

The Council of the City of Waukegan met in regular session on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 7:00P.M. In the City Council Chambers, City Hall 100 North Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue. Mayor Sabonjian, City Clerk, Wayne Motley, Corporation Counsel, Newton Finn and Treasurer John Schwab were present.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Aldermen Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Beadling, Newsome, TenPas and May

Absent: None

**INVOCATION:**

Moment of silence.

**MAYOR COMMENTS:**

1. No comment.

**AUDIENCE TIME:**

2. Pleased to attend lunch with the Mayor at the Genesee Theatre this afternoon. Discussed the interest of a number of citizens to hire a city manager. It is her position that this option needs to be explored. She feels that it is in the best interest of our community.

3. She advised the Aldermen that she had a good time at the Artwauk. Waukegan Main Street held their annual fundraiser at the Genesee Theatre this afternoon. She indicated that there was a good turnout for the event.

4. He stated that when he received his tax bill he noticed that his taxes increased, how did this happen, the city did not increase the tax levy, did they? He then discussed the cost of the Police & Fire Pensions on his tax bill. It is his opinion that the city must do something to reduce our taxes.

5. Home value dropping, taxes going up "why"?

6. He indicated that his taxes increased \$800 this year and that he is on a fixed income. He wants to know what is going on.

7. Discussed 8 (eight) officers who were laid off. Thanked fire, Lt, Sgts for their concessions. His son a police officer was one of the officers laid off. He indicated that he does not see the value of laying the police officers. He encouraged both side to get back to the bargaining table and resolve their differences and get these officers back on the job.

**AUDIENCE TIME cont.**

8. He discussed property taxes with the Aldermen, he said that "he realizes that the Mayor & Aldermen have a difficult time with the increased tax bill and the decrease of assessments". Assessments went down 12% this year and the tax rate increased by 15% we have never had anything like this before. He indicated that the County Tax Rate in North Chicago was 10.8%, Zion 7.9%, Gurnee, and Libertyville 6.8%.

9. He mentioned that he came to the city council meeting on behalf of his neighbor Eda Christenson to discuss the garbage in the city alley in her neighborhood. He feels that the city is not taking care of its citizens. He asked the Aldermen to help this woman, clean up her alley.

10. As the President of the Patrolman's Union advised the Aldermen that the Patrolman's Union is unable to reach an agreement with the City. He suggested that the city pursue the Police Grant and take advantage of this grant to rehire police officers.

11. She discussed the recent tax increase. She advised the Aldermen that, they were not supposed to increase but they did. It is her opinion that we need to get more people involved in the City Government.

**MINUTES:**

12. Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman Beadling to approve May 2, 2011 Regular Meeting Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

MOTION PASSED

**RESOLUTION/PROCLAMATIONS:**

13. Motion by Alderman Koncan, seconded by Alderman Valko to adopt a Proclamation to recognize the Birthday of the U.S. Army.

MOTION PASSED

14. Motion Alderman Rivera, seconded by Alderman Newsome to approve to go out of order and move Labor Relations Committee.

MOTION PASSED

15. Motion by Alderman Rivera, seconded by Alderman Newsome to go into Executive Session

to discuss Labor Relations and Settlement of Claims. TIME: 7:43 p.m.  
ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Beadling, Newsome, TenPas and May  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
MOTION PASSED

16. The City Council Reconvened at TIME:  
ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Beadling, Newsome, TenPas and May  
ABSENT: None

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MAYOR SABONJIAN:**

17. Motion by Alderman Rivera, seconded by Alderman Newsome to approve agreement between City of Waukegan and Teamsters Local 700, representing the Waukegan Police Lieutenants  
ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Beadling, Newsome, and May  
NAYS: Alderman TenPas  
ABSENT: None  
MOTION PASSED

18. Motion by Alderman Rivera seconded by Alderman Newsome to approve agreement between City of Waukegan and Metropolitan Alliance of Police (MAP) Police Sergeant's Chapter #285.  
ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Beadling, Newsome, and May  
NAYS: Alderman TenPas  
ABSENT: None  
MOTION PASSED

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORT CHAIRMAN ALDERMAN MAY:**

19. Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman Newsome to approve Gun Transfer Ordinance as presented.  
**ALDERMAN MAY REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT CHAIRMAN ALDERMAN NEWSOME:**

20. Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman May to adopt Resolution to approve allowing the City of Waukegan to continue the HOME funds agreement with the County of Lake, City of North Chicago, and HUD from May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2015.  
ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Beadling, Newsome, TenPas and May  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
MOTION PASSED

21. Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman May to approve the renewal of the City's telephone systems maintenance contract with AT&T Global Services for an amount not to exceed \$37,351.00 annually, for a period of 3-years.  
ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Beadling, Newsome, TenPas and May  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
MOTION PASSED

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT CHAIRMAN ALDERMAN MOISIO:**

22. Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman May to adopt as presented a Resolution to approve "Adopt-A-Street" Ordinance as presented.  
ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Beadling, Newsome, TenPas and May  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
MOTION PASSED

23. Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman May to waive bid procedure and

continue professional services from Baxter Woodman Engineering of Crystal Lake IL for Interim Water Supt. for an amount not to exceed one hundred thirty dollars per hour until new Supt. is found.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Beadling, Newsome, TenPas and May

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT cont.:**

24. Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman May to approve to draft specifications and advertise for bids for the 2011 C.D.B.G Sidewalk Program. Funds are available again this year in the C.D.B.G Program.

MOTION PASSED

25. Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman May to approve to draft specifications and advertise for bids for the 2011 Road Maintenance Contract. This project would be funded from bond proceeds in fund 312 131277619.

