



City Council

City Council Chambers ♦ 524 West Stephenson Street ♦ Freeport, IL 61032

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Monday, April 20, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Freeport, Illinois, City Council was called to order in council chambers by Mayor James L. Gitz with a quorum being present at 6:00 p.m. on April 20, 2015.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call: Mayor Gitz and council members Tom Klemm, Shawn Boldt, Ronnie Bush, Jennie DeVine, Dennis Endress, Sally Brashaw, Michael Koester, and Andrew Crutchfield (8). Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderperson Klemm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Gitz requested leave of council to rearrange the order to move items 14, 15, 16, and 17 to immediately after consent agenda on the agenda as item number six due to paying a consultant to present. Alderperson Endress moved for approval as amended, seconded by Alderperson Brashaw. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

There was no one signed on the sheet for public comments on agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

A proclamation was read aloud for the National Day of Prayer scheduled on May 7, 2015.

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Alderperson Koester moved for approval of minutes from the regular meeting held on April 6, 2015, seconded by Alderperson DeVine. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented on the Consent Agenda in the council packet and Mayor Gitz read the listed items into the record [Consent Agenda PDF](#)

A. Approval to receive and place on file:

1) City Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report for period ended March 31, 2015

2) City Treasurer's Report on Cash and Fund Balances for period ended March 31, 2015

B. Approval of Motor Fuel Register #0059 --- \$45,000.00

C. Approval of Water and Sewer Bills Payable (Registers #325 & 326) --- \$433,398.34

D. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending April 4, 2015 --- \$399,702.82

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E. Approval of Finance Bills Payable (Registers #323, 324, 327, 328, 329, 330) --- \$170,586.93

Aldersperson Brashaw moved for approval of the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Aldersperson DeVine. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester, and Crutchfield (8)

Nays: none

The Consent Agenda items were approved.

As requested by leave of the council, the next four resolutions were moved forward on the agenda.

RESOLUTION #R-2015-15:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT FUND EXPENDITURE PLAN – LAMM ROAD BUSINESS PARK

A memorandum was provided in the council packet which stated each year the City prepares and adopts a spending plan for each of its five Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts. In these spending plans, we estimate the amount of revenue we expect from incremental property taxes and interest, and set forth a plan for spending the revenue. The Illinois Tax Increment Financing Act requires that the City allocate all TIF revenue; any unallocated revenue is declared “surplus” and redistributed to the taxing bodies. At the last City Council meeting, the City Council considered and approved spending plans for the Downtown and Burchard Hills TIF Districts. On Monday, April 20, we will ask you to consider the remaining TIF spending plans – for Lamm Road TIF, West Avenue TIF, and Meadows TIF.

Ms. Shelly Griswold, Community Development Specialist with Fehr Graham explained the Lamm Road TIF was created in 2003, and is the City’s largest revenue-producing TIF District. It has been estimated that approximately \$642,300.77 of revenue will be generated, with \$308,497.20 in revenue carried forward allocated and unspent from 2014, for a total of approximately \$950,797.97 available for allocation. As listed on the resolution the following fund allocation is proposed:

- \$80,000 for professional services
- \$30,000 for marketing
- \$116,145.03 for site improvements
- \$40,000 for rehabilitation
- \$684,652.94 for financing costs

Aldersperson Koester moved for approval of the resolution as presented, seconded by Aldersperson Endress. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester, and Crutchfield (8)

Nays: none

Resolution R-2015-15 was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2015-16:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT FUND EXPENDITURE PLAN – WEST AVENUE

A memorandum was provided in the council packet which stated each year the City prepares and adopts a spending plan for each of its five Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts. In these spending plans, we

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estimate the amount of revenue we expect from incremental property taxes and interest, and set forth a plan for spending the revenue. The Illinois Tax Increment Financing Act requires that the City allocate all TIF revenue; any unallocated revenue is declared “surplus” and redistributed to the taxing bodies. At the last City Council meeting, the City Council considered and approved spending plans for the Downtown and Burchard Hills TIF Districts. On Monday, April 20, we will ask you to consider the remaining TIF spending plans – for Lamm Road TIF, West Avenue TIF, and Meadows TIF.

Ms. Shelly Griswold, Community Development Specialist with Fehr Graham explained the West Avenue TIF is relatively new and was established in 2009. It is not yet generating a large amount of TIF increment. It is estimated that approximately \$42,000 of revenue will be generated, with \$38,405.10 in revenue carried forward allocated and unspent from 2014, for a total of approximately \$80,405.10 available for allocation. As listed on the resolution the following fund allocation is proposed:

- \$35,000 for professional services
- \$25,000 for marketing
- \$9,905.10 for site improvement
- \$10,500 for financing costs

Aldersperson Brashaw moved for approval of the resolution as presented, seconded by Aldersperson Endress. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester, and Crutchfield (8)

Nays: none

Resolution R-2015-16 was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2015-17:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT FUND EXPENDITURE PLAN – MEADOWS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

A memorandum was provided in the council packet which stated each year the City prepares and adopts a spending plan for each of its five Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts. In these spending plans, we estimate the amount of revenue we expect from incremental property taxes and interest, and set forth a plan for spending the revenue. The Illinois Tax Increment Financing Act requires that the City allocate all TIF revenue; any unallocated revenue is declared “surplus” and redistributed to the taxing bodies. At the last City Council meeting, the City Council considered and approved spending plans for the Downtown and Burchard Hills TIF Districts. On Monday, April 20, we will ask you to consider the remaining TIF spending plans – for Lamm Road TIF, West Avenue TIF, and Meadows TIF.

Ms. Shelly Griswold, Community Development Specialist with Fehr Graham explained the Meadows TIF is very new – created in 2014. It is estimated this TIF will generate approximately \$32,000.00 in revenue available for allocation this year. As listed on the resolution the following fund allocation is proposed:

- \$12,000 for professional services
- \$20,000 for financing costs

Aldersperson Klemm moved for approval of the resolution as presented, seconded by Aldersperson Endress. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

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Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester, and Crutchfield (8)

Nays: none

Resolution R-2015-17 was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2015-18:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING PRIOR ACTIONS IN RELATION TO A JOINT APPLICATION TO THE ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S BLIGHT REDUCTION PROGRAM BY HOME START AND THE CITY OF FREEPORT

Ms. Shelly Griswold, Community Development Specialist with Fehr Graham explained this resolution authorizes the City to proceed with grant agreements and subsequent project delivery for the IHDA Blight Reduction Program. The City partnered with HomeStart to apply for funding for this program. The City was fortunate to receive a sizable award in the amount of \$525,000. This program is aimed at eliminating blight by demolishing dilapidated vacant houses and putting the property back into productive use. Like IHDA's other programs, the assistance is in the form of forgivable loans. In the case of the Blight Reduction Program, the loans are forgiven at the rate of 33.3 percent each year, so the entire loan amount is forgiven after three years. The City and HomeStart will collaborate on the implementation of this grant. We will provide detailed information about the program and the collaboration at Monday's City Council meeting. Alderperson Bush moved for approval of the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderperson Crutchfield. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester, and Crutchfield (8)

Nays: none

Resolution R-2015-18 was adopted.

