

CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
MONDAY EVENING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 19, 2007 AT 7:00PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

QUORUM

At 7:00 pm, a quorum being present, Mayor Gaulrapp called the meeting to order.

RECORD

Present were Aldermen Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, and Bender.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderwoman Threadgill.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. to approve the agenda. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, and Bender voted yea.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Kempel from T & G Billing stated that he had the lowest bid for ambulance billing, but was not chosen as the billing service for the city. He responded to comments made by Finance Director, Craig Joesten at the previous meeting. John Cook spoke in opposition to increasing the city's sales tax. Joann Townsend thanked the City of Freeport for allowing JMT Billing to provide service to the city. She demonstrated how much money her company has generated for the city. Kim Grimes read many of the emails that were sent regarding increasing the city's tax.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 5, 2007, was presented for approval. Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Endress to approve. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval to Receive and Place on File:

- A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:
 - 1. Treasurer's Monthly Investment for the period ended January 31, 2007
 - 2. Police Department Activities for February 2007
 - 3. Treasurer's Tax Receipts for the period ended January 2007
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for March 2007 - \$207,815.98
- C. Approval of Bills Payable (#974-#977) for March 2007 - \$401,638.04
- D. Approval of Payroll for period ending March 3, 2007 - \$389,245.68
- E. Reappointment.....Historic Preservation Commission.....Marg Blum

Alderman Boldt moved, seconded by Alderman Helms to remove item E from the consent agenda.

REAPPOINTMENT

Effectively, Mayor Gaulrapp, hereby reappoints Marg Blum to the Historic Preservation Commission. This appointment is for a three year term and will expire on February 28, 2009. Alderman Klemm moved, seconded by Alderman Helms to accept this appointment.

Alderman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Endress for approval of the consent agenda. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, and Bender voted yea.

2nd READING ORDINANCE #2007-13

AN ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION PERMIT OR AMENDMENT OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES, FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (Zoning Amendment, 309 S Walnut)

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of March 5, 2007, when it was moved by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderwoman Bender for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, and Bender voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

2nd READING ORDINANCE #2007-14

AN ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT, OR AMENDMENT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (Zoning Amendment, property located south of South Burchard Ave)

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of March 5, 2007, when it was moved by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderwoman Bender for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, and Bender voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

2nd READING ORDINANCE #2007-15

AN ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT, OR AMENDMENT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (Zoning Amendment, property located southwest of South Burchard Ave)

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of March 5, 2007, when it was moved by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderwoman Bender for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, and Bender voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

2nd READING ORDINANCE #2007-16

AN ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT, OR AMENDMENT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (Zoning Amendment, property located southwest of South Burchard Ave)

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of March 5, 2007, when it was moved by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderwoman Bender for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, and Bender voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

2ND READING ORDINANCE #2007-17

AN ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT, OR AMENDMENT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (Zoning Amendment, 1746 & 1754 Hance Dr)

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of March 5, 2007, when it was moved by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderwoman Bender for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, and Bender voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

2nd READING ORDINANCE #2007-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 48 (PARKING GENERALLY OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT TO DELETE THE TWO HOUR LIMITATION ON GREEN (WEST-SIDE-STEPHENSON TO ADDISON

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of March 5, 2007, when it was moved by Alderwoman O'Neill, seconded by Alderwoman Toepfer for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, and Bender voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

2ND READING ORDINANCE #2007-19

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF REAL ESTATE TO GREG FOR FARM PURPOSES

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of March 5, 2007, when it was moved by Alderman Boldt seconded by Alderwoman Toepfer for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, and Bender voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

1ST READING ORDINANCE #2007-26

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 896 (HOME RULE MUNICIPAL RETAILERS' AND SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX)

The committee held a meeting on March 19, 2007. Corporation Counsel explained that the entire ordinance had to be repealed and replaced, which is why it states a ½ % increase. The ½% increase would make the sales tax be 7 ½%. Also, there can not be a sunset clause in the ordinance because the state requires a separate notification.

Alderman Boldt moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender to vote down the sales tax increase and consider the following: (1) retain \$230,000 transfer station income,(2) spend down \$200,000 in reserves (replace in 2008), and (3) send budget back to administration to cut 1.25%. There were three yeas and five nays. The motion failed.

The committee voted to approve this ordinance and Alderman Klemm so moved, seconded by Alderman Endress. Alderman Klemm moved, seconded by Alderman Endress to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. On the roll call of yeas and nays to suspend the rules, Aldermen Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, and Bender voted yea. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve this ordinance, Aldermen Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, and Bender voted yea. There were four yeas and four nays. Alderman Gaulrapp voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

1st READING ORDINANCE #2007-27

AN ORDINANCE TO ISSUE A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR FREEPORT RACEWAY PARK UNDER THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT

This ordinance is for a Special Use Permit for Gill's Freeport Raceway under M-2 Zoning (Section 1242.07 of the Freeport Codified Ordinances) to enable Freeport Raceway Park to engage in motor vehicle racing activities and other special events at said premises beginning in calendar year 2007. The special use permit will expire automatically on December 31, 2009.

Alderman Boldt moved, seconded by Alderwoman Toepfer to approve this ordinance. The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

RESOLUTION #R-2007-18

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ADDITIONAL VOLUME BOND CAP AUTHORITY

Community Development Director, Shelly Griswold, explained that this resolution allows the city to send documentation to the governor to reserve bond cap authority for development projects. There is no financial obligation. Alderman Klemm moved, seconded by Alderman Helms to adopt this resolution and Alderman Klemm so moved, seconded by Alderman Helms. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, and Bender voted yea. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION #R-2007-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Community Development Director, Shelly Griswold, explained that this grant would fund the city's Comprehensive Plan. The grant is first come, first served, and there is no match. Alderman Boldt moved, seconded by Alderman Helms for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, and Bender voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2007-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM COMMONWEALTH EDISON

This is for a \$10,000 grant that would defray planning cost on the Rawleigh project. There is no match required. Alderman Boldt moved, seconded by Alderman Endress to adopt this resolution. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, and Bender voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

BIDS

Motor Fuel Tax Bids. Public Works Director stated that bids were received from Fischer Excavating, Civil Constructors, and Conmat for bit patch mix, bit patch mix (high perf), bit. mix complete, agg. Surface cs. Ty-b, and seal coat aggregate. Administration is recommending approval to all bidders in the amounts shown in the attached bid sheet. Alderman Boldt moved, seconded by Alderman Helms to approve. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, and Bender voted yea. The motion carried.

Ambulance Billing Service Bids. Finance Director, Craig Joesten, stated that the council had requested that he revisit the bids from the billing services. He stated that he still recommends that the contract be awarded to Andres Billing. Alderman Klemm moved, seconded by Alderman Endress to approve. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Alderman Threadgill, Endress, Helms, and Klemm voted yea. Aldermen Toepfer, O'Neill, Boldt, and Bender voted nay. There were four yeas and four nays. Mayor Gaulrapp voted yea. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Hallin addressed the downtown stop signs.

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

LATACIA M. ISHMON, CMC