

THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Fairview Heights Recreation Room
Video Conference/Tele Conference
Fairview Heights, IL

Committee Members in attendance – Aldermen Josh Frawley, Anthony LeFlore, Pat Baeske, Pat Peck, Denise Williams, Mayor Mark Kupsky, Ex-officio

Committee Members absent – None

Other Aldermen and Elected Officials in attendance – Aldermen Frank Menn, Ryan Vickers, Brenda Wagner, Harry Zimmerman, Bill Poletti, City Clerk Karen Kaufhold

Staff in attendance - City Attorney Andrew Hoerner, Public Works Director John Harty, Finance Director Gina Rader, Police Chief Chris Locke

Recorder – Jill Huffman

Public Participation

None

Approval of Minutes, December 2, 2020

Motion and second to approve minutes were made by Aldermen Baeske/Peck. Roll call vote - Frawley, Leflore, Baeske, Peck, Williams voted yes. The motion carried by voice vote and was unanimous.

Personnel Committee

Denise Williams, Chairman

Nothing to report.

Public Services Committee

Alderman Pat Baeske, Chairman

LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION, MARKET PLACE/COMMERCE LANE ROUNDABOUT

Presented a federal funding agreement for the construction of the Market Place and Commerce Lane roundabout, which is Phase 2 of the Market Place Streetscape project, and shows the breakdown of funding – 80 percent from the Federal government and 20 percent from the City

of Fairview Heights as the local agency of \$123,400. The agreement outlines the Federal government's and City's responsibilities for the construction.

Motion and second to forward a Resolution to City Council with recommendation of approval the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the Market Place/Commerce Lane intersection improvements by Aldermen Peck/LeFlore. Roll call vote - Frawley, Leflore, Baeske, Peck, Williams voted yes. The motion carried by voice vote and was unanimous.

RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE, MARKET PLACE/COMMERCE LANE ROUNDABOUT

Presented a Resolution to Committee for the utilization of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the City's financial responsibility of \$123,400 for the construction of the Market Place and Commerce Lane roundabout which is Phase 2 of the Market Place Streetscape project. The Director of Public Works stated there are funds in the unobligated balance with the State, however, the City is required to request the use of these funds through a resolution.

Motion and second to forward a Resolution to City Council with recommendation of approval the Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code for the use of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the Market Place/Commerce Lane intersection improvements by Aldermen Peck/LeFlore. Roll call vote - Frawley, Leflore, Baeske, Peck, Williams voted yes. The motion carried by voice vote and was unanimous.

COVID DISCUSSION

Alderman Poletti questioned the Director, who is also on the ESDA task force, for an update on the COVID-19 vaccinations, i.e. the process, what group is being addressed, who is assessing the registrants for receiving the vaccination, a timeframe. The Director replied on Friday during an IEMA call, he was informed the Health Department is moving to level 1B, first responders, 65 and older and mentioned that the Belleville News Democrat reported that information. He does not have information on timeframe. The levels are being established at the State level and administered through the Illinois Department of Public Health, St. Clair County. Citizens can sign up to register on their website.

The Mayor stated that as President of The Council of Mayors, he was on a call with the White House and Governor last week, and stated that administering the vaccine is based on the quantity of vaccinations the State of Illinois is receiving. He stated, with the change in administration, it is anticipated there will be an increase in vaccine availability. The Mayor stated that vaccines are allocated to each County and then distributed by that County. It is the plan for the County's health department to give mass vaccinations and believes they will be given in the areas where COVID testing is currently being performed operating with separate driving lanes for vaccines and testing. Walgreens and CVS have been contracted to provide distribution of vaccines at nursing homes, day centers, and other places. He stated there should be news in early to late February and vaccinations available to the general public in March and April. Alderman Menn stated that the St. Clair County Health Department's form is online and self-explanatory, which is only a registration to receive the vaccine and not a priority list.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – PROJECT UPDATES

The Director of Public Works presented his written report to the elected officials for their review.

Adjournment 7:10 p.m.

Submitted By:


Recorder