

**CITY OF BATAVIA**  
**MINUTES OF THE BATAVIA CITY COUNCIL**

Monday, March 7th, 2022  
7:30 p.m. – Council Chambers 1st Floor  
100 N. Island Avenue, Batavia, IL 60510  
Hybrid Meeting

PLEASE NOTE: These minutes are not a word-for-word transcription of the statements made at the meeting, nor intended to be a comprehensive review of all discussions. Minutes are intended to make an official record of the actions taken by the Committee/City Council, and to include some description of discussion points as understood by the minute-taker. Any references to discussion and/or statements are only to provide greater clarity to the public and they may not reference all, some, or any of an individual speaker's comments.

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**2. INVOCATION followed by PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Alderman Leman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Aldermen in attendance at roll: Baerren (1), Solfa (1), Leman (2), Wolff (2), Ajazi (3), Chanzit (3), Malay (4), Connelly (4), Uher (5), Beck (5), Cerone (6), Russoto (6), Miller (7), Vogelsinger (7).

*Attending remotely: Baerren, Ajazi, Chanzit, Malay, Beck, Vogelsinger*

**4. REMINDER: Please speak into the microphone for BATV recording**

**5. ITEMS REMOVED/ADDED/CHANGED**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

Accept and Place on File:

- A. Committee of the Whole Minutes January 11, 2022
- B. November 2021 City Council Financial Report
- C. December 2021 City Council Financial Report

Approvals:

- D. March 4, 2022 Payroll \$998,388.90
- E. Accounts Payable Check Register \$1,406,222.19
- F. City Council Minutes for February 21, 2022

- G. APPROVAL: COW Executive Session Minutes November 30, 2021 and January 11, 2022
- H. RESOLUTION 22-033-R: Authorizing a final balancing change order in the amount of \$32,664.55 for MP System contract to complete breaker replacement at Batavia Substations (RB 2/18/2022 COW 2/22/22 13/o) PU
- I. ORDINANCE 22-10: Amending Ordinance 17-16 Granting Variances for a Temporary Parking Lot at 111-117 North River Street (SCB 2/15/22 COW 3/01/22 13/o) CD
- J. RESOLUTION 22-035-R Authorization of a Master Service Agreement with Tri-R Systems Incorporated (HC 2/23/22 COW 3/01/22 13/o) GS

Ald. Chanzit read aloud the Consent agenda read by Ald. Chanzit.

*Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. Solfa, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/o absent.*

**7. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC:** (For Items NOT on the Agenda)

Shiloh Remmers rose to address the City Council regarding the crosswalk at 31/Batavia Ave and McKee Street. She related that her son was struck by a motor vehicle recently and asked the Council to address the hazard. She stated that she was aware that there was a project underway and inquired why it was not moving forward.

Mayor Schielke invited Gary Holm to respond. Holm outlined the process of working with the Illinois Department of Transportation to pursue a road diet to provide refuge to pedestrians. He stated that Route 31 is not a city road, and that changes to the road or crosswalk must be IDOT projects. He stated that the feasibility study, approved by City Council in late 2021, is scheduled to be completed by mid March and, after review, would initiate Phase 1 of a road diet project. He said that construction could begin as early as 2024.

Ms. Remmers asked if there are other measures that could be taken in the interim to improve safety. Holm responded that the City is not able to make any changes without IDOT approval and that IDOT has not been supportive of other safety measures.

Lew Girmscheid rose to address the Council regarding the crosswalk at 31/ Batavia Avenue and McKee Street. He related that his son and his nephew had both been struck at different times at the same crosswalk. He urged the Council to address the hazard sooner rather than later.

Michael Smith rose to address the Council regarding his new Culvers restaurant. He thanked the Council for being welcoming and supportive.

Ed Zofkie of Harrison Street addressed the Council regarding the crosswalk at 31/ Batavia Avenue and McKee Street. His son was also struck as a pedestrian at that crosswalk. He urged City Council to take more immediate action to prevent crossing at that crosswalk than waiting for IDOT. He asked whether the crosswalk could be closed and pedestrians redirected to the lighted crossing at Wilson Street.

Ald. Beck thanked the residents who spoke for addressing the Council and commented that she had spoken to the City Council over three years ago regarding the same issue.

**8. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Director Margaret Perrault delivered her report on the recent and upcoming activities of the Chamber of Commerce. See recording for comments in full.

She introduced her guest, Curt Croson, to speak about his business United Safety Transfer. United Safety Transfer is a non-emergency medical transport service.

**9. APPROVAL: Class D-1 (Restaurant – All Liquor) Liquor License Application For Revelry 675, Located At 675 S. River Street, Batavia (DME 2/23/22 COW 3/01/22 12/0) CS**

*Ald. Beck stepped away from the meeting at 8:09 PM.*

*Motion by Ald. Russotto, seconded by Ald. Wolff, to approve the resolution. Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/1 absent.*

**10. ORDINANCE 22-11: Amending The Official Zoning Map For A Planned Development Overlay District 470-490 North Randall Road, Misuka Burger LLC, Applicant (DMR 2/24/22 COW 3/01/22 13/0) CD**

*Ald. Beck returned to the meeting at 8:12 PM.*

*Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Solfa, to approve the resolution. Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/0 absent.*

**11. ORDINANCE 22-12: Conditional Use Permit For A Drive-Through Restaurant In A GC General Commercial District – 470 North Randall Road – Culver’s, Misuka Burger LLC, Applicant (DMR 2/24/22 COW 3/1/22 13/0) CD**

*Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Solfa, to approve the resolution. Motion carried 14 yea/ 0 nay/0 absent.*

**12. RESOLUTION 22-032-R: Customer-Owned Self-Generation Interconnection Policy (GH 2/17/22 COW 2/22/22 12/0/1) PU**

*Ald. Vogelsinger stepped away from the meeting at 8:15 PM*

*Motion by Ald. Cerone, seconded by Ald. Connelly, to approve the resolution. Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/1 absent.*

**13. RESOLUTION 22-030-R: Approval Of Self Generation And Net Billing Policy (GH 2/17/22 COW 2/22/22 11/1/1) PU**

Ald. Beck stated that while she appreciated the compromise made during Committee of the Whole discussions, she has reservations about the language in the policy concerned in Res 22-030-R and Ord 22-13.

*Motion by Ald. Cerone, seconded by Ald. Miller, to approve the resolution. Motion carried 12 yea/ 1 nay/1 absent.*

**14. ORDINANCE 22-13 Amending Title 8, Chapter 1, Articles A & B Of The Municipal Code Related To Renewable Generation Facilities (GH 2/23/22 COW 3/01/22 11/1/1) PU**

*Motion by Ald. Cerone, seconded by Ald. Miller, to approve the resolution. Motion carried 12 yea/ 1 nay/1 absent.*

**15. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*Ald. Vogelsinger returned to the meeting at 8:24 PM.*

Assistant to the City Administrator Anthony Isom Jr. delivered his report on behalf of Administrator Newman. Review recording for comments in full.

**16. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

City Services:	The crossing at 31 and McKee will be added to discussion for the next COW.
Community Development:	none
Public Utilities:	none
Government Services:	none

**17. OTHER BUSINESS**

Ald. Baerren: There will be a screening of "The S-Word," supporting Suicide Prevention Services Thursday, March 24th at 7:00 PM at the Batvaia Park District Civic Center.

**18. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Schielke delivered his report. Review recording for comments in full.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Solfa, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.*

Minutes prepared and submitted by Kate Garrett, City Clerk, March 7th, 2022