

	<p>The Council of the City of Waukegan met in regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7:00P.M. In the City Council Chambers, City Hall 100 North Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue. Mayor Sabonjian, City Clerk, Wayne Motley, and Attorney, Newton Finn was present.</p>
	<p><u>ROLL CALL:</u> Present: Aldermen Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisiso and Beadling Absent: None</p>
	<p><u>INVOCATION:</u> Moment of silence.</p>
Mayor Sabonjian	<p><u>MAYOR COMMENTS:</u> 1. The Mayor advised the Aldermen that the Federal Government has made several cuts in their 2012 budget. He indicated that the 1st responder grants were cut by 40%. The Fire Fighter Assistance Grants were cut 16.5%. The Department of Education, labor, job training and the E.P.A. have also announced cuts. He mentioned that the City of Waukegan has depended on the E.P.A. to assist us with the harbor clean up. He advised the Aldermen that the budget cuts will not impact the current cleanup efforts in the harbor, he advised them that the money has already been set aside, however it could affect future cleanup needs in the harbor. He advised them that there is less and less of this pie to go around. He then mentioned the upcoming events in the City of Waukegan including the JROTC Benefit Dinner January 21, 2012, the neighborhood watch meeting January 4, 2012 from 6-7 p.m at 410 Franklin as well as programs at the Waukegan Park District, including dance fitness January 9, 2012, Basic CPR January 14, 2012, cross county skiing January 14, 2012 and the Waukegan Townships Dreamers Breakfast January 14, 2012. For additional Mayor's Comments see attached.</p>
	<p>2. Several members of the Waukegan High School JROTC made presentations regarding the organizations fundraising breakfast.</p>
Jamie O'Meara 1318 Chestnut Street	<p><u>AUDIENCE TIME:</u> 3. She thanked the City Council for their support of Waukegan Main Street over the years. She indicated that without the city's assistance their work would have not been completed. She also mentioned that the Waukegan Main Street accomplished many good things in 2011 and that she would like it to continue in 2012. She invited the Aldermen to attend two of their upcoming fundraising events, the Member Plus meeting January 23, at Fong's Kitchen and the Mardi Gras Fundraiser February 4, 2012 at the Puerto Rican Society. She also thanked the city for providing excellent city services, Police, Fire, and Public Works.</p>
Margaret Carrasco 532 N. Lewis St.	<p><u>AUDIENCE TIME cont.:</u> 4. She thanked Police Chief Greathouse for his quick response to the homicide on Hickory Street. She also mentioned that the Towers Apartments have been a problem for some time. She advised the Aldermen that violations in the Section 8 program must be addressed at 200 Julian (Towers Apartments) if they intend to clean up this property.</p>
Sexto Robles 817 Grand Ave.	<p>5. He Advised the Aldermen that it is difficult for apartment owners to pay the increased license and inspection fees. He also feels that the penalties for late payments are too high.</p>
APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2011 APPROVED	<p><u>MINUTES:</u> 6. Motion by Alderman TenPas, seconded by Alderman Beadling to approve December 19, 2011 Council Regular Meeting. MOTION PASSED</p>
ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REFLECTING MAKING VICTORIA LANE A YIELD STREET 12-O-1 APPROVED	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</u> <u>PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT CHAIRMAN ALDERMAN KONCAN:</u> 7. Motion by Alderman Koncan, seconded by Alderman Rivera to adopt as presented an Ordinance to reflect making Victoria Lane (eastbound) a yield street and County Lane the right-of-way street.</p>

	<p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, and Beadling NAYS: None ABSENT: None MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REFLECTING RESTRICTING PARKING ON FROLIC AVENUE 12-O-2 APPROVED</p>	<p>8. Motion by Alderman Koncan, seconded by Alderman Rivera to adopt as presented an Ordinance to reflect restricting parking on Frolic Avenue, both sides, south from Sunset Avenue to Golfmoor Avenue. ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, and Beadling NAYS: None ABSENT: None MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REFLECTING PARKING ON THE EASTSIDE OF WITCHWOOD LANE 12-O-3 APPROVED</p>	<p><u>PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE cont.:</u> 9. Motion by Alderman Koncan, seconded by Alderman Rivera to adopt as presented an Ordinance to reflect parking on the eastside of Witchwood Lane. ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, and Beadling NAYS: None ABSENT: None MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>BILLS DATED DECEMBER 29, 2011 APPROVED</p>	<p><u>NEW BUSINESS / RECOMMENDED ACTIONS BY CORPORATION COUNSEL:</u> 10. Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman May to approve Payroll dated December 29, 2011 in the amount of \$1,279,594.67. ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, and Beadling NAYS: None ABSENT: None MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVE BILLS DATED JANUARY 3, 2012 APPROVED</p>	<p>11. Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman May to approve Bills dated January 3, 2012 in the amount of \$1,541,322.66. ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, and Beadling NAYS: None ABSENT: None MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>GRANT PERMISSION TO THE MISERICORDIA FOR THEIR CANDY DAYS APPROVED</p>	<p>12. Motion by Alderman Cunningham, seconded by Alderman Moisio to grant permission to the Misericordia Heart of Mercy Center to hold their Candy Days on the April 27- 28, 2012. MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO CASINO COMMITTEE HELD OVER</p>	<p><u>NEW BUSINESS cont.:</u> 13. Motion by Alderman Rivera, seconded by Alderman Valko to approve the Mayor's appointments to Casino Committee. Alderman TenPas indicated that the aldermen do not have an ordinance before them establishing this committee. He advised them that the ordinance the Mayor wants to present shows a committee with seven members while all of the other city standing committees have only five members. It was his opinion that this committee is to large. Alderman TenPas advised the Mayor that he needed to make a public statement regarding the casino before they move forward. Alderman TenPas indicated that the city has the land for the casino and was prepared to move forward with this project until the Mayor made a statement indicating that he would not issue the casino a liquor license. As a result of the Mayor's comment regarding the liquor license, Senator Link supported a proposal to move the casino site from Waukegan to Park City. He mentioned that as a result, the casino is bogged down in committee in Springfield.</p>