Upon completion of resolutions to be presented by Ms. Griswold the council agenda was continued.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

Finance Director Cynthia Haggard reviewed the Finance Department Report for the eleven month period ended March 31, 2015. Council was provided an opportunity to ask questions regarding the management letter.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Mayor Gitz requested leave of council to read the reappointments together. The following was read aloud:

- Reappointment of Roland Munda to the Board of Fire and Police Commission effective immediately through April 15, 2018
- Reappointment of Brian Borger to the Board of Fire and Police Commission effective immediately through April 15, 2018
- Reappointment of Elliott Cooper to the Board of Fire and Police Commission effective immediately through April 15, 2018

Alderperson Bush moved for approval of the above stated reappointments, seconded by Alderperson Klemm. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester, and Crutchfield (8)

Nays: none

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Aldersperson Endress moved for approval of an appointment of Thomas Klemm as City Representative for the Northwest Illinois Development Alliance Board. This appointment shall be effective immediately through April 30, 2017. This motion was seconded by Aldersperson Bush. Mayor Gitz related that Aldersperson Klemm has served previously and his background and history will be a benefit to the City of Freeport to as the work continues. He also noted that with the changeover in council, Aldersperson Klemm is the senior alderperson. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;
Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester, and Crutchfield (8)
Nays: none

ORDINANCES - THIRD READING

3rd READING OF ORDINANCE #2015-22:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 242 – FIRE DEPARTMENT, SECTION 242.46 (CHARGES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT

The first reading was held at the special meeting on March 23, 2015. A motion to approve was given by Aldersperson Koester, seconded by Aldersperson Klemm. Upon the second reading held on April 6, 2015, a motion to send the ordinance to the Committee of the Whole for discussion was given by Alderson Boldt, seconded by Aldersperson Endress and approved by majority vote. At the Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 13, 2015, the ordinance was sent back to the council meeting for a third reading. Fire Chief Miller provided the following memorandum in the council packet;

“Recently, the Medicare rate for ambulance service/transport increased a modest 1.5% for calendar year 2015. Our rates by ordinance reflect 105% of the Medicare rate.

“Reviewing this longstanding rate formula, I was compelled to conduct research to identify “usual and customary” rates for municipal ambulance service.

“Our fee structure is broken down into levels of service. These current rates for 2015 (105% of Medicare) are reflected as follows:

City of Freeport Rates:

- Basic Life Support
Resident rate: \$359.08
Non-Resident rate: \$459.08
- Advanced Life Support I (IV therapy and cardiac monitor)
Resident rate: \$426.40
Non-Resident rate: \$526.40
- Advanced Life Support II (severe medical condition or trauma)
Resident rate: \$617.17
Non-Resident rate: \$717.17

“Annually, a **regional** study is conducted by the City of Naperville to ascertain the fees charged by various municipalities for ambulance service. A summary of the results are as follows:

“Number of responding agencies:

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- Number of agencies charging a resident user fee: 109 (92%)
- Number of agencies charging a non-resident user fee: 110 (92%)
- Average fees charged:

<u>Resident Fees:</u>	BLS -	\$576.46	ALS-1 -	\$743.13	ALS-2- \$900.16
<u>Non-Resident Fees:</u>	BLS -	\$750.64	ALS-1 -	\$980.46	ALS-2- \$1135.45
- Number of agencies assessing a mileage fee: 106 (90%)
- Number of agencies that have updated fees since the last survey: 32 (27%)
- Number of agencies using a private billing service: 100 (85%)

“A **list of communities** that utilize our present Billing Service was obtained. The disparity is similar based on 163 communities contracted for service.

- Average fees charged:

<u>Resident Fees:</u>	BLS -	\$605.78	ALS-1 -	\$754.83	ALS-2- \$884.93
<u>Non-Resident Fees:</u>	BLS -	\$760.00	ALS-1 -	\$926.02	ALS-2- \$1059.70

“Local Rate Study:

- Average fees charged:

<u>Resident Fees:</u>	BLS -	\$570.38	ALS-1 -	\$666.13	ALS-2- \$783.13
<u>Non-Resident Fees:</u>	BLS -	\$882.05	ALS-1 -	\$988.80	ALS-2- \$1139.53

“Collection Rates and Revenue Sources

Four areas of revenue sources were examined for ambulance billing. They are as follows:

- Medicare – 2014 collection rate for Freeport 84%
- Medicaid – 2014 collection rate for Freeport 74%
- Insurance – 2014 collection rate for Freeport 84.5%
- Private pay/no insurance – 2014 collection rate for Freeport 7.2%

“Medicare and Medicaid pay a fixed rate regardless of the amount billed. Insurance coverage varies, but typically will pay “reasonable and customary” fees. Uninsured individuals, their collections have been poor. Increased fees will have no impact on the residents that can’t or won’t pay.”

Proposed Changes for 2015 Rates:

“Data obtained shows the City of Freeport ambulance fee rates are substantially below the “reasonable and customary” rates. Three independent studies showed that the ambulance billing rates for the City of Freeport could be increased \$300 per call for resident rates and \$400 per call for non-resident rates. This would place the City of Freeport within the average rate scale as indicated in the above studies. It is anticipated that the poor collection rates for Freeport uninsured individuals will continue. Taking a resident to collections would net 10% or less of the amount billed. The ambulance billing company would continue to invoice residents three times, then would turn the account over to the City for consideration

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(either write off or send to collections). Bills submitted to Medicare and Medicaid are paid by their adopted rate schedule, a local rate increase would not impact the amount collected by these two government entities. Private insurance claims are our highest percentage of paid invoices (84.5%). The proposed rate increases fall in the range of reasonable and customary fees.

“Our past year revenues were \$627,723.20.

“The anticipated annual revenue reflecting the rate increases is \$100,000. If the ordinance amendment is approved, the new rates could be implemented immediately or delayed until a specified date by the City Council.”

