

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 8, 2020

The regular meeting of the Pontiac City Council was held on September 8, 2020 at the Eagle Theater..

Mayor Alvey called to order the meeting of the City Council at 7:00 P.M.

In the absence of the City Clerk, Stephanie Kennedy, was directed to call roll, and the following members of the Council were present: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

MEETING OF THE PONTIAC CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY

Mayor Alvey asked that the record show the same Aldermen present for this meeting as are present for the regular Council meeting: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

Mayor Alvey asked if there was any business to come before the Civic Center Board this evening. Hearing none, he declared the meeting closed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Alvey called to order the Public Hearing at 7:05 P.M. to offer an opportunity for public comment on a Community Development Block Grant - Downtown Small Business Stabilization Program to provide a Grant for Working Capital to Baby Bulls, Inc. City Administrator, Robert Karls, discussed the program including funding, program requirements and other pertinent facts. He then presented a prioritized list of community development and housing needs. See attached exhibit.

Brian Sullivan representative from Baby Bulls, Inc. thanked the City for their assistance with filing this grant on their behalf.

Mayor Alvey then closed the Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Alvey stated that there were four items on the consent agenda. He asked if there was a need to have any item removed for later discussion. Hearing none, motion made by Eckhoff, second by Causer, that the items on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

A. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Causer to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2020 City Council Meeting. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

B. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Causer to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2020 Committee of the Whole. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

C. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Causer to approve the payment of bills totaling \$472,964.59 from all funds. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

D. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Causer, to approve the referral to the Planning Commission the variance requests of 729 W. Madison St.. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolution 2020-R-011 - Authorization for Downstate SB Stabilization Program

Motion by Swanson, second by Kallas to approve Resolution No. 2020-R-011, resolution of support for application for the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant for Baby Bulls Inc as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

B. Ordinance 2020-O-017 Evenglow Central Business District Variance

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Hicks to approve Ordinance 2020-O-017, allowing a minimum front yard setback, a minimum side yard set back, lot coverage and vary off street parking to Evenglow Lodge, 215 E. Washington St., as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

C. Ordinance 2020-O-018 Evenglow Indiana Ave. Variances

Motion by Hicks, second by Myers to approve Ordinance 2020-O-018, Evenglow Lodge at Indiana Ave, allowing variances for set backs, maximum heights and off site parking, as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-1. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, and Wille. Nay vote recorded: Gabor

D. Presentation - Joe Ledford

Joe Ledford presented to Council the plans for a "Back the Police Rally/Parade. More planning is needed and he will apply for parade permit with the City and continue to work with the mayor and Police Department, Dan Davis.

E. Federal Purchasing Policy Approval

Motion by Gabor, second by Wille to approve the Federal Purchasing Policy allowing the City to purchase under Federal Programs as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

F. Grant Application Authorization - Fire Department Equipment

Motion by Gabor, second by Causer to authorization the application for a grant by the Fire Department to purchase (2) cardiac monitors and an ambulance to use for back up in the City. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

G. Fire Department Equipment Purchase

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Hicks to approve the purchase of self-containing breathing apparatus through the assistance to Firefighters Grant received, from Municipal Emergency

Services (MES) Scott SCBA's in the amount of \$185,224.00. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

H. Approval of City of Pontiac's Emergency Operation Policy

Motion by Swanson, second by Wille to formally adopt the Emergency Operation Policy for the City as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

I. Ordinance 2020-O-021 CURES Act Application Authorization

Motion by Hicks, second by Kallas to approve Ordinance 2020-O-021, an ordinance to establish distribution of Federal Funds related to COVID-19, as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

J. Street Department - Backhoe Mowing Attachment

Motion by Bradshaw, second by Swanson to approve the request by the Street Department to purchase a brush cutter attachment for City's backhoe at a cost of \$9,473.00 from Abra Equipment Supply Co. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

K. Bid Authorization - Deerfield Road Extension

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Bradshaw to approve the request to bid and construct a 100 foot extension South of Deerfield Road. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

L. Sewer Plant Construction Project - Chang Order #3

Motion by Wille, second by Kallas to approve Change Order #3 to the Sewer Plant Construction Project in the amount of \$50,916.00, as explained, (2) of the change orders are credits. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

M. Preliminary approval fo "Retail Cabin Project"

Motion by Bradshaw, second by Causer to approve the recruitment fo potential tenants for the retail cabin project. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-1. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Gabor and Wille. Nay vote recorded: Myers

N. Downtown Ice Skate Rink Proposal

Taylor Baxter presented to Council updated information on the installation of an ice rink in the central business district. More details to come.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Alvey commented on the outstanding work done by staff gathering information.

Administrator Comments

Splash Pad closed September 7th for the season. City has not opted to participate in the Social Security Deferral program.

Council Comments

Alderwoman Eckhoff stated that she had toured the Wally's store and was very impressed, noting that most of the staff were from the Pontiac area.

Public Comments

Connie Haggen suggested to Council, the City plan a Taste of Pontiac with food vendors/trucks and to consider an Octoberfest or Harvest Days.

Executive Session

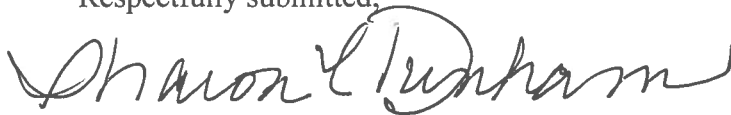
Motion by Wille, second by Barr to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss and consider property acquisition, disposal and Litigation as authorized under Section 2(c)2 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Action will be taken after Executive Session. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

Return from Executive Session

Adjournment

On motion duly made and seconded, the regular meeting of the City Council was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon L Dunham
City Clerk

CITY OF PONTIAC

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

1. Job Creation: the creation of jobs with livable wage and health care benefits.
2. Safe Housing: enforcement of building codes to ensure safe housing.
3. Combined Sewer Separation.
4. Upgrade the City's infrastructure by an extensive street improvement program.
5. Provide Community Development opportunities and events to encourage citizen involvement and participation, and interaction.
6. Development of new subdivisions to provide increased housing options.
7. Blight Removal – Demolition and redevelopment of blighted properties focusing on residential redevelopment.