end of the year. She had a folder of letters for Ald. May from residents of the 7<sup>th</sup> ward.</p>
<p>JOSE VARGAS 2811 SUNSET AVE</p>	<p>25.He introduced himself as a 7<sup>th</sup> ward resident. He had a few questions to what the Police Department called a <i>shooting</i> that occurred Friday evening at Genesee St. He discussed that on Friday evening he was volunteering for the Waukegan Park District to scrub tables being set up for the Saturday event. He said he heard the gunshots and identified the different shots as a <i>gun battle</i>. He explained that he grew up on the US Texas border and he witnessed many gun battles therefor he can recognize one now just by the sounds.</p> <p>The next day he volunteered with Ald. Villalobos to set up the area for day's event. He then found 3 more casings. He said they were found in front of Subway which is 250 yards from where the actual shooting took place. He questioned what will be done to secure the area.</p> <p>Mayor Motley stated he met with the Chief of Police and discussed that two local liquor establishments are under investigations for multiple incidents.</p>
<p>MARGARET CARRASCO 532 N LEWIS</p>	<p>26.She asked Mr. Vargas to allow her to record his message so that she may share it with the community.</p> <p>She went on to state that at the last council meeting Mr. Blanks asked about City bids. The Mayor responded that they receive multiple bids for projects. That is correct. She verified that information. However she believes that the question should have been directed to Department Head, Tom Hagerty, to ask him if the bids are following the strict required process and policy. Perhaps the bids are being opened ahead of time or they are opened by the incorrect person. Then there are phone calls made to inform what other companies bid. She said there may be individuals talking about business owners who are complaining about being shaken down for donations. She said she will talk about that topic another time.</p> <p>She stated that tax payers are disgusted by the lack of transparency in the selection of members of the Mayor's Waukegan South Side Revitalization Committee. She pointed to a handout she passed out. It was a picture of the South Sheridan Revitalization Committee. She questioned why the Mayor refused to have the 1<sup>st</sup> ward Alderman and the Lake County Commissioner for that district on the committee. She said the majority of the members deserve to be part of such group. However she is concerned with one of the members from the group. She pointed to the last person on the bottom right. She believed she is from Zion.</p> <p>Mayor Motley stated that member lived in the City of Waukegan.</p>
<p>RALPH PETERSON</p>	<p>27.He said he likes the direction that the City is moving on.</p> <p>He commended Mayor Motley and the Council Members who were involved and supportive of the South Sheridan Revitalization Projects. He said the update at the last meeting was impressive. He also commended the City Council for accepting the advice of the Citizens for Progress Committee and inviting the Department of Justice to work with the City. He acknowledged that he has been harshly critical in the past but lately the Mayor's actions are shown as sincere.</p> <p>He believes that truthfully of the 50+ cities in Lake County, Mayor Motley and Mayor Rockingham are the most courageous, transparent and concerned City Officials.</p>

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	<p><b>MAYOR'S COMMENTS</b></p> <p>28. Mayor Motley announced he just completed a poll to select the 2017 City Sticker. The Marquee of the Genesee Theatre will be the City sticker image.</p>
ALDERMAN VALKO	<p><b><u>ALDERMEN'S TIME:</u></b></p> <p>29. He announced Trick or Treat is Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. He shared the leaf pick up schedule's first days for the 8<sup>th</sup> ward: -Monday Oct 24<sup>th</sup>            -Tuesday Oct 25<sup>th</sup></p>
ALDERMAN TAYLOR	<p>30. She also announced trick or treat dates for her ward:     Waukegan and Gurnee October 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm     Libertyville and Green Oaks October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 to 8:00 pm</p> <p>The first days of the leaf pick up schedule for the 9<sup>th</sup> ward: -Wednesday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>    -Thursday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup></p>
ALDERMAN CUNNINGHAM	<p>31. He questioned if a notice can be delivered to residents asking them to move their cars. There are some neighborhoods that do not have parkways so the only available parking is street parking. He suggested a robo call to be scheduled.</p> <p>He congratulated the Waukegan Orchestra and Choir and most importantly the parents of the students. He expressed they had a recent remarkable performance that was worthy of being presented at the Genesee Theatre. The show, hosted at the High School, had about 1,100 attendees per show.</p> <p>He addressed the issue presented by Margaret Carrasco. He clarified that he had no previous communication with her and that he was not seeking bad publicity for the City. He said this issue should have been talked between Mayor Motley and himself, but it wasn't. He told himself he was not going to bring it up but now that it has been brought up he will discuss it.</p> <p>He stated that the comment from critics that <i>City Hall works in secret, hides meaningful facts from elected aldermen and the alderman do whatever the Mayor wants</i> bothers him. He expressed this bothered him so much that he typed a letter to express his thoughts, which he read out loud:</p> <p>He stated the suggestion was really good; it was a good idea to have key stakeholders join a committee. The idea was well intended. However he was going to read various sections of an article to support his point.</p> <p>"If proposal moves forward, the committee would work with a development team..."</p> <p>"The Committee will not be a public entity and will not report to the City Council..."</p> <p>He named 7 members of the new committee. He continued to read that "developers had asked Mayor Motley to invite other members as a courtesy." He named 14 more members of the committee.</p> <p>He repeated the quote <i>City Hall works in secrecy and the alderman do whatever the Mayor wants</i>. He stated that first of all he did not know anything about this committee. He also did not know that Mayor Motley would not include him, Ald. Cunningham. He believes the Mayor does not value the alderman as a voice for the community. He brought back the topic that when a situation was not exposed to the Mayor, he, the Mayor was not upset.</p>