Aldersperson Boldt stated his concern on the ambulance fee structure in terms of the funds generated and he related that if there are additional funds generated from these fees that he would like to see them go to fund fire equipment and not to supplement the general fund. As he recalls there is a certain portion of the capital equipment fund swept each year and transferred to the general fund. Corporation Counsel Griffin stated that the ordinance states that once the threshold is met each year then an amount can be transferred to the general fund but it is done at the discretion of the City Council. Aldersperson Crutchfield stated his concerns of the funds being used for fire department equipment and not being used as part of the general fund. Aldersperson Koester stated he agrees that there should be a funding mechanism for fire equipment because he is also aware that there are some pretty large expenditures coming up including a possible purchase of a platform which may cost up to one million dollars to replace. He stated his support of the proposed ambulance rates in order to bring them in line with charges applied in other municipalities.

Mayor Gitz asked for a roll call vote on the motion to approve the ordinance as presented. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

Yeas: Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester and Crutchfield (6)

Nays: Boldt and Crutchfield (2)

Ordinance #2015-22 was passed.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #2015-23:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ADJUST THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 FOR THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

The first reading was held at the regular meeting on April 6, 2015. A motion to approve was given by Aldersperson Koester, seconded by Aldersperson Klemm and the ordinance was automatically laid over to tonight’s meeting. For the second reading of Ordinance #2015-23, Finance Director Cynthia Haggard provided an amended ordinance dated April 20, 2015 as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-23
(As amended April 20, 2015)**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS as follows:

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Section 1. That the below listed Appropriation in the Annual Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Freeport for Fiscal Year beginning on May 1, 2014 and ending on April 30, 2015, commonly known as City of Freeport Ordinance No. 2014-24 is hereby amended as follows:

A. Office of Finance and Budget – Line Item 01-31-599, Contractual Services, increased by \$5,000 from \$2,850 to \$7,850 for acquiring outside services for the FY2014 audit preparation and Line Item 01-31-799, Total Capital Machinery and Equipment, increased \$1,000 from \$3,500 to \$4,500 for the acquisition of equipment for the new Director of Finance and the new City Accountant. Both increases are offset by a decrease in Line Item 01-31-499, Personnel Expense, of \$6,000 from \$165,379 to \$159,379.

B. ~~Street Department~~ – ~~Line Item 01-44-699, Supplies, increased by \$7,000 from \$186,300 to \$193,300 due to aging equipment and building repair. The increase is offset by a decrease in Line Item 01-44-499, Personnel Expense, of \$7,000 from \$722,509 to \$715,509.~~

Community Development – ~~Line Item 01-49-499, Personnel Expenses, increased by \$18,000 from \$180,374 to \$198,374 and Line Item 01-49-799, Capital Machinery and Equipment, increased \$100 from \$3,000 to \$3,100 for equipment purchases. Both increases are~~ The increase is offset by a decrease in Line Item 01-49-599, Contractual Services, of \$100.00 ~~\$21,400~~ from \$100,600 to \$100,500 ~~\$79,500~~.

C. Brownfield Grants (Reclassification) – Revenue Line Item 05-17-341.7 of \$1,000,000 and Expenditure Line Item 05-17-598 of \$1,000,000 were each reassigned and subcategorized to 6 distinctive Brownfield Grant Line Items as follows:

Revenue Line Item 05-17.1-399, Brownfield Area-Wide Planning, \$166,670;

Revenue Line Item 05-17.2-399, Hazardous Substance Assessment Grant, \$166,666;

Revenue Line Item 05-17.3-399, Petroleum Assessment Grant, \$166,666;

Revenue Line Item 05-17.4-399, Album Street Cleanup Grant (Site A), \$166,666;

Revenue Line Item 05-17.5-399, Album Street Cleanup Grant (Site B), \$166,666;

Revenue Line Item 05-17.6-399, Album Street Cleanup Grant (Site C), \$166,666;

Expense Line Item 05-17.1-599, Brownfield Area-Wide Planning, \$166,670;

Expense Line Item 05-17.2-599, Hazardous Substance Assessment Grant, \$166,666;

Expense Line Item 05-17.3-599, Petroleum Assessment Grant, \$166,666;

Expense Line Item 05-17.4-599, Album Street Cleanup Grant (Site A), \$166,666;

Expense Line Item 05-17.5-599, Album Street Cleanup Grant (Site B), \$166,666;

Expense Line Item 05-17.6-599, Album Street Cleanup Grant (Site C), \$166,666.

D. 5311 Transportation Grant (Reclassification) - Revenue Line Item 05-13-341.3 decreased \$832,000 from \$1,300,000 to \$468,000 as \$832,000 is State portion of the grant and needs to be classified

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separately. Line Item Expenditure 05-13-599 decreased from \$832,000 to \$468,000 as \$832,000 is State portion of the grant and needs to be classified as such. Below is the reassignment of the \$832,000 revenue and expenditure:

Revenue Line Item 05-13.1-399, Downstate Operating Assistance Program, \$832,000;

Expense Line Item 05-13.1-599, Downstate Operating Assistance Program, \$832,000.

E. Public Library Fund – Line item 13-00-799, Capital Machinery and Equipment, increased \$10,000 from \$6,000 to \$16,000 as there was an increase in IT Support. The increase is offset by a decrease in line item 13-00-699, Supplies, of \$10,000 from \$188,450 to \$178,450. The original appropriation for line item 13-00-949 of \$25,000 is corrected to be line item 13-00-918 for \$25,000.

F. Capital Equipment Fund – Line item 31-02-799, Capital Machinery and Equipment, increased \$15,000 from \$110,000 to \$125,000. The increase is offset by a decrease in line item 31-04-799 of \$15,000 from \$295,000 to \$280,000.

G. Fire Improvement Fund – Line item 32-00-914, Transfer to Debt Service, increased \$296,700 from \$0.00 to \$296,700. Line item 32-00-918, Transfer to Corporate, increased \$221,800 from \$0.00 to \$221,800. Both increases are offset by a decrease in line item 32-00-949, Interfund Transfers, of \$518,500 from \$528,500 to \$10,000.

