

CITY OF WAUKEGAN MINUTES
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	<p>The Council of the City of Waukegan met in regular session on Tuesday January 3, 2017, at 7:02 P.M. In the City Council Chambers, City Hall 100 North Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Mayor Wayne Motley; City Clerk, Maria LaCour; and Corporation Counsel, Steve Martin 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><u>MAYOR’S COMMENTS:</u></p> <p>1. None</p>
<p>APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2016</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>MINUTES:</u></p> <p>2. Motion by Alderman Villalobos, seconded by Alderman Seger to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 19, 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 shared that over the holidays he read an article by Main Street America titled “Downtowns Matter”. The article stated that every successful community had strengths and weaknesses. They also shared key characteristics such as: Vision for the future, inventory assets, building plans on existing assets, education and incentives, cooperation with neighbors, select development projects, pay attention to community aesthetics, and have strong leaders with committed residents.</p> <p>He hopes to see a movement go through in the Downtown Waukegan Area in 2017. He is ready, how about you?</p>
<p>COMMITTEE HELD OVER THIS MOTION</p>	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS / MOTIONS:</u></p> <p><u>INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT CHAIRMAN ALDERMAN TAYLOR:</u></p> <p>4. Motion to authorize the proper City officials to settle Case No. 16L914, Claim #C645-16-10189-01 for an amount not to exceed \$42,500.00.</p> <p>MOTION HELD OVER IN COMMITTEE</p>
<p>MOTION TO SETTLE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM #C645-15-10145-01 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$37,266.90.</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>5. Motion by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman May to authorize the proper City officials to settle Public Works Department Workers Compensation Claim #C645-15-10145-01 for an amount not to exceed \$37,266.90.</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>MOTION TO SETTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM #C645-12-00717-01 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,720.62.</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT Cont.:</u></p> <p>6. Motion by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman May to authorize the proper City officials to settle Police Department Workers Compensation Claim #C645-12-00717-01 for an amount not to exceed \$26,720.62.</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>MOTION TO SETTLE FIRE DEPARTMENT WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM #C645-14-01009-01 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,336.00.</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>7. Motion by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman May to authorize the proper City officials to settle Fire Department Workers Compensation Claim #C645-14-01009-01 for an amount not to exceed \$55,336.00.</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>MOTION TO SETTLE FIRE DEPARTMENT WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM #C645-15-10142-01 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,593.00.</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>8. Motion by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman May to authorize the proper City officials to settle Fire Department Workers Compensation Claim #C645-15-10142-01 for an amount not to exceed \$40,593.00.</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>MOTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONING CALENDAR #2521</p> <p>17-O-1</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORT CHAIRMAN ALDERMAN MOISIO:</u></p> <p>9. Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman Valko to adopt an Ordinance approving Zoning Calendar #2521, Map Amendment (Rezoning) from I2 General Industrial to R6 General Residence, Address: 634 Kennard Street, Petitioner: City of Waukegan/Arthur Brumfield</p> <p>Ald. Moisio stated that there was heavy discussion on this subject. There was also a lot of legal information discussed. So this was not an easy vote for anyone. He clarified this was only a rezoning motion.</p> <p>Ald. May also shared that they discussed the value of this lot. The majority of the surrounding properties are currently used as residential, so it is currently zoned incorrectly. The common opinion is that the value of the property is higher when zoned as residential. The owner may not care what the value of the lot is. Her heart wants a peaceful resolution. She wishes there was an advocate that would stand by the resident and help work out these issues. Her heart goes out to the resident.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Newsome, TenPas, Valko, Seger and Moisio</p> <p>NAYS: Alderman Villalobos, May, Taylor and Cunningham</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION APPROVED</p>

