

CITY OF GLENDALE COMMON COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2023

Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Glendale held in City Hall, 5909 North Milwaukee River Parkway, Glendale, Wisconsin and via Zoom conference call.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bryan Kennedy at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Bryan Kennedy, Ald. Tomika Vukovic, Jim Daugherty, John Gelhard, Steve Schmelzling, and Phillip Bailey. Absent: Ald. JoAnn Shaw.

Other Officials Present: Karl Warwick, City Administrator; Nathan Bayer, City Attorney; Mark Ferguson, Police Chief; Charlie Imig, Director of Public Works; and Megan Humitz, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The members of the Common Council, City staff, and all those present pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

OPEN MEETING NOTICE.

City Administrator Warwick advised that in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, the local news media was advised on Thursday, October 19, 2023, of the date of this meeting; that the Agenda was posted on the official bulletin board of City Hall, the Glendale Police Department, and the North Shore Library; that copies of the Agenda were made available to the general public in the Municipal Building and the Police Department; and those persons who requested, were sent copies of the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA.

I. File No.

Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on October 9, 2023, Approval of Monthly Reports, Approval of Request for Extended Hours at Kohl's and Target – Bayshore Town Center, and Approval of Secondhand/Pawnbrokers Dealers License Application – Honeybee Games, LLC.

Motion by Ald. Bailey, seconded by Ald. Daugherty, to Adopt the Minutes of Meeting held on October 9, 2023, Approve Monthly Reports, Approve a Request for Extended Hours at Kohl's and Target – Bayshore Town Center, and Approve Secondhand/Pawnbrokers Dealers License Application – Honeybee Games, LLC was approved. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, Bailey, and Schmelzling. Noes: None. Absent: Ald. Shaw. None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS.

II. File No.

Ordinance Amending Title 15, Chapter 6 “Regulation of Signs, Billboards and other Advertising Medium” amending the ordinance for clarification and the additional standards for digital billboards

Administrator Warwick stated this item was moved to the October 23, 2023, meeting by the Common Council. At this point, the staff has determined that action on this item is not necessary.

Motion by Ald. Bailey, seconded by Ald. Gelhard, to indefinitely postpone action on the Ordinance Amending Title 15, Chapter 6 “Regulation of Signs, Billboards and other Advertising Medium” was approved. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, Bailey, and Schmelzling. Noes: None. Absent: Ald. Shaw. None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

III. File No.

Review and Approval of the Purchase of a Replacement Brush Chipper in the 2023 Capital Improvement Program Budget for a price not to exceed \$66,707.00.

Administrator Warwick stated this past week, the City's brush chipper experienced catastrophic engine failure and either requires immediate major repair or replacement to maintain our tree maintenance program. The 2024 Annual Program Budget was initially reviewed by the Common Council on October 2, 2023. A replacement brush chipper was not part of the approved plan for the 2024 budget, nor was it part of the adopted 5-Year Capital Improvement Program because it was in working condition and not at a replacement age. It was purchased in 2019 for \$50,578. The chipper is used to maintain our mature tree population. In addition to its high use volume, the chipper's capacity is 15-inch diameter logs. The size of logs being placed into the machine are typically close to this capacity. These are the two most likely causes of this early engine failure. Staff reached out to the equipment vendor for repair and replacement estimates. After working closely with the salesman, a total engine replacement came back at no cost. Nevertheless, staff have concerns that even with a new engine, this model may not be capable of handling the increased workload and/or diameter of dead trees and could experience similar engines failure again. Because of this, staff also negotiated a trade-in value for the existing machine, in the current condition, for \$35,000. The cost of a new, larger model is \$100,107, leaving the City's net out of pocket cost \$66,707. The vendor said that this price will be much higher as they expect a factory increase after January 1, 2024. If the Common Council desires to move forward with the purchase, staff will move forward with the purchase and proceed with a budget modification to include this additional expense. If the Common Council elects to recommend a repair, no further action would be required.

Motion by Ald. Daugherty, seconded by Ald. Gelhard, to Approve the Purchase of a Replacement Brush Chipper in the 2023 Capital Improvement Program Budget for a price not to exceed \$66,707.00 was approved. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, and Bailey. Noes: Ald. Schmelzling. Absent: Ald. Shaw. None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

IV. File No.

Resolution Condemning the Hamas Attack on Israel and Supporting our Jewish Friends and Neighbors.

Administrator Warwick stated the provided Resolution is to express support for our Jewish friends and neighbors and condemn the Hamas attack on Israel.

Motion by Ald. Schmelzling, seconded by Ald. Daugherty, to Approve the Resolution Condemning the Hamas Attack on Israel, and Supporting our Jewish Friends and Neighbors was approved. Ayes: Ald. Daugherty, Gelhard, Bailey, and Schmelzling. Noes: None. Absent: Ald. Shaw. None. Abstain: Ald. Vukovic. Motion carried.