H. Debt Service Fund - (Reclassification) as follows:

Expense Line Item 40-13-820, Debt Service – Library Bond Principal, for \$90,000 reassigned to 40-13-710, Principal Payment;

Expense Line Item 40-13-822, Debt Service – Library Bond Interest, for \$70,200 reassigned to 40-13-720, Interest Payment;

Expense Line Items 40-25-820, Debt Service – TIF District Curb & Gutter & City Lights Building, for \$17,500, 40-25-821, Debt Service – Rawleigh Bond Principal, for \$31,000 and 40-25-822, Debt Service – Rawleigh bond Interest, for \$16,000 in aggregate of \$64,500 are reassigned to 40-25-710, Principal Payment, for \$44,000 and 40-25-720, Interest Payment, for \$20,500;

Expense Line Item 40-35-820, Debt Service – Landfill Closure, for \$37,500 reassigned to 40-35-710, Principal Payment, of \$31,400 and 40-35-720, Interest Payment, of \$6,100;

Expense Line Item 40-52-820, Debt Service – Buildings of \$88,000 reassigned to 40-52-720, Interest Payment of \$88,000;

Expense Line Item 40-52-842, Debt Service – Vehicles of \$208,700 reassigned to 40-52-710, Principal Payment of \$208,700.

I. Foreign Fire Insurance Fund – Line Item 74-00-599, Contractual Services, increased by \$300 from \$3,000 to \$3,300. The increase is offset by a decrease in Line Item 74-00-699, Supplies, of \$300 from \$15,500 to \$15,200.

J. Water Department – Line item numbers were not assigned to the original appropriation so the description will be used to identify the line items. Line item, “Other Expenses,” increased \$415,000

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from \$34,000 to \$449,000. The increase is offset by a decrease in line item, "Capital Improvements," of \$415,000 from \$415,000 to \$0.00. New line item 81-00-200.31, "IEPA Principal Payment," increased \$150,694.10 from \$0.00 to \$150,694.10. The increase is offset by line item, "Big 4 Projects," by \$150,694.10 from \$855,000 to \$734,305.90. The changes were needed to account for the new IEPA loan payments.

K. Sewer Department – Line item numbers were not assigned to the original appropriation so the description will be used to identify the line items. Line item, "Other Expenses," increased \$900,000 from \$666,650 to \$1,566,650. The increase is offset by a decrease in line item, "Capital Improvements," of \$900,000 from \$1,300,000 to \$400,000.

L. Stormwater Department – Line item numbers were not assigned to the original appropriation so the description will be used to identify the line items. Line item, "Personnel Expenses," increased \$17,000 from \$53,850 to \$70,850. Line item, "Contractual Services," increased \$10,000 from \$3,500 to \$13,500. The increases are offset by a decrease in line item, "Supplies," of \$25,000 from \$41,250 to \$16,250 and a decrease in Line item, "Other Expenses," of \$2,000 from \$322,000 to \$320,000.

Section 2. That all other provisions of City of Freeport Ordinance No. 2014-24 shall remain in full force and effect without change, unless previously amended by ordinance of this City Council.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council, its approval by the Mayor, and its publication as provided by law.

Section 4. This Ordinance is expressly adopted pursuant to the Home Rule Powers of the City of Freeport under Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed insofar as they conflict.

Section 6. If any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, and this City Council hereby expressly declares that it would have enacted this Ordinance even with the invalid portion deleted.

Finance Director Haggard presented the above stated amended ordinance and stated that at the last meeting she had thought there would be potential adjustments as more information is received as we are closer to the end of the fiscal year based on her analysis of the accounts and consideration of outstanding invoices. She stated the purpose of this amendment to the appropriation ordinance is to adjust expenditures exceeding the original budget by making transfer within the same department. Her memorandum provided with the packet provided an explanation of each items and stated the end result is no impact on the department or overall budget. This amendment is typically presented during the month of April.

Aldersperson Boldt referred to the item for Capital Equipment Fund transferring \$15,000 from one capital machinery and equipment to another one within the same fund and questioned why it was necessary when he remembered the presentation for the recent purchase for trucks would have no impact on the capital equipment fund. Mayor Gitz stated the purchase of the vehicles was split one and one half for the City and one and one half for Water and Sewer and he asked Finance Director Haggard to explain why the amendment was necessary.

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Corporation Counsel Griffin explained that the capital equipment fund transfer is offset by another line item within the same fund so the net effect to the capital equipment fund was not impacted. She asked Finance Director Haggard to read the definitions within the transfer. Director Haggard read aloud the Capital Equipment Fund – Line item 31-02-799, Capital Machinery and Equipment, increased \$15,000 from \$110,000 to \$125,000. The increase is offset by a decrease in line item 31-04-799 of \$15,000 from \$295,000 to \$280,000. Corporation Counsel Griffin explained that both line items are from the capital machinery and equipment of the Street Department. Alderperson Bolt stated he was satisfied with the explanation.

Alderperson Brashaw moved for approval of Ordinance #2015-23 as amended, seconded by Alderperson Koester. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester, and Crutchfield (8)

Nays: none

Mayor Gitz requested the roll call vote to approve the ordinance as amended. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester, and Crutchfield (8)

Nays: none

Ordinance #2015-23 was passed as amended on the floor.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #2015-24:

AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 FOR THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

The first reading was held at the regular meeting on April 6, 2015. A motion to approve was given by Alderperson Boldt, seconded by Alderperson Brashaw and the ordinance was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting.

For the second reading of Ordinance #2015-24, Finance Director Cynthia Haggard has provided an amended ordinance dated April 20, 2015 as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-24

(As amended April 20, 2015)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS as follows:

Section 1. That the below listed Appropriation in the Annual Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Freeport for Fiscal Year beginning on May 1, 2014 and ending on April 30, 2015, commonly known as City of Freeport Ordinance No. 2014-24 is hereby supplemented as follows:

- A. Hearing Administration Department – Line Item 01-55-599, Contractual Services, is increased \$7,000 from ~~\$4,000~~ \$4,300 to ~~\$11,000~~ \$11,300. The increase is due to an increase in administrative hearings. The increase in expenditure is offset by the unappropriated Corporate Fund balance.