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<p>MOTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONING CALENDAR #2522</p> <p>17-O-2</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORT Cont.:</u></p> <p>10.Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman Valko to adopt an Ordinance approving Zoning Calendar #2522, Map Amendment (Rezoning) from I2 General Industrial to R6 General Residence, Address: 601 and 605 S. Genesee St, Petitioner: City of Waukegan/Illinois Department of Transportation</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>MOTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONING CALENDAR #2523</p> <p>17-O-3</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>11.Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman Valko to adopt an Ordinance approving Zoning Calendar #2523, Map Amendment (Rezoning) from I2 General Industrial to R6 General Residence, Address: 0 S. Genesee Street (PIN #08-28-408-005, Petitioner: City of Waukegan/ Illinois Department of Transportation</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>MOTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONING CALENDAR #2524</p> <p>17-O-4</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>12.Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman Valko to adopt an Ordinance approving Zoning Calendar #2524, Map Amendment (Rezoning) from I2 General Industrial to R6 General Residence, Address: 680, 678, 676, 674, 670, 666, 662, 658, 646, 645, 638, 630 Kennard; PIN #08-28-408-015, #08-28-403-005; 622, 618, 614 and 602 Hill Street; 607, 617, 619, 623, 633, 651, 655, 661, 671, 673 and 677 S. Genesee St; PIN #08-28-232-003, #08-28-400-008, #08-28-403-004, #08-28-408-003, #08-28-408-004, #08-28-400-018, and #08-28-400-020, Petitioner: M.D. Higbee/Sheridan Partners, LLC.</p> <p>Ald. May asked for clarification: because the newspaper stated that these properties are already under contract for development. Mayor Motley stated that was false.</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>MOTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONING CALENDAR #V-6-16</p> <p>17-O-5</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>13.Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman Valko to adopt an Ordinance approving Zoning Calendar #V-6-16, Vacation of Alley east of Benny Avenue and south of Belvidere Rd, Petitioner: A & L's Construction</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>APPROVAL OF PAYROLL DATED DECEMBER 23, 2016.</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>NEW BUSINESS:</u></p> <p>14.Motion by Alderman Valko, seconded by Alderman Cunningham to approve regular Payroll dated December 23, 2016 in the amount of \$1,481,375.50, Non-Union Vacation Sell Back dated December 9, 2016 in the amount of \$2,049.20, PBLC Clothing Allowance dated December 16, 2016 in the amount of \$85,425.00, PBLC Clothing Allowance dated December 20, 2016 in the amount of \$180.00, Final Payout dated December 23, 2016 in the amount of \$2,281.88, and PBLC Holiday Buy Back dated December 23, 2016 in the amount of \$6,368.08.</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 JANUARY 2, 2017.</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>15.Motion by Alderman Valko, seconded by Alderman Cunningham to approve Bills dated January 2, 2017 in the amount of \$2,183,200.27.</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>MOTION TO AMEND THE AMOUNT AUTHORIZED BY THE COUNCIL ON JUNE 20, 2016 TO PURCHASE THREE V BOX SALT SPREADERS</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>16.Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman TenPas to authorize the proper City Officials to amend the amount authorized by the Council on June 20, 2016 to purchase three V Box salt spreaders from Monroe Truck and Equipment, Monroe, WI. from \$42,256.00 to an amount not to exceed \$43,434.00, an increase of \$1,178.00. Funds for this purchase are available in line item 100 911026494.</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 congratulated the Judiciary Committee for running a good meeting including public comment.</p> <p>He recalled a topic he spoke about at the last council meeting. He expressed concerns with committee the City has to address African American concerns in the community. There are many issues such as sexual abuse, unemployment, and a long list of other issues. He considered that the City's committee has abandoned the African American Community. Many know that if someone is looking for a job, Illinois is not the right state to be in. He asked when the Homeless Taskforce would meet. There are funds that the City can apply for to provide more services.</p> <p>He concluded by complaining that he called the Police Department at 1:40 a.m. and the dispatch operator ended his call. Seven patrol cars arrived at the scene, along with an ambulance, and a subject was detained. However he was concerned about his call being cut by dispatch.</p>
<p>JOSE ZURITA</p>	<p>18.He stated that as he saw the video of the last council meeting, his heart was bleeding. As many know there will be a new president on January 20. Many people thought that the new president would not get elected, yet he was. The president-elect was asked if he trusted the news, which he did not. He stated they are fake news.</p> <p>He stated the Mayor is a good man, may not have a lot of charisma to deliver messages about how he feels about the city, but a good mayor. The Mayor has children and grandchildren that grew up in this city. Therefore he will be the 1st to talk about the issues. He concluded by stating that he takes the time to do research on topics and not just go based on the news. When the new presidential administration takes office there will be more information released about the coal plants.</p>

