

CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
MONDAY EVENING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2004 AT 7:00PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

QUORUM

At 7:00pm, a quorum being present, Mayor Gitz called the meeting to order.

RECORD

Present were Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Gaulrapp.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Alderman O'Neill moved, seconded by Alderman Bender for approval of the agenda. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rev. Peter Frank Williams and Rev. David Whitehead spoke in support of appointing Reggie Taylor as Community Development Director.

PRESENTATION

There was a presentation to Kids and Police Serving (KAPS).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the Minutes of the regular meeting held on October 18, 2004 was presented for approval. Alderman moved, seconded by Alderman Wright that approval be laid over to the next regular meeting for amendment. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:

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 1. Community Development Cash Receipts for October 2004
 2. Community Development Building Permits for October 2004
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for October 2004 - \$449,804.87
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for October - \$276,838.31
- D. Approval of Payroll for period ending October 16, 2004 - \$302,793.91

Alderman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Varner for approval of the consent agenda. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yeas. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION #R-2004-74

PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR COUNTRYSIDE ESTATES

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on October 25, 2004. The committee voted unanimously to refer this resolution back to the Planning Commission for further review and Alderman Gaulrapp so moved, seconded by Alderman Bender.

RESOLUTION #R-2004-78

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on October 25, 2004. The committee voted (2-2) to refer this resolution to the Finance Committee without recommendation.

Alderman Clark, Finance Chair, stated the committee held a meeting on October 25, 2004. The committee voted unanimously to approve a two-year contract with \$50,000 payable in November 2004, \$50,000 payable in May 2005, up to \$25,000 with matching funds in November 2005, and up to \$50,000 with matching funds in 2006. Alderman Clark moved to approve this agreement, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2004-79

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REIMBURSEMENT FOR COMPLETION OF A MARKET SURVERY FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY (EASTGATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT)

Alderman Clark, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on October 25, 2004. Bob Skurla, Economic Development Director, made a request for no more than \$15,000 in order to complete the Tracey Cross study to see if some type of development is feasible. This will be reimbursable through the tax increment of the tax Increment financing district if the district is created. Alderman Clark moved to adopt this resolution, seconded by Alderman Wright. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Clark, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, and Dawson voted nay. There were four yeas and four nays. The Chair voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2004-80

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE IMLRMA MINIMUM/MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

Alderman Clark, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on October 25, 2004. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Boldt. Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Boldt to amend this resolution to correct the annual premium from \$335,785.08 to \$355,785.08. The motion carried. On the roll call of yeas and nays to adopt this resolution, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2004-63

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2004 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2005 FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

Alderman Clark, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on October 25, 2004. The committee voted unanimously to approve a 1.9% levy increase and Alderman Clark so moved, seconded by Alderman Wright. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

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ORDINANCE #2004-64

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2004 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2005 FOR THE CITY OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

Alderman Clark, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on October 25, 2004. The committee voted unanimously to comply with the levy with an increase of 1.9%, contributing \$170,000 to the IMRF fund and a \$60,000 reduction to the Corporate fund. Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Wright to approve this ordinance. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2004-65

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR LAMM ROAD TIF FUND

Alderman Clark, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on October 25, 2004. This ordinance is for previously paid expenses and also 25% for taxing bodies. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Clark so moved, seconded by Alderman Dawson. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2004-66

ORDINANCE FOR CHANGE IN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR LONGEVITY INCREASES FOR NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES

Alderman Clark, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on October 25, 2004. Longevity increases were previously in effect on the payroll after their anniversary date. This ordinance allows increases to be effective on their anniversary date. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Clark so moved. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Dawson to go into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) in order to discuss personnel. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The motion carried.

The council then convened in the mayor's office. After reconvening in Council Chambers, Alderman Wright moved, seconded by Alderman Clark to come out of executive session. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENT

Mayor James Gitz hereby appoints Raymond Miller as Community Development Director.

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Wright to accept this appointment. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bender, Clark, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. Aldermen Gaulrapp, Varner, and Dawson voted nay. There were five yeas and three nays. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Alderman Gaulrapp, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be November 8, 2004, at 5:30pm.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Alderwoman Bender, Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on October 4, 2004. The committee discussed ambulance fees, which will be presented at the next regular council meeting. The committee also discussed motorized scooters. There will be a public hearing process before this ordinance is presented.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The mayor then discussed the following items:

- Appreciation of Alderman Dawson's years of service
- Process for appointing 5th ward alderman
- Healthcare costs
- 2005-06 budget
- Bond issue

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kelvin McIlwain, Zoning Board of Appeals member, stated that he is sorry to see Reggie Taylor leave.

John Cook questioned the city's use of "Home Rule". Also, as it relates to Ordinance #2004-53.

Rev. David Whitehead stated that he would be submitting a resume for the 5th ward alderman seat.

Mike Clark responded to John Cook's concerns regarding Ordinance #2004-53.

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm.

LATACIA M. ISHMON, CMC