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- B. Department of Community Development – Line Item 01-49-499, Personnel Expenses, is increased \$26,100 from \$180,374 to \$206,474. The increase is due to not receiving transportation grant reimbursements for administrative costs before fiscal year end. The increase in expenditure is offset by the unappropriated Corporate Fund balance.
- C. Sex Offender Registration – New line item 05-51-598, Sex Offender Registration Expense, is increased \$5,000. The increase is due to creating a new account. The increase is offset by the receipts of roughly \$5,000.
- D. K9 Program – Line Item 50-51.2-598, K9 Program Expense, is increased \$20,000. The increase is due to creating a new account. The increase is offset by the receipts of roughly \$20,000.
- E. Motor Fuel Tax Fund – Line Item 16-00-919, Transfer to Street Capital Projects Fund, increased \$969,000 from \$730,000 to \$1,699,000. The increase is offset by increases in revenue line item 16-00-347, State Reimbursement of \$237,500 from \$0.00 to \$237,500 and line item 16-00-377, Miscellaneous Local Sources of \$631,332.66 from \$0.00 to \$631,332.66 and an increase in line item 16-00-329, Motor Fuel Tax Allotments of \$101,000 from \$745,000 to \$846,000.
- F. Revolving Loan Fund – Line Item 24-00-502, Fees, increased \$2,111.80 from \$0.00 to \$2,111.80. The City has taken advantage of charging fees for administrative services to this fund. The increase in expenditure is offset by revenues in line item 24-00-376.
- G. Capital Improvement Fund – Line Item 33-90-544, Bike Trail Expenses, increased ~~\$205,000~~ \$224,000 from \$150,000 to ~~\$355,000~~ \$374,000. The increase in expense is offset by a transfer from the Corporate Fund newly created Intergovernmental Revenue Line Item 01-00-340.1, “Bike Trail Reimbursement from other Entities” in the amount of \$129,618.06 and an additional ~~\$226,000~~ ~~\$244,381.94~~ out of the unappropriated Corporate Fund balance.
- H. Street Capital Projects Fund – Line Item 34-21-544, Contracted Infrastructure Repairs and Maintenance, increased \$245,000 from \$1,365,000 to \$1,610,000. The increase is offset by an increase in revenue line item 34-00-383, Transfers from Other Funds.
- I. Landfill Closure Fund – Line Item 35-00-822, Interest on Debt, increased \$6,100 from \$0.00 to \$6,100 to account for interest expense that wasn’t appropriated. Line Item 35-00-202 increased \$300 from \$31,100 to \$31,400 to account for the actual principal payment. The increase in expenditures is offset by Transfer Station Rent from line item 35-00-380.
- J. Debt Service Fund – Line Item 40-00-710, Principal Payment increased \$43,016.70 from \$0.00 to \$43,016.70. Line Item 40-00-720, Interest Payment increased \$9,293.16 from \$0.00 to \$9,293.16. The principal and interest payments are for the operating loan and are offset by the unappropriated Corporate Fund balance.

Section 2. That all other provisions of City of Freeport Ordinance No. 2014-24 shall remain in full force and effect without change.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council, its approval by the Mayor, and its publication as provided by law.

Section 4. This Ordinance is expressly adopted pursuant to the Home Rule Powers of the City of Freeport under Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed insofar as they conflict.

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Section 6. If any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, and this City Council hereby expressly declares that it would have enacted this Ordinance even with the invalid portion deleted.

Finance Director Cynthia Haggard referred to her memorandum provided in the packet and stated as mentioned during the April 6th Council, she had explained that there could be potential adjustments at this meeting. Adjustments were in fact made as she continued to analyze accounts and take into consideration outstanding invoices. The purpose of this supplemental appropriation is to account for expenditures exceeding the original budget appropriation, which is done annually prior to the end of the fiscal year. This supplemental is typically presented during the month of April. The following Departments or Funds are impacted:

- The Hearing Administration Department in the Corporate Fund had a slight increase in expenditures for contractual services of \$7,000. The City has experienced an increase in administrative hearings attributable to dog violations.
- Department of Community Development in the Corporate Fund had an increase in Personnel Expenses of \$26,100 as we are still due reimbursements for administrative costs from the transportation grant.
- Sex Offender Registration is a new department within our grant fund. The new expenditure is funded by respective revenue.
- K9 Program is a new department within our grant fund. The new expenditure is funded by respective revenue.
- Motor Fuel Tax Fund had an increase of \$969,000 funded with respective revenues
- Revolving Loan Fund has increased \$2,111.80 as the City has taken advantage of charging fees for administrative services to this fund. The increase is funded by respective revenues.
- The Capital Improvement Fund related to bike trails increased \$224,000 bringing the total to \$374,000. Although the Corporate Fund is funding the roughly \$224,000 gap, the City Engineer is anticipating a receivable from local partners for that amount.
- Street Capital Projects Fund had an increase in Contracted Infrastructure Repairs and Maintenance of \$121,000 funded by respective revenue.
- Landfill Closure Fund increased \$6,100 to account for the interest portion of debt. It also increased \$300 for an underfunded principal portion of the same debt. The increases are offset by transfer station rent.
- Debt Service Fund increased \$52,309.86 for the principal and interest on debt for the operating loan which is offset by unappropriated Corporate Fund balance.

City Engineer Gallagher explained the timing of the Illinois Department of Transportation invoices and how they used to be a three year close out and has invoiced out the monies owed by the other taxing bodies and payments are not received as of this date.

Aldersperson Koester moved for approval of Ordinance #2015-24 for the supplemental appropriation ordinance as amended, seconded by Aldersperson Brashaw. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;
Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester, and Crutchfield (8)
Nays: none

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Mayor Gitz requested the roll call vote to approve the ordinance as amended. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester, and Crutchfield (8)

Nays: none

Ordinance #2015-23 was passed as amended on the floor.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #2015-25:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1052 (WATER AND SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

A report regarding IEPA Water Main Project & Financing was provided by the Water and Sewer Commission & Fehr Graham at the Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 13, 2015. This ordinance included a funding mechanism of an increase of \$6.00 to the Capital Improvement surcharge as follows:

1052.02 FUNDING.

Funding for the Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Fund shall be through the imposition of a monthly Capital Improvement Surcharge to be set as follows:

Customer Type by Water Meter Size	Capital Improvement Surcharge FY 2010-2011	Capital Improvement Surcharge FY 2011- 2012	Capital Improvement Surcharge FY 2012- 2013 and thereafter	<u>Capital Improvement Surcharge FY 2015-2016 and thereafter</u>
5/8"	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	<u>\$16.00</u>
5/8" by 3/4"	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	<u>\$16.00</u>
3/4"	\$7.12	\$9.12	\$11.12	<u>\$17.12</u>
1"	\$8.88	\$10.88	\$12.88	<u>\$18.88</u>
1-1/2"	\$13.68	\$15.68	\$17.68	<u>\$23.68</u>
2"	\$19.12	\$21.12	\$23.12	<u>\$29.12</u>
3"	\$38.68	\$40.68	\$42.68	<u>\$48.68</u>
4"	\$63.12	\$65.12	\$67.12	<u>\$73.12</u>
6"	\$123.12	\$125.12	\$127.12	<u>\$133.12</u>

1052.03 RESPONSIBILITY FOR COLLECTION AND BILLING.

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Billing and collection of such charges shall be pursuant to procedures set out in Chapters 1044 and 1048 of these codified ordinances.