V. File No.

Adoption of Single or Multi-Year Capital Budget for Large Apparatus for North Shore Fire Department

Administrator Warwick stated North Shore Fire is proposing an amendment to the large apparatus capital and equipment schedule for payments for all communities in the North Shore Fire Agreement. Due to the increase in the cost of this equipment, this Resolution is being proposed to fund the cost of this equipment. This would create an annual fee schedule through 2028. The North Shore Fire Board of Directors approved this Resolution.

Motion by Ald. Gelhard, seconded by Ald. Bailey, to approve a Resolution Approving a North Shore Fire Department "Single or Multi-Year Capital" Budget to Purchase Large Apparatus Equipment from 2024-2028 was approved. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, Bailey, and Schmelzling. Noes: None. Absent: Ald. Shaw. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

VI. File No.

Ordinance Amending the Special Events Committee to Increase the Number of Public Members from 4 to 8

Administrator Warwick stated the Common Council previously approved an Ordinance amending the City Code of Ordinances to eliminate the Glendale Days and Music in the Glen Committees and replace them with a Citywide and Maslowski Park Activities Committee. Subsection (a)5 of this Ordinance included four members of the community on the Committee, with other staff members and a Common Council representative. Alderwoman Shaw is proposing to increase the number of community representatives from four to eight, but leave the number required for a quorum to five.

Motion by Ald. Schmelzling, seconded by Ald. Daugherty, to Approve an Ordinance Amending Section 2.4.14, Citywide and Maslowski Park Activities Committee to Increase the Number of Community Representatives from Four to Five, amended to include one representative from the North Shore Chamber of Commerce, five (5) members of the community, and to strike “with a quorum equating to a minimum of five (5) members” was approved, as amended. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, Bailey, and Schmelzling. Noes: None. Absent: Ald. Shaw. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

VII. File No. _____

Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Held by the City of Glendale

Administrator Warwick stated per the direction of the Common Council, staff gathered information from the community on their preferred use of the approximately \$1.3 million in ARPA funds. Staff collected data through an online survey, a public listening session and various communications with Alders and the Mayor. Staff provided the results of the various public input sessions and lists of potential projects based on the public input. Staff requests the Common Council to narrow the list of projects and direct staff to obtain cost estimates and rate the feasibility of selected projects. Staff would then bring these projects back to the Common Council for further consideration. The eligible uses of these funds include:

- Revenue replacement for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, relative to revenues collected in the most recent fiscal year prior to the emergency,
- Responding to public health and economic impacts of COVID-19,
- Public sector capacity to address public health challenges,
- Capital expenditures which promote health and safety, including investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

The Department of Treasury has defined the eligible uses include parks improvements that improve the health of a disproportionately impacted neighborhoods or communities. The final rule includes enumerated eligible uses in disproportionately impacted communities for developing neighborhood features that promote improved health and safety outcomes, such as parks, green spaces, recreational facilities, sidewalks, pedestrian safety features like crosswalks, projects that increase access to healthy foods, streetlights, neighborhood cleanup, and other projects to revitalize public spaces. Residents have generally favored the construction of paved pedestrian/bike facilities, non-paved trails, traffic calming measures and park enhancements.

Ald. Vukovic stated if future surveys are conducted regarding the use of funding, she would find it beneficial to include a question regarding whether someone is a resident of Glendale, and what district they reside in. She indicated she would like to see the funds distributed in a manner that all districts could benefit from them, such as a river clean-up project.

Ald. Daugherty, Gelhard and Bailey agreed they would like to see movement with the bike and pedestrian plan going forward, and potentially see this become a more citywide project.

Ald. Gelhard and Bailey expressed interest in seeing traffic calming measures and pedestrian-friendly improvements implemented on Good Hope Road.

Ald. Schmelzling indicated he would like to see sidewalks and other traffic calming measures on Green Tree Road to improve pedestrian safety near the synagogues. Additionally, he would like to see improvements near the river, such as a park or kayak put ins.

Based on the feedback from the alderpersons, Administrator Warwick will develop potential plans regarding bike and pedestrian development, river and kayaking revitalization for Kletzsch Park, and pedestrian and traffic calming improvements for Green Tree and Good Hope Roads to bring forward to a future meeting.

This item was for discussion purposes only. No action was taken.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, BOARD, AND STAFF REPORTS.

There were several updates from Council members on the activities of the various Commissions, Committees and Boards on which they serve as a Member and an Administrator update.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ald. Gelhard, seconded by Ald. Daugherty, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, Bailey, and Schmelzling. Noes: None. Absent: Ald. Shaw. Motion carried and adjournment of the Common Council was ordered at 7:20 p.m., until Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Megan Humitz
City Clerk