

CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
WEDNESDAY EVENING
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2005 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 Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Griswold, Boldt, and O'Neill.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderwoman O'Neill.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Gaulrapp to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the Minutes of the regular meeting held on February 7, 2005 was presented for approval. Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Varner for approval. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval to Receive and Place on File:

- A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:
 - 1. Planning Commission Report
 - 2. Zoning Board of Appeals Report
 - 3. Police Department Activities for January 2005
 - 4. Fire Department Activities for January 2005
 - 5. Treasurer's Report for period ending January 31, 2005
 - 6. Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report for period ending January 31, 2005
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for February 2005 - \$345,796.46
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for January & February 2005 - \$360,289.85
- D. Approval of Payroll for period ending February 5, 2005 - \$306,815.06

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

2nd READING

ORDINANCE #2005-04

AN ORDINANCE TO ABATE THE 2004 REAL ESTATE TAX LEVY FOR THE REPAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2003

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting from February 7, 2005, when it was moved by Alderman Clark, seconded by Alderman Wright for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Griswold, Boldt, and O'Neill voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

2nd READING

ORDINANCE #2005-05

SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT OR AMENDMENT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (SPECIAL USE PERMIT, WILLOWGLEN ACADEMY)

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of February 7, 2005, when it was moved by Alderman Gaulrapp, seconded by Alderwoman Griswold for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Griswold, Bolt, and O'Neill voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

1st READING

ORDINANCE #2005-06

SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT OR AMENDMENT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (VARIANCE, 210-210 ½ AND 214-214 W WASHINGTON ST, FREEPORT IL)

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on February 14, 2005. The committee voted unanimously to concur with the Zoning Commission and Alderman Gaulrapp so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Griswold, Boldt, and O'Neill voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2005-07

AN ORDINANCE TO ISSUE A SPECIAL USE PERMIT UNDER THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT (1910 S WALNUT AVE, FREEPORT RACEWAY PARK)

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on February 14, 2005. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Gaulrapp so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

RESOLUTION #R-2005-04

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF FREEPORT AND FREEPORT TOWNSHIP

Alderman Boldt, Public Works Chair, stated that the committee held a special meeting on February 23, 2005. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Griswold, Boldt, and O'Neill voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2005-05

INDUCEMENT REESOLUTION TO APPROVE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH RUBLOFF DEVELOPMENT IN RELATION TO LAMM ROAD BUSINESS PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on February 14, 2005. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Gaulrapp so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Griswold, Boldt, and O'Neill voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2005-06

RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE

Alderman Boldt, Public Works Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on February 23, 2005. This report The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Griswold, Boldt, and O'Neill voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

REAPPOINTMENT

Effective immediately, Mayor Gitz hereby reappoints Deb Elzinga to the Historic Preservation Commission. This appointment shall be effective for three (3) years.

Alderman Boldt moved, seconded by Alderwoman Griswold to accept this reappointment. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Griswold, Boldt, and O'Neill voted yea. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY

Alderwoman Bender, Chair, stated that the committee would be having a special meeting on February 28, 2005 at 5:00pm, in City Hall Chambers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andres Bardelas, Liberty Village Manager, requested a letter of support to convert to an assisted living facility.

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

LATACIA M. ISHMON, CMC