1052.04 SEGREGATION OF FUNDS.

The Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Fund shall be kept and accounted for separately from other funds and used solely for the purposes as set out in this Chapter.”

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council, its approval by the Mayor, and its publication as provided by law.

Section 3. This Ordinance is expressly adopted pursuant to the Home Rule Powers of the City of Freeport under Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed insofar as they conflict.

Section 5. If any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, and this City Council hereby expressly declares that it would have enacted this Ordinance even with the invalid portion deleted.

Provided in the council packet was a memorandum written by City Engineer Shaun Gallagher stating the following:

“The attached ordinance outlines the Capital Improvement Fee increase as required to fund the proposed Phase B project, which is an extension of the completed improvements under the Big Four project. It is the recommendation of the Water & Sewer Commission that this \$6 increase be applied to all metering sizes in the Ordinance schedule, in order to fund the estimated \$7.9 million water project and additional energy upgrades to our facilities.

“As outlined in numerous presentations to both the Commission and the City Council over the last eight months, this project is considered vital to the future distribution of the City’s water utility, as well as the our ability to utilize the prior investments constructed during the Big Four project. Design work for the water project is currently nearing completion, to which a funding source is required in order to secure a 20 year IEPA loan.

“Upon approval of the attached Ordinance, IEPA will be able to formally approve the estimated loan amount for the project. The funding source must be approved and submitted to the IEPA as soon as possible in order for a bidding schedule and construction timeline to be established. This approval will also allow the Commission to begin drawing from the loan, in order to cover engineering expenses that have accrued to date.

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On January 13, 2015 Director Glendenning provided the following overview of this project through his presentation of the categorical exclusion document with the footages of each of the sections included in the 31,390 linear feet of water main and projects that will go along with that.

The recommended project referred to as the Phase B Water Improvements, consists of the following specific water main upgrades replacements:

Description	Upgrade Size	Length (L.F.)
New water main from Well No. 9 to Laurel Street on Lincoln Douglas School Easement	12"	1,240
Replace existing 6" water main on Laurel Street and Park Crest Drive (from Holly Avenue to West Stephenson Street)	12"	6,865
Replace existing 8" water main on West Stephenson Street (from St. Mary's Cemetery to South Park Boulevard)	12"	1,625
Replace existing 8" water main on South Park Boulevard (from West Stephenson Street to Empire Street)	12"	2,670
Replace existing 12" water main on West Empire Street (from South Park Boulevard to Burchard Avenue)	16"	3,950
Replace 4" water main on Burchard Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard (from American Street to FHN Hospital)	12"	1,830
Replace 6" water main on Harlem Avenue (from West Galena Avenue to Stephenson Street)	12"	2,200
Replace existing 6" water main on West Stephenson Street (from Harlem Avenue to Whistler Avenue)	12"	700
Water main replacement for reverse flow mains with multiple recorded breaks/repairs	6" – 8"	10,310
Installation of new pressure reducing valves and replacement of 75 existing valves		

“The cost of the recommended project, which includes construction, design/construction engineering, legal fees and project contingencies, is estimated to be \$7,967,100. The City anticipates that construction will begin by May of 2015 and be completed by November of 2015. The existing condition and project justification explained the existing service area for the public water distribution system is divided between a low pressure zone and a newly created high pressure zone. However, it was recently discovered that the existing water main distribution system within priority areas of the new high pressure zone is limiting the ability of the newly constructed Well #9, the Willow Booster Storage Tank and the new Burchard Elevated Tank to function as designed. A recently completed hydraulic model (used to analyze the impacts that the recently above noted constructed improvements may have on the newly created high pressure zone) revealed that the City will not be able to pump at a rate greater than 750 gallons per minute (gpm) which is only 50% of the 1,500 gpm design, without causing severe damage throughout the system with anticipated main breaks and extremely high residential water pressure (greater than 100 pounds per square inch). The proposed project, identified as Phase B, includes approximately 21,080 feet of water main upsizing to 12 inch or 16 inch in diameter in key areas that would provide adequate water main capacity – transmission from the new Well #9/Willow Tank Booster Station to the new Burchard Elevated

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Tank. This main upsizing will also divert more water toward the west side of the new high pressure zone to maintain the desirable system pressures. The proposed project will also include in-kind replacement of approximately 10,310 feet of 6 inch and 8 inch mains in both the City's low and high pressure zones. Currently, many of these mains are old, made of poor grade cast iron metal and subject to multiple breaks annually in areas where reverse flow has occurred or is anticipated. The replacement of various sections of these main will eliminate future breaks and allow for uninterrupted water service to residential during an emergency and will include transmission supply to the main hospital. Additionally pressure reducing valves will be installed in the high pressure zone where operating pressures are in excess of 80-85 psi. Also, approximately 75 valves need replaced that are either inoperable or over 65 years old and at the end of their useful life."

Ordinance #2015-09 approved by this city council on February 3, 2015 stated the following:
"Water System improvements, including an estimated 21,080 feet of water main upgrades to 12" and 16" diameter in key areas that would provide adequate water transmission lines from the new Well No. 9 to the new Elevated Tank and improvements to pressure zones, including the replacement of 10,310 feet of 6-8 inch water main and the replacement of 75 valves, together with any land or rights in the land and all electrical, mechanical, or other services necessary, useful or advisable to the construction and installation (the Project), all in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by consulting engineers of the City; which Project has a useful life of 50+ years; and the estimated cost of construction and installation of the Project, including engineering, legal, financial, and other related expenses is \$7,967,100, and there are insufficient funds on-hand and lawfully available to pay these costs."

Director Glendenning presented the ordinance and stated the loan discussions have been ongoing for the last six months and, in order for this project to begin to take advantage of this construction season, the funding mechanism must be in place for this loan through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Mayor Gitz explained that he asked Director Glendenning to include dollars for energy efficiency upgrades at the water treatment plant and he did not want this to come to council in piece meal. He asked for it to be combined with the Big Four project referred to as Phase B. The \$7.9 million dollar loan will require an additional \$6.00 to each water meter size and if we don't do this additional step in the water main improvements then the Big Four project will not be complete and we may have to pay back the forgiveness portion of the loan. Discussion was held on the ramifications of not approving this ordinance.

Aldersperson Boldt asked for information on the retirement dates to the other bonds issued for the Water and Sewer Commission.

