

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
July 23, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Hickory Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Mike Howley on Thursday, July 23, 2015, at 7:33 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mike Howley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following were present:

Mayor.....M. Howley
AldermenD. Ferrero
.....B. Fonte
.....M. McHugh
.....J. Stachnik
.....J. Szeszycki
.....B. Waight
City Clerk.....D. Catizone
City Treasurer.....D. Schramm
City Attorney.....V. Cainkar
Police Chief.....A. Vodicka
Public Works Director.....L. Boettcher
Building Commissioner.....J. Moirano

Aldermen McAvoy and Zimmerman were absent. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Alderman Stachnik moved to open the meeting to the public. Alderman Ferrero second. Roll call: Aldermen Ferrero, Fonte, McHugh, Stachnik, Szeszycki, Waight aye. So approved.

Walter Potacki
9304 S. 81st Avenue

Mr. Potacki is requesting he use a golf cart around the City due to health issues. This will be reviewed.

Joe Piccioli
7836 W. 97th St.

Mr. Piccioli expressed his concern regarding abandoned properties in his neighborhood.

He noted he has been before the Council with this same issue. The abandoned properties are rental homes that have not been maintained by their owners. Mr. Piccioli had a petition signed by neighbors who are also concerned with these properties. Mayor Howley stated the property to the north is not completely foreclosed upon and is currently being ticketed for violations. Mayor Howley noted we are taking action with regards to violations. Chief Vodicka will place it on a premise check and Officers will go over there daily. Building Commissioner Moirano noted he has been on this block and one of the homes needs to be demolished. Mayor Howley would like this block evaluated. Mayor Howley also stated the City will do everything within our legal rights to improve this situation.

CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC Alderman Stachnik moved to close the meeting to the public. Alderman Ferrero second. Roll call: Aldermen Ferrero, Fonte, McHugh, Stachnik, Szeszycki, Waight aye. So approved.

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Alderman Ferrero moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of July 9, 2015 as printed subject to deletions or corrections. Alderman Szeszycki second. Roll call: Aldermen Ferrero, Fonte, Stachnik, Szeszycki, Waight aye. Aldermen McHugh pass. So approved.

**REPORTS OF CITY
OFFICIALS**

MAYOR

Mayor Howley recognized Ingrid McNeff, Community Resource Officer, as she is very responsive to the concerns of the City.

CITY CLERK

Clerk Catizone reported she has a request for a Block Party at 7800 W. 90th Place on August 15th. No objections were noted.

Clerk Catizone noted she is in receipt of a request for a tent sale at Once Upon a Child on September 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. They are located at 9636 S. Roberts Road. No objections were noted.

Clerk Catizone distributed a flyer with information regarding the free rain barrel program.

CITY TREASURER

Treasurer Schramm presented the Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 2015 for approval. Alderman McHugh moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2015. Alderman Szeszycki second. Roll call: Aldermen Ferrero, Fonte, McHugh, Stachnik, Szeszycki, Waight aye. So approved.

CITY ATTORNEY

Ord. 15-06

Attorney Cainkar presented Ordinance 15-06, an ordinance approving a special use for an automobile sales facility on the property located at 7717 W. 95th Street, Hickory Hills. Alderman Szeszycki moved to approve Ordinance 15-06 with an amendment of Section 2 (4) add sanitary sewer lateral. Alderman Waight second. The reason for the amendment was Public Works Director Larry Boettcher explained when a property changes, the utilities should be brought up to code. Roll call: Aldermen Ferrero, Fonte, McHugh, Stachnik, Szeszycki, Waight aye. So approved.

CITY ENGINEER

Mr. Boettcher reported Robinson Engineering held a bid opening on Thursday, July 16, 2015. The bid was correct and one bid was received as follows:

AC Pavement Striping Company	\$84,649.53
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Robinson Engineering is recommending awarding the micro-surfacing to AC Pavement Striping Company in the amount of \$84,649.53. Alderman Ferrero moved to approve this contract award to AC Pavement Striping Company in the amount of \$84,649.53. Alderman Stachnik second. Roll call: Aldermen Ferrero, Fonte, McHugh, Stachnik, Szeszycki, Waight aye. So approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS
BILLS PAYABLE**

Alderman Szeszycki moved to approve the bills payable for the second half of July 2015 in the amount of \$233,478.31. Alderman Stachnik second. Roll call: Aldermen Ferrero, Fonte, McHugh, Stachnik, Szeszycki, Waight aye. So approved.

**STANDING
COMMITTEES**

Szeszycki/Finance

No report submitted.

Stachnik/Public Safety Alderman Stachnik distributed the Police Quarterly Productivity Report for April, May and June 2015.

Zimmerman/Public Works Mr. Boettcher reported Public Works is in the process of the installation of sidewalks from Jonathan Drive east to near Roberts Road. Public Works was able to blend the sidewalks into existing driveways. He noted homeowners were consulted prior to the start of construction. The restoration will occur in September in this area.

Mr. Boettcher noted a Citywide Flooding Survey by a consultant from the MWRD was sent to all residents. The City is encouraging residents to complete these surveys. This survey is on the City's website.

McHugh/ Bldg./Facilities Alderman McHugh reported the new water meters have been installed at Parkview Apartments. The bills were lowered by \$100.00.

Alderman McHugh thanked all the individuals who assisted with the Street Fair.

Waight/Laws & Ordinances No report submitted.

Fonte/ Health & Environmental Control No report submitted.

Ferrero/Community Affairs/Youth Advisory No report submitted.

McAvoy/Chamber Business Development Alderman McAvoy was absent. No report submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Alderman Szeszycki noted he has distributed the current video gaming revenue report.

NEW BUSINESS None.

ADJOURNMENT Alderman Ferrero moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regularly scheduled or specially called meeting. Alderman Waight second. Roll call: Aldermen Ferrero, Fonte, McHugh, Stachnik, Szeszycki, Waight aye. So approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.