

CITY OF GLENDALE COMMON COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2021

Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Glendale held via Zoom conference call.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kennedy at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Bryan Kennedy, Ald. Tomika Vukovic, Jim Daugherty, John Gelhard, Richard Wiese, Steven Schmelzling, and JoAnn Shaw.

Other Officials Present: Rachel Safstrom, City Administrator; John Fuchs, City Attorney; Mark Ferguson, Police Chief, and Community Development Director Todd Stuebe.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The members of the Common Council, City staff, and all those present pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

OPEN MEETING NOTICE.

Administrator Safstrom advised that in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, the local news media was advised on Thursday, January 21, 2020, of the date of this meeting; that the Agenda was posted on the official bulletin board of City Hall, the Glendale Police Department, and the North Shore Library; that copies of the Agenda were made available to the general public in the Municipal Building and the Police Department; and those persons who requested, were sent copies of the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA.

I. File No. _____

Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on January 11, 2020, Review and File of Monthly Departmental Reports, and Payment 6 and FINAL to LaLonde Contractors Inc. for work completed on the Lydell Avenue Reconstruction Project.

Motion by Ald. Daugherty, seconded by Ald. Wiese, to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on January 11, 2020, approval of Monthly Reports, and approve Payment 6 and FINAL to LaLonde Contractors Inc. for work completed on the Lydell Avenue Reconstruction Project. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

II. File No. _____

Review and approval of Ordinance Repealing Section 7.7.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Glendale Pertaining to Licensing Sale of Christmas Trees

Administrator Safstrom stated the current ordinance was in place to be able to regulate businesses coming into the City of Glendale to sell Christmas Trees on a temporary basis. Currently, the two businesses that sell are full-time establishments in the City. If another business did want to come in temporarily to sell Christmas Trees, the business could apply for a Transient Merchant Permit. Staff is requesting to rescind the ordinance related to Christmas Trees.

Motion by Ald. Wiese, seconded by Ald. Daugherty, to approve Ordinance Repealing Section 7.7.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Glendale Pertaining to Licensing Sale of Christmas Trees. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

III. File No. _____

Review and Forward to Plan Commission – Application for Zoning Text Amendment.

Administrator Safstrom stated the property at 5544 N. Port Washington Road is currently North Shore Wine and Spirits. The applicant, Stein Management LLC is requesting a zoning text amendment to allow a parking lot at 5544 N. Port Washington Road to be utilized by 5530 N. Port Washington Road. Staff is requesting the Council consider allowing Plan Commission to hold the sole public hearing on this item.

Ald. Wiese expressed concern with the location of the accessible parking. Administrator Safstrom indicated this was a draft plan that would be reviewed in more detail after a zoning text amendment would be approved.

Motion by Ald. Gelhard, seconded by Ald. Schmelzling, to forward the application for text amendment application to the Plan Commission and authorize the Plan Commission to hold the only public hearing on the request. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

IV. File No. _____

Review and approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Milwaukee for 2021 Street Projects.

Administrator Safstrom stated the City has four areas of construction in the 2021 Capital Budget, including the HSIP Grant program, that will need cooperation with the City of Milwaukee. Though there are small portions in Milwaukee, they realize the benefit and will pay for their portion.

Ald. Schmelzling indicated concern that the City of Milwaukee could exit the agreement at any time. Administrator Safstrom stated that if they invoke that clause, they are still responsible for costs incurred at that point. It is not anticipated they will exit the agreement.

Motion by Ald. Shaw, seconded by Ald. Schmelzling, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Milwaukee for the 2021 Capital Projects. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

V. File No. _____

Review and discussion on Ordinance 10.1.40 Residential Recreational Vehicles.

Administrator Safstrom briefly reviewed challenges with recreational vehicles throughout the City on corner lots. Most recently, Ald. Wiese has had complaints regarding a situation in his district. Ald. Wiese explained the situation in more detail. The corner lot in question currently has a recreational vehicle in the driveway that may follow the ordinance; however, it is in direct sight of the neighboring property as well as people passing by. This situation may be

recitified in the near future; however, it does bring up a question for the Council if there needs to be additional restrictions identified in the ordinance for corner properties.

The Council members discussed the ordinance currently in place. It was identified that there may be about fifty percent in favor of stricter enforcement and fifty percent for less enforcement. Due to the current pandemic climate, it was determined this may be a better discussion in a year.

No action was taken.

VI. File No. _____
COVID Update – Review and approval of public access to City buildings.

Administrator Safstrom reviewed the information from North Shore Health Department on current cases in the North Shore. Currently EMS, Fire and Sworn Police personnel have been offered vaccinations. Approximately 50% of employees have expressed interest in receiving the vaccine.

Mayor Kennedy indicated his support to continue closure of City Hall until such time as front office staff are able to receive a dose of the vaccine. As the City Administrator is monitoring vaccination opportunities, the reopening of City Hall would be at her discretion.

The Council members discussed continuing Zoom meetings until such a time as they could be vaccinated. At a minimum staff should look at the best way be able to include video conferencing once in-person meetings are back in session. Attorney Fuchs will work on a draft ordinance to present allowing members of the Council to attend meetings virtually or in-person.

Motion by Ald. Schmelzing, seconded by Ald. Daugherty, to allow the City Administrator discretion for opening City Hall to residents based on vaccination availability for staff. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS.

There were several updates from Council members, on the activities of the various Commissions, Committees and Boards on which they serve.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, motion was made by Ald. Vukovic, seconded by Ald. Shaw, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, Schmelzling, Wiese, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried and adjournment of the Common Council was ordered at 7:06 p.m., until Monday, February 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Rachel Safstrom
City Administrator

Recorded: January 26, 2021.