Aldersperson Koester moved for approval of Ordinance #2015-25 as presented, seconded by Aldersperson Klemm. Mayor Gitz stated the ordinance will be automatically laid over to the next meeting and it will be placed on the agenda for the first meeting in May as old business.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #2015-26:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 480.11 (PROHIBITED PARKING STREETS) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT (VANBUREN AVENUE)

City Engineer Gallagher explained due to the use of painted on-street bike lanes for portions of the newly constructed Jane Addams Trail, approval of Ordinance #2015-26 is requested in order to eliminate street

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parking along the west side of Van Buren Avenue from Linden Street to Summit Street. The Jane Addams Trail, from approximately the Furst McNess parking lot to the Van Buren Bridge, will require 2-5' painted bike lanes on Linden Street and Van Buren Avenue as part of the original trail design. City Engineer Gallagher explained upon review of the list of prohibited parking streets, it was determined that parking on the north side of Linden Street was already prohibited; however parking along the west side of Van Buren was not. Prior notification of the reduction in on-street parking for residents along Van Buren Avenue was made early last year as part of notification and acquisition of easements needed for the project's construction. At that time, property owners received construction drawings of the new striping alignment and several arrangements were made to accommodate the loss in parking for the new bike lanes. He stated it is the intent to once again notify property owners and tenants of the parking change, prior to final striping of traffic, parking and bike lanes. It is anticipated that this work will be completed within the next six (6) weeks.

Aldersperson Koester moved for approval of the ordinance as presented, seconded by Aldersperson Klemm. The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #R-2015-14:

RESOLUTION FOR THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF FREEPORT AND MCCLURE ENGINEERING FOR STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (2015 BIENNIAL BRIDGE INSPECTIONS)

City Engineer Gallagher provided a memorandum in the council packet which provided the following:

"Every two (2) years the City of Freeport is required to provide structural inspections of vehicular bridges within our jurisdiction, as outlined in the Illinois Department of Transportation Biennial Bridge Inspection requirements. This inspection was last completed in May of 2013 by McClure Engineering and is recommended for approval in order to complete these reports prior to our May 31, 2015 deadline.

"Structural inspections are an IDOT requirement for the Hancock Avenue and Gladewood Drive bridges due to their current or recent vehicular usage. Due to the construction activities adjacent to the Van Buren Bridge and pending Jane Addams Trail opening in June, it is recommended that a similar inspection be performed on this pedestrian bridge as well.

"In order to outline the future of each bridge in regards to remaining useful life, future inspections, replacement costs, and potential funding availability, I believe it is beneficial to provide the City with a long-term bridge plan in order to establish our future transportation goals. Upon completion of these inspections, I will look to retain McClure Engineering to provide the Administration with a long-term bridge plan, pending the approval of a future contract." City Engineer Gallagher explained that this contract for McClure Engineering is in the amount of \$2,800.00 through the Motor Fuel Tax Fund.

Aldersperson Klemm moved for approval of the resolution as presented, seconded by Aldersperson Endress. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester, and Crutchfield (8)

Nays: none

Resolution R-2015-14 was adopted.

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Resolutions #-2015-15, 16, 17 and 18 were moved forward on the council agenda, see minutes pages after consent agenda.

RESOLUTION #R-2015-19:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RAWLEIGH STRATEGIC PLAN AS A GUIDING DOCUMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF THE RAWLEIGH COMPLEX

Aldersperson Boldt reviewed the resolution which was presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 13, 2015 during a presentation by Colleen Johnson of Vandewalle & Associates. He referred to sections 1, 2, and 3 below:

WHEREAS, the City of Freeport was awarded a Community Challenge Planning grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that included funding to undertake both strategic planning and implementation activities to advance the Rawleigh Complex redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Freeport used this grant to advance several initiatives concerning the Rawleigh building complex, including updated zoning and platting, enabling the sale of Building D to Alber Properties, and detailed planning for the multi-modal station resulting in a \$500,000 grant (pending final approval) from the Illinois Department of Transportation for architecture and engineering; and

WHEREAS, the City of Freeport developed the webpage, www.rawleighrenew.com, both as a strategic plan for reuse concepts and alternatives as well as a marketing tool to recruit developers and tenants for use by the City, current private developers at Rawleigh (Oracle Development and Alber Properties), and future development partners; and

WHEREAS, the City presented on the Rawleigh Strategic Plan by stakeholders during its development and presented on the Plan and sought feedback at a meeting attended by over sixty people on February 4, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS as follows:

Section 1. The City of Freeport hereby adopts the Rawleigh Strategic Plan as a guiding document for redevelopment of the Rawleigh Complex, as outlined on the website: www.rawleighrenew.com, which includes strategies drawn from the following links: www.rawleighrenew.com/vision-goals-plan and www.rawleighrenew.com/development-opportunities, samples of which are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 2. The City of Freeport is committed to the transfer of the remaining buildings of the complex to private owners as soon as possible for practical re-uses that will enlarge the City's tax-base, while providing useful employment. The City further believes low intensity uses are a sound and reasonable approach to such divestiture.

Section 3. The City views the foregoing strategic plan as a set of concepts and reserves the right to make changes to the plans that are consistent with local market conditions.

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Aldersperson Boldt moved for approval of the resolution as presented, seconded by Aldersperson Bush. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester, and Crutchfield (8)

Nays: none

Resolution #R-2015-19 was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2015-20:

RESOLUTION FOR THE MAY 1, 2015 CONTRACT FOR THE CITY'S HEALTHCARE COVERAGE (SELF-FUNDED NIHP)

Mayor Gitz introduced Stephen Lafferty and Karen Smith to review information on the City's Health Care Plan. The costs has increased 7.24% over last year with the cost increasing from \$3,914,456 to \$4,197,987 based on maximum plan year costs and using the ECOH 2 PPO. The resolution before council is for the next fiscal year as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. R-93-33 passed by this City Council on July 7, 1993, the City of Freeport established a self-funded medical plan to provide benefits at the lowest possible long term cost; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the City healthcare plan remain self-funded and that the City enter into a contract with the Northern Illinois Health Plan for its TPA administration for a PPO with NIHP/ECOH2; and enter into a contract with ACE American Insurance Company as our reinsurance carrier on a 24/12 specific \$90,000.00 contract basis, with a \$60,000.00 aggregating specific and 12/12 aggregate contract basis with a \$3,647,729.00 attachment point to contain its healthcare costs and a total possible exposure of \$4,197,987.00 through April 30, 2016, with TPA administration for vision and dental coverage for the employees to be continued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Northern Illinois Health Plan for TPA administration for a PPO contract with NIHP/ECOH2 and ACE American Insurance Company for reinsurance coverage, and that coverages and policies in relation thereto be consistent with the preamble hereto and the Mayor and City Clerk, on behalf of the City are hereby authorized to execute such documents as are necessary for the carrying out of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed insofar as they conflict.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is passed under the Home Rule Authority of the City of Freeport as provided in Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970.