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CHRIS BLANKS	<p><u>AUDIENCE TIME Cont.:</u> 19.He spoke about the council previously voting an approval to tear down Mr. Brumfield’s house. Now the council voted to re-zone his property. He expressed gratitude for those who voted in support to Mr. Brumfield’s right.</p> <p>They have filed a complaint with the US Department of Housing. He requested that all liens on the property be removed. This case resembles the case with Ms. Reese. The City took the wrong approach to both cases. He reiterated that Mr. Ezell Robins stated nothing was wrong yet the US Department of Housing contradicted the results. He asked the City to hold off on development plans until the US Department of housing concludes investigations.</p>
MARGARET CARRASCO	<p>20.She waived a red flag and shared that in Mexico the flag is a symbol of prostitution. She started her research by submitting a FOIA to obtain videos from City Hall. The response stated that only one camera was working in the front of the building. She then recalled that there was a camera on Genesee St. that was also not working. Her immediate request is that the security cameras need to be fixed.</p> <p>She then noticed that there is a business on 108 S. Genesee, a massage parlor, which she stated gave erotic services. Upon calling the business she stated that they knew limited English and she considered them timid immigrants that were afraid to talk. She stated that the owner of the building was the City Collector Jorge Torres and that his tenants were not registered with a State License. She obtained a copy of a report made by the Lake County Sheriff’s Office which investigated the business.</p>
CLYDE MCLEMORE	<p>21.He wished everyone a Happy New Year. As chairman of Lake County Black Lives Matter he expressed his happiness for the success of Christmas under the tree event. There were 105 families helped. The event was hosted by a black Santa that had hot chocolate for guests.</p> <p>He stated there were many events planned for this new year so he shared his personal phone number (847)344-2540 for people to continue to contact him and his organization.</p>
RALPH PETERSON	<p>22.He was present to address a rumor that stated that he and Mayor Motley were working in cahoots. He stated he is not. He questioned how this rumor could be true when he is suing the City. He wanted that to be clear to the other Mayoral candidates: Ald. Cunningham and Ald. May. He decided to lower his demands because he can see that the City moving in the right direction under Mayor Motley.</p> <p>He stated that he is not working with Ald. Cunningham because he has heard what his constituents have to say about the Alderman. They have told him that the Alderman is living in a different address outside of his ward, at 1101 Chestnut St. He only speaks up when he has proof. He then stated that at the next council meeting he will address topics about Ald. May. He stated he almost feels sorry that he has to share issues about her. He asked everyone to stop spreading negative rumors about him.</p>
LE’ANDRE CALLAHAN	<p>23.He started by stating that America started by bringing over African Americans. Americans slaughtered many indigenous people. Yet today America is great and does a lot of good.</p> <p>He shared background information about himself. He has a criminal background, yet he has never been in jail nor committed serious crimes. He currently feeds over 700 people a week, that’s over 33,000 meals in a year since 2004. He stated that he applied for a business license which was approved but later revoked. He stated his license was revoked based on his criminal background. America is great yet he cannot move up past his past history. He considers his business to keep youth off the streets. He complained that his business’ neighbor also had a criminal background and had served time in jail yet they were allowed to keep his business open.</p>
ALDERMAN VILLALOBOS	<p><u>ALDERMEN’S TIME:</u> 24.He gave a summary of his activities over the holiday weeks. He attended a Ribbon Cutting of a clothing store on Washington St. He went to the celebration of the Waukegan Park District’s 100th year, a Waukegan High School girls’ basketball game and the annual polar plunge in the lake. He also attended a memorial for Chuck Gutman, a beloved teacher and college counselor at Waukegan High School. He invited residents to learn about upcoming scholarship event opportunities offered by Waukegan-2-College.</p>

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ALDERMAN NEWSOME	<u>ALDERMEN'S TIME Cont.:</u> 25.No comment.
ALDERMAN TENPAS	26.No comment
ALDERMAN MAY	27.She gave feedback on comments made during audience time. She expressed that she has concerns about a breach of privacy on items discussed during Council Executive Session. She does not discuss the topics outside of the permitted time and place. She went back to view a March 2016 Council Meeting video. During that alderman's time she defended Mr. Ralph Peterson and was an advocate for fair audience time. So she felt that his comment towards her was unjustified.
ALDERMAN VALKO	28.No comment.
ALDERMAN TAYLOR	29.She thanked the first responders present at the council meeting. There were over 11,000 emergency calls in 2016. The Firefighters worked hard although their trucks are over 30 years old. One of the ambulance trucks recently broke down during the holiday break. She shared that they are understaffed and overworked with over-time. She also clarified that many residents believed they had voted on a referendum that funded Station #2 which is now a jump station. That is not what they voted. She cleared up that in 2005 the tax levy was increased to hire 6 Firemen. They were later cut due to issues with the City's budget. This is an example like when the state lottery would fund education but was later changed. There have also been complaints about dispatch services. She wants the City Officials to sit down and talk about the central services provided to residents. In regards to Mr. Brumfield's issue, she believes it is in his best interest to zone the property as residential. Yet it is not her right to do something to his property that he as a resident does not want. She concluded by addressing a misunderstanding in her ward in regards to the upcoming Amazon fulfillment location. Although it is a wonderful business and opportunity, there will be no property tax impact for over 20 years. There will also be no sales tax collected since the sales are over the internet. It will not make up for the loss of previous companies that have left the community, but it is a good start. She just wanted to announce these clarifications so that residents do not expect big changes on their upcoming tax bill.
ALDERMAN CUNNINGHAM	30. He wished his colleagues a happy New Year. He echoed Ald. Taylor's words about their position on the vote of Mr. Brumfield's property. He feels zoning should be applied according to the owner's will. He stated that he typically did not respond to comments made during Audience time. To be clear he lives in the house he built for his family in the 1 st Ward. He listed his previous addresses all within the 1 st Ward. He works within the 6 th Ward and that is his only business in that ward. He stated that when someone messes with one alderman, they mess with all the aldermen. He is a proud resident of the 1 st Ward. He shared a brief personal story about his daughter. He was upset that she transferred to Zion High School for her senior year of high school. Yet he was proud that for her senior year picture displayed her in Waukegan High School gear. When she went away to college continued to play sports she listed Waukegan High School as her main high school team. Everything about him is about Waukegan.
ALDERMAN SEGER	31.He wished everyone a Happy and Safe New Year.
ALDERMAN MOISIO	32.No Comment

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ADJOURNMENT	<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> 33.Motion by Alderman Moasio, seconded by Alderman Cunningham to adjourn.
APPROVED	Time: 7:59 p.m.
	MOTION PASSED

MARIA M. LACOUR, CITY CLERK