



Special City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
Five Points Banquet Room - 360 N. Wilmor Road, Washington, Illinois

Call to Order Mayor Gary W. Manier called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with a quorum present.

Roll Call *Present:* Alderpersons Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith, Stevens

Also Present City Administrator Jim Snider, Finance Director Joanie Baxter, Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant, City Engineer Dennis Carr, Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse, Police Chief Mike McCoy, City Clerk Valeri Brod, City Attorney Derek Schryer and Press

Pledge of Allegiance All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Manier.

Audience Comments Nothing provided at this time.

Review Agenda for Deletions/Additions Nothing added or deleted at this time.

Announcements/ Presentations/ Proclamations Mayor Manier read a proclamation proclaiming January 15 – 20, 2024 as St. Patrick School 7th Grade Girls and 8th Grade Girls Basketball Recognition Week in the City of Washington.

St. Pat's 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball State Champion Proclamation Mayor Manier shared that he saw the 7th grade off prior to their game and he was particularly touched by the prayer offered as they got on their bus. He congratulated both teams. He invited their coach who provided details and acknowledged the hard work of both teams. Alderperson Adams moved; Alderperson McIntyre seconded to accept the proclamation.
8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith, Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

and

Central Intermediate School's Olives & Macaroni Coding Team National Accomplishment Proclamation Mayor Manier read a proclamation proclaiming January 22 – 27, 2024 as Central Intermediate School's Olives and Macaroni Recognition Week' in the City of Washington. Mayor Manier allowed a team member who shared how the team worked together to solve coding problems. Their coach explained how the 6th grade team used different platforms to complete challenges in order to make it to the national competition. Alderperson Brownfield moved; Alderperson Stevens seconded to accept the proclamation.
8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith, Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Mayor Manier expressed appreciation to all the students and families who ventured out in the weather for this recognition.

Mayoral/City Administrator Communications Mayor Manier shared that Nick Fox with CL Red, Carmen with Global Builders and Kelly Pohl are present tonight. Nick Fox shared that he is overseeing the project and feels it will be great addition to community. He stated that he is here to share progress and answer questions. They shared that they completed the deep foundations on perimeter of building and have started masonry work. They have relocated water and sewer piping to mediate issues with neighboring properties, relocated gas piping and now they are working on relocating power. Next, they will start the elevator shaft and start with the steel work process. They will work with inspectors on where the site logistics are and they are excited to keep the process going. Mr. Fox shared that this project has a technical architect to aide in the interior design he feels this will be better than any of their other locations. He noted millwork on the ceiling and other wood planking detail and he refers to the Square as the Hallmark Circle.
Brewpub Construction Update Mayor Manier shared that he has stopped by the site and asked if there are still items that needed to be removed in order to continue putting up the block. Carmen noted that they let the Historical Society know that they were going to work together to address windows, a downspout and a cable box that will need to be addressed in order to install the brick that goes up next to their building. Alderperson Butler asked if the renovation of the Knights of Columbus will occur at the same time. Mr. Fox confirmed that it would and shared that they are working on permits and costs to start. Alderperson Butler confirmed that same contractor will do both developments. He asked about a target completion date. Carmen shared that there is a significant delay in obtaining switchgear for the buildings, noting the resin comes from China. He noted that everyone is 52 weeks out to get the equipment. He shared that it has been ordered and the building will go up without the switchgear and will be done in August and then wait for the rest of the equipment. They are working to expedite the process. Carmen noted that once the switchgear is received, it will be hooked up and then they will troubleshoot any issues. He noted that stalls in the project are a hardship for them as well. Mr. Fox Nick explained that there are supply chain issues

across the board. Alderperson Butler clarified that the City has done everything they need to do. Alderperson Blundy asked if this will occur with the Knights of Columbus Hall as well but they explained that a smaller service will be used and they are easier to obtain. Carmen shared that unit meters are unobtainable at this time. Alderperson Stevens asked about the roof top garden and brewing beer at this location. Carmen shared that they won't brew beer at this location. Mr. Fox clarified that beer will be brewed in Ottawa and brought here. Carmen feels that everyone will love the terrace. It will have heavy timber, glass and lots of detail. It will allow a view of the whole square. Alderperson Stevens asked if the sides are open and Carmen explained that the roof and sides are open. He also shared that there will be timber columns that are vertical with a custom cedar plank placed horizontally. He noted a lot of millwork.

Alderperson's Comment Alderperson Blundy asked for clarification about the December 18th meeting regarding the employee handbook amendment. He shared that he thought it was for police only and asked who it covered. Administrator Snider shared that it was explained and the amount that was agreed upon was provided in a resolution for all non-union employees. Administrator Snider noted that non-union includes part-time employees. He shared that they are now beginning to talk to the public works union. Alderperson Blundy shared his confusion. Administrator Snider shared that it covered all non-union employees and the non-union police employees triggered the conversation.

Alderperson Smith congratulated the WMS competitive cheer team for placing 2nd in their State competition last weekend.

Adjournment At 7:03 p.m. Alderperson Brownfield moved to adjourn; Alderperson McIntyre seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Valeri L. Brod, City Clerk

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