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	<p>Cont.</p> <p>He referred back to the news article that talked about the nine elected officials. He expressed the Mayor can say this is political. He states that is because he, Ald. Cunningham, is running against him. To him, Ald. Cunningham, it is not political. It's for the betterment of Waukegan. He stated articles like these affect all nine aldermen.</p> <p>He questioned many points including: why Mayor Motley did not have asked him, Ald. Cunningham, to join the committee and why did he not ask his mother, Mrs. Cunningham, a district representative of Lake County.</p> <p>He reiterated that he was not planning on bringing this topic up. He repeated the quote that bothered him: <i>City Hall works in secrecy and the alderman do whatever the Mayor wants</i>. He wanted to make sure that it was crystal clear that he does not do whatever the Mayor wants. He questioned why he was not called to join yet a member, who has an organization in Zion, was called. He stated that he was invited to the next meeting after he reached out to Ezzel Robins.</p> <p>He concluded by stating that Department Heads should know better and should call the Aldermen when they are working on projects in their corresponding ward. The Department Heads may have been appointed by the Mayor, but they were approved by the Council.</p>
ALDERMAN SEGER	<p>32. He was saddened to report that there were several accidents in his ward. He sent his condolences to the Banks Family and to Ms. Stevens' family.</p> <p>He asked the Chief of Police for more information about the hit-and-run. There are no updates. He could not imagine what the families were suffering. He urged residents to secure their guns.</p>
ALDERMAN MOISIO	<p>33. No comment.</p>
ALDERMAN VILLALOBOS	<p>34. He shared that his comment was personal. He shared that he was in close range to one of the people who was shot on Friday evening. He was about two feet away and the experience was surreal. He had to duck and cover for safety. He had to face reality about gun violence. It was unfortunate that individuals brought out guns on an evening out.</p> <p>He expressed he still had hope and optimism when he saw the community gather at the next day's event. He said it took only a few people and a few incidents to make the community look bad. He never felt that, and even after Friday he is still hopeful for the community.</p> <p>He concluded by sharing that his birthday was yesterday. There is no guarantee you will be there the next day but he appreciates that he lived to make it to another birthday.</p>
ALDERMAN NEWSOME	<p>35. She also announced the first dates of the leaf pick up schedule for the 5<sup>th</sup> ward:</p> <p>- Wednesday Oct 26<sup>th</sup> - Thursday Oct 27<sup>th</sup></p> <p>She wished Ald. Villalobos a Happy Birthday</p>
ALDERMAN MAY	<p><b><u>ALDERMEN'S TIME Cont.:</u></b></p> <p>36. She also announced first dates of the leaf pick up schedule for the 7<sup>th</sup> ward, she will also share the post on Facebook and it is in the City's website:</p> <p>- Monday Oct 24<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday Oct 25<sup>th</sup></p> <p>She then referred to Ald. Cunningham. She stated that when she read the newspaper article the first thing she did was send a text to Ald. Cunningham. She asked if he had been asked to join the committee. He was not, so she believes it was very disrespectful to his community that has supported him since 1999.</p> <p>She went on talk about shootings at two different businesses. She has asked for the call logs of the two businesses to investigate. It is a continuous issue and although she does not know the legal process there must still be a way to revoke their liquor licenses.</p> <p>She congratulated (Hector) Bryan Escobar for his appointment. He is a valuable contribution and she hopes the Carnegie Library conservation group reaches out to him.</p>

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	<p>Cont.</p> <p>In terms of the Grand Ave Bridge, she hopes this is the last she needs to talk about the subject. However this project is completely connected to a City fund. Government finances are not exciting but it must be talked about. She was happy to hear clarifications that the City does not owe \$7 million dollars for this project, but she knew that information already. She said that the problem with the budget that is posted on the City website is that there will not be a \$1.3 Million reimbursement from the Federal Government. She said the numbers are completely wrong in the Motor Fuel Tax fund. She explained that the City only projected to spend \$400,000 and so far they have paid \$878,000. That puts it closer to another million dollar mistake.</p> <p>She stated that a handful of employees that were under the MFT fund had to be moved to the general fund because the projections were wrong. The personnel and benefit expenses are at 42% of the budget year, so they are not at their half way point. She stated this is a rainy day situation and unfortunately there are no rainy day funds to cover this. The City of Waukegan needs an extra two million dollars. She is glad the presentation today brought some light that they will pay less but they are still paying more than they can afford.</p>
ADJOURNMENT  APPROVED	<p><b><u>ADJOURNMENT:</u></b></p> <p>37.Motion by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Valko to adjourn. Time: 8:45 p.m.</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>

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MARIA M. LACOUR, CITY CLERK