

CITY OF GLENDALE COMMON COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
November 9, 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, John Gelhard, Richard Wiese, Steven Schmelzling, and JoAnn Shaw. Absent: Ald. Jim Daugherty.

Other Officials Present: Rachel Safstrom, City Administrator; John Fuchs, City Attorney; Mark Ferguson, Police Chief; Shawn Lanser, Deputy City Administrator, Charlie Imig, Director of Public Works; 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, November 5, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2021 ANNUAL PROGRAM BUDGET.

- I. File No.
Resolution Adopting the 2021 City Budget and Establishing the 2020 City Tax Levy.

Administrator Safstrom stated the Council received the 2021 Proposed Annual Program Budget on October 6, 2020 and held a review session of the document on Monday, October 26, 2020. There have been no revisions to the document since the review session. It is recommended that the Council adopt a resolution approving the 2021 Annual Program Budget and Establish the 2020 Tax Levy as presented.

The 2021 proposed budget is affected by limited local economic growth, which results in limited property tax levy increase to fund the 2021 budget. The total increase in the tax levy is 2.04%, compared to 2.94% in 2020.

As of January 1, 2020, the value of net new construction during the previous 12 months was \$10,493,100—approximately 0.51 percent of the City's valuation. Consequently, the City (by State law) is allowed to increase the property tax levy to fund the 2021 operations and capital expenditures. Additionally, the City is able to increase property tax levy by the amount of the North Shore Fire Department expenditure increase—\$37,073.

The proposed 2021 budget for operations and maintenance totals \$15,657,000, an increase of \$260,945, or 1.69% from the 2020 budget. The Special Revenue Funds is proposed to

be \$1,942,787, an increase of 11.37% from the current year. The total City budget as presented, included all Capital Project Funds, Debt Service, Special Revenue Funds and Proprietary Funds is \$29,842,307, a decrease of 26.73% over 2020. The proposed budget does not have any utility rate increases on the utility charges set by the Common Council. MMSD sets the Metro Sewer Rate.

Mayor Kennedy asked three times if anyone in the audience wished to speak at this public hearing. There was no public comment.

Motion by Ald. Gelhard, seconded by Ald. Shaw, to close the public hearing.

Motion by Ald. Vukovic, seconded by Ald. Shaw, to adopt the Resolution Approving the 2021 Annual Program Budget and Establish the 2020 Tax Levy as presented. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Gelhard, Schmelzling, Wiese, and Shaw. Absent: Ald. Daugherty. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- II. File No. _____
Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on October 26, 2020, Approval of Accounts Payable, Application from Mega Marts, LLC, dba Pick 'n Save at 6969 North Port Washington Road for a Permit to Sell Christmas Trees for the 2020 Holiday Season, and December Schedule of Council Meetings.

Motion by Ald. Gelhard, seconded by Ald. Schmelzling, to adopt the minutes of meetings held on October 26, 2020, to approve Accounts Payable, to approve Application from Mega Marts, LLC, dba Pick 'n Save at 6969 North Port Washington Road for a Permit to Sell Christmas Trees for the 2020 Holiday Season, and December Schedule of Council Meetings Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Gelhard, Schmelzling, Wiese, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: Ald. Daugherty. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

- III. File No. _____
Review and approval of Fourth of July Committee Appointments.

Mayor Kennedy stated the Fourth of July Committee will need to have appointments made for the upcoming 2021 event. Mayor Kennedy recommends the appointments of the following: Alderman Steve Schmelzling (Chair), Martin Hersh, Sarah Acker, Eric Zentner, Lorie Wertheimer, Sara Polifka, Lee Johnson, Joe Galioto, Amy Barlament, Ann Deuser, Jessica Ballweg, Sgt. Miguel Martinez. Emeritus, non voting appointments include Bethanie Gist and Jenna Kunde.

Motion by Ald. Gelhard, seconded by Ald. Shaw, to confirm the appointments of the Fourth of July Committee for the 2021 event. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Gelhard, Schmelzling, Wiese, and Shaw. Absent: Ald. Daugherty. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

- IV. File No. _____
Review and approval of North Shore Library Board Appointment.