	<p>Alderman TenPas advised the aldermen that we do not need a lobbyist in Springfield at a cost of \$ 8,000.00 per month plus expenses when people in Waukegan are in fear of losing their jobs. He advised the Mayor that he is no fan of Senator Link but that he is the one who should be supporting and promoting the casino for Waukegan in Springfield, not a lobbyist.</p> <p>Mayor Sabonjian responded to Alderman TenPas by advising him that, if the aldermen did not want the casino, that would be fine with him. He mentioned that he has done what he was asked to do by the aldermen regarding the casino. The Mayor indicated that he is not a supporter of casinos but that it was the will of the aldermen to attempt to get the casino in Waukegan and he did as they requested. He advised them that he was clear from the beginning of his mayoral campaign that he was opposed to a casino. He mentioned that, he has done what he promised to do. He has opened some doors and made some resources available that the felt were needed to get the casino at Fountain Square. It was the Mayor's opinion that he has done twice as much as he said he would do. The Mayor indicated that he can do no more for the casino and that is why he wanted to form the Casino Committee. He advised them that he felt that it was his duty to work with the aldermen to get something which they felt was good for the community. The Mayor also mentioned that the lobbyist is doing much more than just lobbying for the casino in Springfield. He is working on bridge projects and working on other federal projects as well.</p> <p>HELD OVER BY ALDERMAN TENPAS</p>
WITHDREW HELD OVER	14. After the above mentioned discussion Alderman TenPas withdrew the Held over.
APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE CASINO COMMITTEE APPROVED	<p>15. Motion by Alderman Rivera, seconded by Alderman Valko to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Casino Committee.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Newsome, May, Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, and Beadling</p> <p>NAYS: Alderman TenPas</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC CASINO COMMITTEE 12-R-4 APPROVED	<p><u>NEW BUSINESS cont.:</u></p> <p>16. Motion by Alderman Rivera, seconded by Alderman Valko to adopt a Resolution creating an ad hoc Casino Committee for the initial term of one year.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Newsome, May, Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, and Beadling</p> <p>NAYS: Alderman TenPas</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
Alderman Newsome	<p><u>ALDERMEN'S TIME:</u></p> <p>17. No comment.</p>
Alderman TenPas	18. He mentioned that the Tower Apartments at 200 Julian have been a problem building since he has been an Alderman. He did advise that, however some improvements have been made. He then advised the aldermen that it is important to know and look out for your neighbors. He said that, We are getting more and more Section 8 Housing. It is his opinion that section 8 housing needs to be shared with other communities in Lake County; he feels that we have our share.
Alderman May	19. She advised the aldermen that she is sadden with the loss of Carlos Hernandez. She also mentioned that Jamie O'Meara is the new President of Downtown Assoc.
Alderman Valko	19. He thanked all of the outside police agencies for their aid with the capture of the offenders in last week's homicide of Carlos Hernandez. He said that, "the Towers Apartments are a real problem". He mentioned that on New Year's Day the police dispatchers generated 160 police calls between 5:00 p.m. and 5a.m. He also advised that the \$ 280,000.00 that the city received from the D.E.A. will go to

	good use. He asked the Finance Director where is all of the money which has been going into the account for drug seizure money from the D.E.A... He feels that the city should hire additional police officers out of this fund.
Alderman Rivera	20. He expressed his sadness with the homicide of Carlos Hernandez.
Alderman Cunningham	21. He advised the aldermen that the problem with Section 8 it is not the person, but the management of the program participants. It is his opinion that the section 8 programs should be set in a family setting. He mentioned that when he went down to the Tower Apartments he noticed that there were no screens on the in the windows and people were hanging out of the windows. He said, that, "If the management is bad, then the building will be bad". He thanked the Waukegan Park District for the development of the park on Liberty Street at Martin Luther King.
Alderman Koncan	22. He advised that he is saddened by the news of the homicide of Carlos Hernandez. He then thanked the members of all of the police agencies involved in the capture of the three suspects in this homicide for their patience and professionalism
Alderman Moisio	23. He mentioned that he sends his condolences to the Hernandez Family for their loss. He advised the aldermen that our police department is 2 nd none. It is his opinion that the section 8 program has been mismanaged.
Alderman Beadling	<u>ALDERMEN'S TIME cont.:</u> 24. It is his opinion that the school system needs to teach our students how to read phonics, not whole word not the way to teach. It is his opinion regarding Section 8 that if you act like an animal you will be treated like one. Don't ask Federal Government to fix the problem. Let's get serious about managing our community. He also thanked Chief Greathouse for great job at Julian Apartments. He feels that the management at Julian Towers has fallen short.
EXECUTIVE SESSION APPROVED	25. Motion by Alderman May, seconded by Alderman Cunningham to go into Executive Session to discuss settlement of claims. TIME: 9:13 p.m. ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, and Beadling NAYS: None ABSENT: None MOTION PASSED
RECONVENED	26. City Council reconvened. TIME: 9:34 P.M. ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Rivera, Cunningham, Koncan, Moisio, and Beadling ABSENT: None
ADJOURNMENT APPROVED	27. Motion by Alderman TenPas, seconded by Alderman May to adjourn. TIME: 9:35 P.M. MOTION CARRIED