MOTION PASSED

26. Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman May request permission to enter into an agreement for the Nosco Temporary Parking.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Rivera, Koncan, Moisio, Beadling, Newsome, TenPas and May

NAYS: Alderman Cunningham

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED

27. Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman May to request permission to bid Seawall Repairs for the city owned property formerly known as the Coke Plant.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Beadling, Newsome, TenPas and May

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GENESSEE THEATRE COMMITTEE:**

28. Motion by Alderman Rivera, seconded by Alderman Valko to accept offer from Uline for their investment in the Genessee Theatre, work with them to create a new management board and to partner with the Friends of the Genessee Theatre.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Beadling, Newsome, TenPas and May

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED

29. Motion by Alderman Rivera, seconded by Alderman Valko to Authorize staff and Corporation Counsel to negotiate a contract extension with SMG for management of the Genessee Theatre.

MOTION PASSED

**OLD BUSINESS:**

30. Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman May to exercise the power granted by Section 8-1-7 of the Illinois Municipal Code to authorize the Mayor or his designee(s) to make necessary expenditures during the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year extending from June 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011, 1/12<sup>th</sup> of appropriations made for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year or until the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Appropriation Ordinance is adopted, whichever takes place first, at which time such authority shall expire automatically. Furthermore, non-essential spending is discouraged until such time the 2011-2012 Appropriation Ordinance adopted.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Beadling, Newsome, TenPas and May

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED

**OLD BUSINESS cont.:**

31. Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman May to take off the table and hold-over until the next regular City Council meeting the Appropriation Ordinance for the City of Waukegan, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2011 and ending April 30, 2012 as presented on April 18, 2011.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Beadling, Newsome, TenPas and May

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED

**NEW BUSINESS:**

32. Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman May to approve Payroll dated May 4, 2011 in the amount of \$1,348,519.80.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Beadling, Newsome, TenPas and May

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED

33. Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman May to approve Bills dated May 16, 2011 in the amount of \$1,992,378.22.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Beadling, Newsome, TenPas and May

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED

34. Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman Moisio to approve all block parties.

MOTION PASSED

35. Motion by Alderman Rivera, seconded by Alderman Valko to grant permission for Waukegan Main Street Raffle

MOTION PASSED

**NEW BUSINESS cont.:**

36. Motion by Alderman Valko, seconded by Alderman Koncan to grant permission to the American Legion to have their Poppy Sale.

MOTION PASSED

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

37. Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman Rivera to adopt as presented an Ordinance authorizing the sale of property by the City of Waukegan pursuant to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, including 520 Baldwin Avenue.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Beadling, Newsome, TenPas and May

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED

38. Motion by Alderman Koncan, seconded by Alderman Rivera to adopt as presented an Ordinance approve Zoning Calendar #2341, located at 2203 Belvidere Road the Conditional Use Permit for a Billiards Establishment.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, Beadling, Newsome, TenPas and May

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED

**ALDERMEN'S TIME:**

39. He indicated that it has been a tuff road for citizens of our community. He commended Tina Smigielski & Noelle Kischer-Lepper for their dedication & commitment to our community. He

thanked the Police Lt, Sgt & fire fighters for making concessions in their contracts. He indicated that he feels that the Mayor should have included the Aldermen in his decision to lay off city employees. He asked the Corporation Counsel to research whether or not the Mayor has the authority to proceed with layoffs without prior city council approval.

40. He also thanked the Lt's, Sgts & fire fighters for their concessions. He would like to see an Alderman present in contract discussions. He said that he was disappointed to see that 8 policemen were laid off. He indicated that he attended Artwauk last weekend and that it was well attended. He suggested that maybe we can have F.I.S.T clean up the areas Dan Trayoff discussed in audience time.

**ALDERMEN'S TIME:**

41. He mentioned that it was refreshing to see that the new Aldermen have such a passion for the layoffs situation here in the city. He feels that the unions need to come back to the table and attempt to resolve this matter and get the police officers back to work. He indicated that he does not feel that increasing the tax levy in December would have changed the difficulty we find ourselves in. He said, "If we move the city forward, we move every one forward". He then requested that the Aldermen consider the possibility of planting a community garden on the North West corner of Kennard & Sheridan. He indicated that the Artwauk was a complete success, people enjoyed the setting, and we had many people from outside our community in attendance. People were enjoying themselves; there was a lot of entertainment. He said that, "Artwauk is just the beginning of where we should go".

42. He indicated that he attended the Crow Concert at the Genesee Theatre. He feels that we need more shows downtown to make the downtown work. Clockwise Theatre is also a plus to our community.

43. He discussed the tax bill increases. He indicated that more money is going to our police & fire pensions and not the city general fund. He suggested that we should consider going to a part time Mayor and hire a City Manager. He feels that nonpartisan election need to be reviewed as well.

44. He indicated that Waukegan is a corporation. He suggested that citizens go to our web site and read the union contracts which the city must follow. This city is broke, the state is broke. Nobody is getting pay raises out there anymore we are faced with inflated home values, low interest rates, home mortgages, now the bubble has burst. Unions cannot continue to keep going back for more and more money.

45. No comment.

46. He mentioned that it is his opinion that twelve hours shifts for police officers are outrageous. He also feels that it was a bad decision by the Mayor to lay employees off the police officers.

47. Motion by Alderman TenPas, seconded by Alderman Valko to research if the Mayor has the right to choose the number of employees who are laid off without the council's approval.

**ALDERMAN VALKO REFERRED TO JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

48. She thanked the members of the F.I.S.T. organization and Russ Tomlin for helping clean up the ravine June 4<sup>th</sup>. Art Fest will be held at Bowen Park, July 30<sup>th</sup> Art Stroll. She thanked Uline for their financial assistance at the Genesee Theatre.

49. Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman Cunningham to adjourn. TIME:  
9:10p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**