

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
April 18, 2022
Student Government Night

Student Mayor Hazel Meza opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. The Clerk of Council read the roll. Mr. Camp, Mr. Daily, Ms. Downs, Mr. Feldhaus, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Westmark, Mayor Donnellon. Ms. Carter, Ms. Cordrey, Ms. Herringer, Ms. Van Luit, Ms. Watson, Student Mayor Hazel Meza.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Cordrey motioned to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2022 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Ms. Carter. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Ms. Carter – yes, Ms. Cordrey – yes, Ms. Herringer – yes, Ms. Van Luit – yes, Ms. Watson – yes, Student Mayor Hazel Meza – yes, Motion carried.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests – None

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee *Chairman Chris Westmark

Resolution 2022-07 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURES OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT NIGHT

Ms. Cordrey asked the clerk to read Resolution 2022-07 by title only. So read. Ms. Cordrey motioned for adoption of Resolution 2022-07. Ms. Herringer seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Ms. Carter – yes, Ms. Cordrey – yes, Ms. Herringer – yes, Ms. Van Luit – yes, Ms. Watson – yes, Student Mayor Hazel Meza – yes, Motion carried.

March Fund Report

Ms. Watson motioned to approve the March 2022 Fund Report. Mr. Cordrey seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Ms. Carter – yes, Ms. Cordrey – yes, Ms. Herringer – yes, Ms. Van Luit – yes, Ms. Watson – yes, Student Mayor Hazel Meza – yes, Motion carried.

Safety Committee *Chairman Tom Camp

March 2022 Fire Report

Ms. Carter reported that in March 2022 there were 48 fire runs and 8 EMS runs for a total of 56 runs. The total for the complete district was 69 fire runs and 219 EMS runs for a total of 288. No questions were asked of Fire Chief Meador, who was in attendance this evening.

March 2022 Police Report

Student Police Chief Elyse Brewster reported that there were 697 citizens calls for service. 257 on 1st shift, 339 on 2nd shift and 101 on 3rd shift. Today the newest member of the Deer Park Police Department, Sara Lamping, was hired to fill the opening left in December 2021 by Officer Joe Cornwell. Officer Lamping's swearing in ceremony will take place at the May 2, 2022 council meeting. The home break in last week on Monterey Avenue was not a professional burglar as the suspect knew the people in the home.

Public Works Committee *Chairman Kathy Downs

Ms. Cordrey reported that the catch basins have been cleaned. The Park water has been turned on for the spring and summer. The city has 100 tons of salt in storage after the last winter weather event. Tree and brush removal continues on Fridays. The 2022 road project will be advertised within the next 2 weeks.

Park Board Committee *Chairman Mark Feldhaus

Ms. Herringer announced that the Easter Egg Hunt was a success. The weather was cold, but we had a great turnout. There is a park board meeting this Thursday at 7:00 pm in council chambers. The Armchair Horse Races are this Saturday April 23, 2022 in the Community Center. Doors open at 6:30 pm with the first race at 7:00 pm.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None

Old Business

The Charter Discussion is moved to the May 16, 2022 City Council meeting.

New Business – None

Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor – None

City Manager – Student City Manager Zyan Martin described the duties of the city manager including that they are appointed by City Council, from candidates proposed by the Mayor for an indefinite term, subject to removal provided by this Charter. They serve as the chief executive officer of the city as well as manage all departments and offices. They work closely with the city engineer, building commissioner, planning and zoning and board of zoning appeals. They also provide leadership in the development of plans, provide professional advice to city council and attend Council meetings and other meetings where attendance may be required. Mr. Martin also advised that we start the townhomes project tomorrow.

Mayor – Student Mayor Hazel Meza read a Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor which proclaimed April 18, 2022 as Student Government Night. It is a credit for the students taking part while demonstrating their interest in government. This night benefits both students and officials alike.

Schedule

May 2, 2022 Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing 6:00 pm

May 2, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

May 3, 2022 Primary Election

May 16, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00

June 6, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

June 20, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Community Events

April 19, 2022, Block Watch at 7:00 pm at the Community Center

April 21, 2022, We Thrive meets at 6:30 pm Deer Park Public Library.

April 23, 2022, We Thrive “Clean-Up Days in the Park” from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

April 23, 2022, Armchair Races at the Community Center 7:00 pm

May 14, 2022 Plant Sale 4123 Lansdowne from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

May 21, 2022 St. Johns Block Party from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

May 21, 2022, Party in the Park the Remains from 7:00 pm -10:30 pm

May 30, 2022, Memorial Day Parade 10:00 am

June 13, 2022, Council Informational Session from 7:00 pm -8:00 pm at the Deer Park Library

September 12, 2022, Council Informational Session from 7:00 pm -8:00 pm at the Deer Park Library

December 12, 2022, Council Informational Session from 7:00 pm -8:00 pm at the Deer Park Library

Adjournment

Student Mayor Hazel Meza motioned to adjourn. Ms. Watson seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Ms. Carter – yes, Ms. Cordrey – yes, Ms. Herringer – yes, Ms. Van Luit – yes, Ms. Watson – yes, Student Mayor Hazel Meza – yes, Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

John Donnellon
Mayor

Joan E. Perin
Clerk of Council