

CITY OF GLENDALE COMMON COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2020

Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Glendale held via Zoom teleconference/video call.

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

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Bryan Kennedy, Ald. Tomika Vukovic, Jim Daugherty, John Gelhard, Richard Wiese, Steven Schmelzling, and JoAnn Shaw. Absent: None.

Other Officials Present: Rachel Safstrom, City Administrator; John Fuchs, City Attorney; Mark Ferguson, Police Chief; 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.

Administrator Safstrom advised that in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, the local news media was advised on Thursday, May 14, 2020, 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.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- I. File No. _____
Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on May 11, 2020, and Approval of Monthly Reports.

Motion by Ald. Shaw, seconded by Ald. Schmelzling, to adopt the minutes of meeting held on May 11, 2020, and to approve Monthly Reports. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

- II. File No. _____
Consideration of rules for implementation of Health Department order regarding COVID-19.

On May 13, 2020 the Supreme Court of Wisconsin struck down Order 28 of the Governor which extended safer at home until May 26. Administrator Safstrom stated the North Shore Health Department represents the seven communities in the North Shore. On May 13, 2020, Ann Christensen Director of the North Shore Health Department represents the seven communities in the North Shore. On May 13, 2020, Ann Christensen, Director of the North Shore Health Department, signed a temporary order with other Milwaukee County agencies depicting re-opening strategies as well as continued limits on gathering sizes. The order is effective until May 21, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

Administrator Safstrom stated the order opens most businesses with guidelines for the best practices to offer services. The guidance includes social distancing and cleaning practices, as well as suggested limitations on capacity.

Ald. Schmelzling questioned if this order will take the place of a phased opening, if the order is enforceable, and if the City of Glendale would have the option to enforce more rules than outlined. Administrator Safstrom clarified these are only guidelines that will be offered, and are voluntary. In the event that case numbers or exposure risk increase, it will be addressed at that time. Mayor Kennedy indicated the City of Milwaukee will be extended their order, however it opens the door to lawsuits and challenges. At this time, the focus is less about enforcing an order and more about longterm guidelines.

Ald. Gelhard questioned when the order officially expires, and what will happen after that time. Administrator Safstrom stated the order will officially expire at 11:59 p.m. on May 21, 2020 and it will be voluntary to follow the North Shore Health Department outlined practices after that time.

Motion by Ald. Wiese, seconded by Ald. Shaw, to offer full support to the Director of the North Shore Health Department and adopt the temporary order of the North Shore Health Department. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

III. File No. _____
Discussion of City Operations related to COVID-19.

Administrator Safstrom stated the Wisconsin Supreme Court overturned Governor Executive Order #28. With this and the order from the North Shore Health Department, many businesses are opening with safety precautions in place. City Hall is anticipated to open to the public on May 26, 2020. Plexiglass shields, floor markings, and a sign upon entrance encouraging social distance will all be used.

The next scheduled meeting is June 2, 2020 for Plan Commission. The Commissioners and audience chairs will be spaced appropriately. This set-up will be similar for Council meetings.

Administrator Safstrom stated Milwaukee County Committee of the Whole met on Thursday, and discussed the WI State Act 185 and the possibility of the County passing a resolution delaying interest and penalty on payments. The discussion included the potential revenue loss, as well as discussion on allowing the delay to those in hardship situations only. The Committee forwarded the issue to Finance and Audit Committee, and it will not be taken up by the Board of Supervisors until May 28, 2020.

Administrator Safstrom stated Staff is encouraging residents to make their final tax payment on time. In the event that a payment is missed, the installment option disappears and all interest and penalties are applied retroactively from February 1, 2020.

Mayor Kennedy stated Milwaukee County anticipates a percentage of all tax payments will be late, and factors that money into their figures. It is likely that a means test or hardship situation will be required in order to qualify for the resolution.

Ald. Gelhard questioned if the City of Glendale could preemptively pass a resolution on the assumption that Milwaukee County may do so. Mayor Kennedy and Administrator Safstrom clarified the City must wait for the official resolution to be passed, in order for the City to do so utilizing the identical language.

Chief Ferguson stated the Police Department will begin issuing warnings on May 19, 2020 for parking permits, and citations will begin on June 1st. Residents will be encouraged to purchase their parking permits, if they have not already done so.

This item was for informational purposes only.

I V. File No. _____
Discussion on Feeding of Birds.

Administrator Safstrom stated Ald. Wiese saw a message on Next Door from a resident complaining of wild turkeys causing damage to their home. It is the resident's belief that a neighbor is feeding the turkeys. Ald. Wiese requested the Council discuss the potential of an ordinance to prohibit residents from ground feeding any birds.

Administrator Safstrom stated currently, the Municipal Code 8.1.9(d)(3) states Bird Feeding. Feed for birds shall be placed in a covered hopper, gravity type feeder. Feed for the birds shall not be placed on the ground where it is accessible to rodents or other animals. No more than 4 bird feeders shall be located on any premise.

Ald. Wiese shared a photograph taken by a concerned resident of a turkey waiting outside of another resident's door to be fed.

Ald. Schmelzling stated that the interpretation of the ordinance can be varied, however it appears that the resident is in violation of the ordinance through her act of feeding the turkeys, not from a covered hopper, gravity type feeder.

Ald. Gelhard recommended having Staff contact the resident in question and informing them of the rules in the Ordinance. Mayor Kennedy and Administrator Safstrom agreed this would be the most effective process.

This item was for discussion purposes only.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS.

There were several updates from Council members, on the activities of the various Commissions, Committees and Boards on which they serve.

CLOSED SESSION.

Motion by Ald. Shaw, seconded by Ald. Gelhard, to convene in Closed Session per Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(e) for Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (discussion on North Shore Library agreement and potential relocation of facility). Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

A closed session of approximately 45 minutes was held. The Council discussed the North Shore Library Agreement and potential relocation of the facility.

Motion by Ald. Wiese, seconded by Ald. Schmelzling, to reconvene to open session and regular order of business. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS.

No action was taken on items discussed during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, motion was made by Ald. Shaw, seconded by Ald. Wiese, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried and adjournment of the Common Council was ordered at 7:21 p.m., until Monday, June 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Megan E. Humitz
City Clerk

Recorded: May 19, 2020.