

CITY OF GLENDALE
SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2020

Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Glendale held via Zoom conference 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, Steven Schmelzling, Richard Wiese, and JoAnn Shaw.

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

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, October 15, 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.

NEW BUSINESS.

- I. File No. _____
Discussion and possible action regarding cancelling Halloween Trick-or-Treating.

Mayor Kennedy stated he had received notification that two Council members expressed concern with trick or treat hours for the City of Glendale. The North Shore Health Department distributed guidelines to the communities. The recommendation from the Department is to not allow for trick or treat; however, if a community did there were safe practices to follow. Several communities have cancelled including City of Milwaukee and the Villages of Shorewood, Whitefish Bay and Bayside.

Mayor Kennedy his desire to cancel the event for the City;however if a neighborhood wanted to organize their own event it would not be prohibited.

Ald. Vukovic stated she had received many calls for cancellation. She stated her opposition to allowing neighborhoods to have their own event. It is not acceptable to pretend this is a normal time. We are in

Ald. Daugherty stated he had many of the same concerns. He is in support of the Mayor's recommendation to cancel and to allow a neighborhood to organize their own.

Ald. Gelhard stated he is against cancellation. This is an outdoor activity with small groups, it is purely voluntary and the event only lasts three hours. Many schools are hybrid and in session for eight hours a day. We can certainly encourage people to wear a mask.

Ald. Wiese indicated his initial thoughts aligned with Ald. Gelhard. After receiving many calls he is in favor of the Mayor's recommendation.

Ald. Schmelzling had originally requested this item be discussed at the next Council meeting. He has had many constituents concerned of non-residents coming to Glendale for participation in trick or treat.

Ald. Shaw stated that similar to Ald. Wiese she aligned with Ald. Gelhard; however, after many constituent calls asking for cancellation she understands the Mayor's position.

Mayor Kennedy stated that cancellation of the event will not mean that the Police will be prohibiting children from going around the neighborhood.

Motion by Ald. Vukovic, seconded by Ald. Schmelzling, to city makes official announce the cancellation of Halloween Trick or Treating for Saturday, October 31 from 1 pm to 4 pm for the City of Glendale. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Absent: Ald. Wiese. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, motion was made by Ald. Gelhard, seconded by Ald. Shaw, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: Ald. Wiese. Abstain: None. Motion carried and adjournment of the Common Council was ordered at 6:19 p.m., until Monday, October 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Rachel Safstrom
City Administrator

Recorded: October 19, 2020.