Mr. Lafferty explained that the Dimond Bros Insurance assisted with the renewal process and they performed their due diligence in obtaining quotes to examine and evaluate each and every cost to ensure that we are managing costs effectively. He explained the reinsurance carrier and the third party administrator for the plan and included information on the preferred provider organization.

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Aldersperson Klemm moved for approval of the resolution as presented, seconded by Aldersperson Endress. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester, and Crutchfield (8)

Nays: none

Resolution R-2015-20 was adopted.

OTHER

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance Department

Director Haggard stated this week she is planning on a meeting with the auditors in preparation for the next audit.

Public Works

Public Works Director Tom Dole stated the public works crews have begun spring cleanup as a combined effort to cleanup residue from salt and sand on roadways. They will be street sweeping on roads in the parks and the township roads as well. Another crew is working on a demolition of 300 block of Washington and one is also scheduled to be demolished for Madison Street.

Library

Freeport Public Library Director Carole Dickerson spoke about the next to last event for the One Book One Freeport program which was a skype with the author of "Rocket Boy" and the evening was well attended and enjoyable for many.

Fire

Fire Chief Miller had no further report.

Police

Approval of bid for janitorial services for the Freeport Police Department

Chief Todd Barkalow stated on April 10, 2015, sealed bids for janitorial services for the Freeport Police Department were opened and reviewed. Present for the bid opening were Cynthia Haggard, Sarah Griffin and Chief Todd Barkalow. Bush Janitorial was the only bid received for janitorial services for a two-year contract period. Upon review, he found that it met the specifications set forth in the bid packet. The contractor is to furnish all labor, equipment and supplies required to perform the cleaning services of the contract and employees must pass appropriate background checks prior to their employment within the public safety building. The contractor must also furnish a certificate of insurance covering worker's compensation and general liability and to list the City of Freeport as an additional insured. I recommend that the City accept the bid from Bush Janitorial Service \$780.00 per month. Chief Barkalow also noted that Bush Janitorial has only increased their bid \$50 over the past five years. In the bid specifications a few items were added in the scope of service required of the contractor.

Aldersperson Klemm moved for approval of acceptance of the above stated recommendation, seconded by Aldersperson Koester. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

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Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester, and Crutchfield (8)
Nays: none

Chief Barkalow provided a summary of activity over the weekend and reported there were 244 calls from Friday through Sunday that averaged 81 per day. Out of the 244 calls, it resulted in 21 arrests. He spoke about the importance of public safety and how the Police Department is there to take care of business on our streets and in our neighborhoods. Alderperson Klemm and Bush thanked Chief Barkalow for the update. Alderperson Bush encouraged citizens to get involved.

City Engineer

Approval of 2015 Mowing Bids opened on April 16, 2015

City Engineer Gallagher stated on April 16th the City of Freeport held a bid opening for lawn mowing services for properties in violation of City of Freeport Codified Ordinances Chapter 694 – Weeds and Grass. The two (2) bids received were submitted by Shirley Lawn Care and T&L Preservation Services, LLC. The apparent low bid was submitted by T&L Preservation Services, LLC at \$15 per hour, per person. Due to the high volume of violations requiring mowing services, City Council has historically approved the two (2) lowest bids. It is my recommendation to award the 2015 mowing services to T&L Preservation Services, LLC at a price of \$15 per hour, per person, as the primary mowing contractor, with Shirley Lawn Care being a secondary, pending demand. In addition, no bids were received for the herbicide application to the downtown City right-of-way. Copies of the final bid tab are attached. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Alderperson Bush moved for approval for approval of acceptance of the bids are presented, seconded by Alderperson Endress. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester, and Crutchfield (8)
Nays: none

City Engineer Gallagher explained that he also placed bid for herbicide spraying and none were received.

Water and Sewer

Water and Sewer Director Tom Glendenning reported on a rehabilitation of Well #2 that is ongoing. He related it has the best water quality of all the wells because it is the lowest count of iron and magnesium. The cost of the repairs is estimated at \$80,000 and he reported they will be happy to get it back up and running.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gitz reported that he is working with council members to prepare an orientation for the council members elect. Mayor Gitz will be visiting Springfield, Illinois next week to attend the Illinois Municipal League lobby days. He commended Alderperson Bush and Chief Barkalow on the work they have done to engage the faith community of the Third Ward to bring adults and at-risk-youth together. Mayor Gitz spoke about the positive influence of volunteerism and used the example of the \$50,000 worth of work to rehab the Albertus Airport office. He provided information on the economic impact of the Albertus Airport and the support it has of the Illinois Department of Transportation. Mayor Gitz thanked the council for their support of the blight grant and stated he has hopes that this will cover the demolition of the old Martin Luther King Center.

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Mayor Gitz stated he has asked Director Haggard to forward to him the budget documents and this will be a challenging budget for the new council to consider.

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COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council members were provided an opportunity to discuss matters of public concern or to make announcements for their wards.

Alderpersion Klemm spoke about the Illinois Bowling Tournament being hosted at Freeport Lanes and stated there is estimated to be 6,500 visitors to Freeport and these are people who are staying in hotels, eating at restaurants and purchasing gasoline so it has a strong impact on economic development.

Alderpersion Brashaw spoke about the Pretzel City Transit and the hours for the routes and encouraged looking into providing service on Sunday.

Alderpersion Koester spoke about the service to the community given by the outgoing alderman, He stated that they may not necessarily see eye to eye on things but it has been a privilege to serve with them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Steve Carroll, 811 Oak, Freeport Illinois, spoke about the attention to detail by staff members - Ted Austin of the Freeport Police Department and John Menke of the Community Development Department. He provided information to the council in which he obtained through a Freedom of Information request on a property located at 908 S. Walnut which is owned by Brian Borchardt. He spoke about the photos and reasons why the property was condemned. This suspended the rental of the property by the landlord.

Tom Teich, Freeport, Illinois, spoke about the possible new pizza establishment. He spoke about a couple of properties that he feels need to be torn down including one on Galena and State and the other one on Galena and Float.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

s/ Meg Zuravel

Meg Zuravel, City Clerk