Mayor Kennedy stated Mr. Josh Wadzinski gave his resignation for the North Shore Library Board. Mayor Kennedy recommends the appointment of Ald. Richard Wiese to fill the vacant term of Mr. Wadzinski ending April 30, 2022.

Motion by Ald. Shaw, seconded by Ald. Gelhard, to confirm the appointment of Ald. Richard Wiese to the North Shore Library Board and thank Mr. Wadzinski for his years of service. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Gelhard, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: Ald. Daugherty. Abstain: Ald. Wiese. Motion carried.

V. File No.
Review of the Snow Removal and Salting Policy.

Administrator Safstrom stated based on the expected snowfall this season, the Director of Public Works has provided a reminder of the City's long-standing snow removal and salting policy. As a result of this year's COVID challenges, residents will also be informed if Staff face any circumstances beyond their control which would impact snow removal. As in previous years, the main streets are always plowed first to allow for easy access for emergency vehicles.

Ald. Gelhard made the suggestion for DPW to get ahead of the snow and be proactive, as opposed for waiting for accumulation which results in residents voicing complaints to their alderperson.

Ald. Weise raised the question of why intersections and hills are often treated, but the main stretch of roadway is not, as it would seem the entire roadway could be treated with brining. Additionally, less salt should be utilized in other areas and more focus on the brining. Mr. Charlie Imig stated it is a question of spending and usage regarding how the roads are treated, as there is currently only one truck that can be utilized for brine and additional requests would require the spending on additional equipment.

Ald. Schmelzling asked for clarification regarding the three-inch policy for sending out the plow trucks and if a second three-inches are required for trucks to make a second pass through any area. Additionally, he raised concern over areas with more foot traffic on the Sabbath and the possibility of extra clearing in these areas. Mr. Imig stated the first roads cleared are the mains and arterials, followed by the residential streets. Depending on the time of year, temperature, and other factors will determine if a second pass through any area is advised.

Ald. Vukovic questioned when the alleys are typically cleared for residents. Mr. Imig stated alleyways are a separate route.

This item was discussed for informational purposes only.

VI. File No.
Review of City Sidewalk Ordinances and Policy.

Administrator Safstrom stated the based on the upcoming I-43 Silver Spring to WIS 60 project that will replace the existing asphalt path and concrete sidewalk along N Jean Nicolet and N Port Washington Roads from W Bender Road north to W Green Tree Road and W Daphne Road respectively and the expected snowfall this season, the Director of Public Works has provided a reminder of the City's long-standing policy and ordinances regarding sidewalks. Administrator Safstrom added the creation of new sidewalks will mean it is the property owners

responsibility to keep those sidewalks clear, and the City's responsibility to maintain them. All residents affected by the creation of new sidewalks will be notified prior to this happening.

Ald. Schmelzling raised the question regarding if the new sidewalks will be assessed to the property owners. Administrator Safstrom clarified this has not been done in the past, however it has been left in the ordinances for future members of the Council to consider if they want to do special assessments.

This item was discussed for informational purposes only.

VII. File No. _____
Review and Approval Municipal General Obligation Loan for 2020 Capital Improvements Program.

Administrator Safstrom stated the 2020 City Capital Projects Fund budget includes an annual debt issuance to fund the approved projects. The total borrowing is \$4,280,000. The tax levy portion of this borrowing is \$1,525,000. The remaining portion is to fund Utility projects. Traditionally the City borrowed around \$2,000,000 annually for tax levy purposes. The structure of the borrowing is 10 years of equal debt payments at a 3% interest rate.

Motion by Ald. Shaw, seconded by Ald. Schmelzling, to approve the resolution to receive a Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands Municipal General Obligation Loan in the amount of \$4,280,000. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: Ald. Daugherty. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

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. Wiese, 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 (Police Union Negotiation). Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: Ald. Daugherty. Motion carried.

A closed session of approximately 11 minutes was held. The Council discussed the Police Union Negotiations.

Motion by Ald. Gelhard, seconded by Ald. Schmelzling, to reconvene to open session and regular order of business. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: Ald. Daugherty. 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. Gelhard, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: Ald. Daugherty. Abstain: None. Motion carried and adjournment of the Common Council was ordered at 7:03 p.m., until Monday, November 23, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Megan Humitz
City Clerk

Recorded: November 10, 2020.