# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE, KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 800 GAME FARM ROAD ON TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020

Mayor Purcell called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Pickering called the roll.

Ward I	Koch	Present (electronic attendance)
	Transier	Present (electronic attendance)
Ward II	Milschewski	Present (electronic attendance)
	Plocher	Present (electronic attendance)
Ward III	Funkhouser	Present (electronic attendance)
	Frieders	Present (electronic attendance)
Ward IV	Tarulis	Present (electronic attendance)
	Peterson	Present (electronic attendance)

Staff in attendance at city hall: City Administrator Olson and Deputy Chief Pfizenmaier.

Staff in attendance electronically: City Clerk Pickering, Public Works Director Dhuse, Community Development Director Barksdale-Noble, Finance Director Fredrickson, Parks and Recreation Director Evans, Assistant City Administrator Willrett, and Attorney Orr.

Clerk's Note: Due to COVID-19, requirements of the Open Meetings Act have been temporarily suspended by Governor Pritzker via Executive Order 2020-07 (which was extended by Executive Order 2020-33), which suspends the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120, "Specifically, (1) the requirement in 5 ILCS 120/2.01 that "members of a public body must be physically present" is suspended; and (2) the condition in 5 ILCS 120/7 limiting when remote participation is permitted are suspended".

Members of the public were able to attend this meeting in person while practicing social distancing as well as being able to access the meeting remotely via Zoom which allowed for video, audio and telephonic participation.

A meeting notice was posted on the city's website on the agenda, minutes and packets webpage with instructions regarding remote meeting access and a link was included for the public to participate in the meeting remotely: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89786759996?pwd=c3VUaUxXdWppellHQWV4UUt5dE5MZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89786759996?pwd=c3VUaUxXdWppellHQWV4UUt5dE5MZz09</a>. The Zoom meeting ID was 897 8675 9996.

## **QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

## **BUSINESS**

Resolution 2020-38

Approving the Issuance of a Non-Recourse Promissory Note to Borrow \$400,000 from the Kendall County Revolving Loan Fund to Secure Emergency Working Capital Grant Funding, under the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program, for Local Businesses facing Hardship due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

(Business - A)

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve a Resolution Approving the Issuance of a Non-Recourse Promissory Note to Borrow \$400,000 from the Kendall County Revolving Loan Fund to Secure Emergency Working Capital Grant Funding, under the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program, for Local Businesses facing Hardship due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. So moved by Alderman Plocher; seconded by Alderman Frieders.

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Administrator Olson said that if the City Council decides to approve this promissory note, the city would move forward with finalizing the eighteen grant applications from the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, for submittal to the state. He noted that there would be an additional eight grant applications that would be presented to the City Council at the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

It was asked if there was a benefit to submitting the first eighteen grant applications now or if the city should wait and submit all the grant applications together after the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Administrator Olson responded that the benefit to submitting the eighteen from the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting would be to get those applications to the state as soon as possible. Staff has heard that the state has received many applications already and there is a possibility that there will not be enough funding to cover all of the applications that the state will receive.

Mayor Purcell said that he wanted everyone to understand that there is a potential risk to the city. While unlikely, if every one of the businesses received the grant money and every business defaulted on payment, the county funding will only cover the first \$400,000 and the city would be responsible for covering any of the remaining defaults.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0 Koch-aye, Milschewski-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye Transier-aye, Plocher-aye, Frieders-aye, Peterson-aye

#### Letter to Governor on Restore Illinois Plan

(Business - B)

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve sending a letter to Governor Pritzker on the Restore Illinois Plan. So moved by Alderman Koch; seconded by Alderman Transier.

Discussion took place on the proposed letter as some felt that the letter could use more detail. Suggestions were made that the city could add more details about local small businesses and add also add language that all businesses and all workers are essential.

Mayor Purcell said that if the city council members wanted to see a revised draft letter, this item could return to the next meeting. Attorney Orr mentioned that similar letters are being sent to the governor right now by many other municipalities in the region. She said that the content of the letter might not be as important as simply getting a letter to the governor as soon as possible.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0 Milschewski-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye, Plocher-aye, Frieders-aye, Peterson-aye, Koch-aye

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. So moved by Alderman Frieders; seconded by Alderman Peterson.

Motion unanimously approved by a viva voce vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Risa Pickering

Minutes submitted by:

Lisa Pickering,

City Clerk, City of Yorkville, Illinois