

CITY OF BATAVIA
MINUTES OF THE BATAVIA CITY COUNCIL

Monday, March 20th, 2023
7:00 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 7:02 pm.

2. INVOCATION followed by PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ald. Uher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Attending remotely: Russotto, Beck, Chanzit, Ajazi, Vogelsinger.

REMINDER: Please Speak Into The Microphone For BATV Recording

4. ITEMS REMOVED/ADDED/CHANGED

City Administrator Newman requested to add an executive session for collective bargaining as item 13.

*Motion by Ald. Solfa, seconded by Ald. Leman, to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/ 1 absent.*

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Accept and Place on File:

A. Building Reports February 2023

Approvals:

B. March 17, 2023 Payroll \$957,691.02

C. Accounts Payable Check Register \$4,357,185.44

D. City Council Minutes March 6, 2023

- E. 2022 Budget Transfers and Reconciliation
- F. APPROVAL: COW Executive Session Minutes – November 1, 2022 – Personnel Matters
- G. APPROVAL: COW Executive Session Minutes – November 15, 2022 – Setting the Price of Land for Sale
- H. APPROVAL: COW Executive Session Minutes – December 13, 2022 – Collective Bargaining & Personnel
- I. APPROVAL: COW Executive Session Minutes – February 28, 2023 – Purchase of Real Estate
- J. RESOLUTION 23-045-R: Approval of 2023 Zoning Map (SCB 3/3/23 COW 3/14/23 13/o) CD
- K. RESOLUTION 23-044-R: Supporting Tax Increment Financing (AI 03/03/23 COW 03/14/23 13/o) CD
- L. APPROVAL: Class J Liquor License Application for Emagine Batavia, LLC dba Emagine Batavia, 550 N. Randall Road, Batavia, IL 60510 (SM 03/09/23 COW 03/14/23 13/o) GS
- M. RESOLUTION 23-047-R: Approval of Task Order #19 with Trotter and Associates Inc. for Construction Engineering Services for Phase IIA Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements (GH COW 03/14/23 13/o) PU
- N. RESOLUTION 23-048-R: Declaring certain Personal Property to be Surplus and Authorizing Donation of Property (CH 3/10/23 COW 03/14/23 13/o) CS
- O. RESOLUTION 23-046-R: First Responder Drones (SM 03/03/23 COW 03/14/23 13/o) GS
- P. RESOLUTION 23-049-R: LMI Leadership Training (WB 3/09/23 COW 03/14/23 13/o) GS

Ald. Chanzit read aloud the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Ald. Chanzit, seconded by Ald. solfa, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/ 1 absent.

7. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC: (For Items NOT On The Agenda)

none seen.

8. PRESENTATION: Batavia Public School District 101 Referendum

Lisa Hichens, Superintendent of Batavia Public School District 101 addressed the Council with information about the upcoming April election and the referendum the school district will present to voters. Hitchens explained the rationale for returning the question to the ballot without changes from when the question was presented in November 2022. She talked about some of the surveys and community engagement initiatives since November 2022. She addressed the top 5 questions the school district receives regarding the referendum.

Ald. Cerone asked if government bodies can continue to return referendum questions to the ballot. Hichens confirmed that yes, they can.

Ald. Leman asked what would happen to the taxes if the referendum passes. Hichens confirmed that the new taxes would be contained to the amount of the bond retiring.

Ald. Cerone asked how the District plans to make up the difference between the funds that will be raised by the referendum bond and the real costs of the construction projects. Hichens confirmed that the construction projects will need to be adjusted as the real costs are confirmed.

9. MAINSTREET MINUTE

Director Beth Walker delivered her report on the recent and upcoming events of Batavia MainStreet. She announced upcoming Egg Hunt events. She announced that May 12th will be the opening weekend of the Boardwalk Shops.

10. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Newman delivered her report. She announced that the results of the community survey will be available soon. Staff from the City's Engineering Department met with residents adjacent to the Mahoney Creek project to hear their concerns. Administrator Newman advised residents not to over purchase garbage stickers since the City's contract with the current provider will be ending in 90 days. Please review recordings for comments in full.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

none

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schielke delivered his report. He spoke about the Pace Dial-A-Ride program. Review recording for comments in full.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION- COLLECTIVE BARGAINING-7:47 PM

Motion by Ald. Solfa, seconded by Ald. Malay, to enter executive session. Motion carried 13 yea/ 0 nay/ 1 absent.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Solfa, seconded by Ald. Malay, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Kate Garrett, City Clerk, March 20th, 2023.