



CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON, OZAUKEE COUNTY, WI
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AT 7:30 P.M.
Port Washington City Hall, 100 W. Grand Avenue, Port Washington, WI 53074

MINUTES

1. **ROLL CALL-** Mayor Martin Becker convened the Common Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Alderpersons Deborah Postl, Paul Neumyer, Mike Gasper, Dan Benning, Jonathan Pleitner, Pat Tearney and John Sigwart. Also present was City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven by telephone, City Planner Bob Harris, City Attorney Eric Eberhardt, City Administrator Anthony Brown and City Clerk Susan Westerbeke.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG-** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed and considered at this point on the agenda.

A. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings

B. August 2020 Invoices

MOTION MADE BY ALD. PLEITNER, SECONDED BY ALD. POSTL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED AND AUGUST INVOICES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

A. Update City Hall Gardens- Mayor Becker thanked James Hoile and Ron Plier for the plexiglass safety barriers in Council Chamber. The Mayor also thanked volunteer Shelly Culea for the beautiful gardens in front of City Hall.

5. **OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORT**

A. City Engineer's Report

1. Report on 2020 Street Improvements- The City Engineer reported on the final grading of the streets being completed, and landscaping being finished. Final paving will be completed by next week. Work on the breakwater also started today.

B. City Planner's Report- None.

C. City Clerk's Report

1.Update on Voter Registration and Absentee Voting Process- The City Clerk reported on the dates for Voter Registration and Absentee Voting. In Person Early Voting will be held at City Hall from October 20th through October 30th daily.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES**

Your comments are welcome. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes. If you need more time, contact the City Administrator and ask that your topic be placed on a Common Council Agenda.

Pat Morrissey, Jennifer Wilke and Peter Vander Velden spoke in support of forming a diversity and inclusion task force that would involve city departments and staff along with community members.

Dave spoke by telephone and expressed concern about another gas station in Port Washington that has a car wash, there are current businesses here with car washes.

John Sigwart spoke about the Zoning Board of Appeals and it becoming more active.

7. FROM STANDING COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE AND LICENSE COMMITTEE

1. Consideration and Possible Action on Event Permit Application

a. Port Washington-Saukville Rotary Club Beer Garden- 9/12-

MOTION MADE BY ALD. PLEITNER, SECONDED BY ALD POSTL TO APPROVE THE PORT WASHINGTON-SAUKVILLE ROTARY CLUB BEER GARDEN AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Review and Approval of Budget and Financial Policies – Investment Policy-

The City Administrator reviewed the objectives of investment activities, safety, liquidity and return on investments for the city. This includes certificates of deposit, local government investment pool, US Treasuries, money markets and savings deposits. MOTION MADE BY ALD. BENNING,

SECONDED BY ALD. PLEITNER TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AND FINANCIAL POLICIES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Review and Approval of Investment Advisory Agreement with Ehlers Investment Partners, LLC-

The City Administrator reviewed the agreement. This provider can assist the City as an investment advisor for the future objectives, financial needs and goals along with an investment policy. They will also do a cash flow analysis. The City Attorney requested the opportunity to review and approve the agreement before signing. MOTION MADE BY

ALD. POSTL, SECONDED BY ALD. BENNING TO APPROVE THE INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT WITH EHLERS INVESTMENT PARTNERS LLC SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE CITY ATTORNEY. Motion carried unanimously.

8. FROM CITY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

A. PLAN COMMISSION

1. Public Hearing for a Proposed Gas Station, Car Wash, and Convenience Store Proposed for 6.67 acres of land at the northwest corner of County Highway LL and West Grand Avenue for Casey's Marketing Company-

Mayor Becker opened the Public Hearing for comment. A resident by telephone expressed concern about the car wash being built as part of this project. The representative from Casey's was present and responded that a car wash is an accessory use to the gas stations and convenience stores. There were no further comments. MOTION MADE BY ALD. PLEITNER, SECONDED BY

ALD. NEUMYER TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration and Possible Action to Extend a Conditional Use Grant for Casey's Marketing Company, for a Proposed Gas Station, Car Wash, and Convenience Store proposed for 6.67 acres of land at the northwest corner of County Highway LL and West Grand Avenue-

The City Attorney reviewed the

previous conditional use grants for Casey's. The first was August 2018, the second was August, 2019, which supersedes the first. The second conditional use grant would be null and void within 12 months. A permit was not taken out and at the date of this meeting their conditional use has lapsed. The City Planner reported that the conditions have not change from the previous conditional use approved. The Plan Commission approved the conditional use with a recommendation for a split canopy and reduced size. The Mayor spoke about previous meetings held where a split canopy was discussed and requested and is in favor of that change. In attendance by telephone was Casey's engineer and attorney. The City Planner offered options for a single canopy that were reviewed in the past and include signage along with support columns being covered by brick. Discussion was held and questions answered by Casey's representatives. MOTION MADE BY ALD. BENNING TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE CITY ATTORNEY AND WITH ALTERNATE B PLAN INCLUDING ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE, BRICK COLUMNS AND A SINGLE CANOPY. Additional discussion was held on the process for the revisions to be

added to the final site plan and additional conditional use conditions. The City Attorney recommended that the updates discussed be included in a new draft and reviewed by him prior to approval. Following was a new motion. MOTION MADE BY ALD. BENNING, SECONDED BY ALD. PLEITNER TO POSTPONE ACTION ON THE CONDITIONAL USE GRANT UNTIL THE SEPTEMBER 15TH COUNCIL MEETING WHEN THE UPDATED CONDITIONAL USE GRANT WILL BE DRAFTED AND WILL BE CONTINGENT UPON FINAL REVISIONS TO THE SITE PLAN BE FILED REFLECTING THE CHANGES TO SIGN ALTERNATE B. Motion carried unanimously.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Regarding the Establishment of an Ad-Hoc Diversity and Inclusion Task Force- Ald. Benning gave a statement on the current state of our country and community with regards to diversity and inclusion. What the city can do to support and encourage residents to come together to find solutions. He would like to see a team put together to review the creation of a committee.

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS- Various events were mentioned.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES- Pat Morrissey and Louise Mollinger commented about the forming of an ad-hoc committee on diversity and inclusion in our community.

13. ADJOURNMENT- MOTION MADE BY ALD. NEUMYER, SECONDED BY ALD. POSTL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:15 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by
Susan L. Westerbeke, City Clerk
