

## City of Deer Park City Council Meeting Municipal Meeting March 4, 2024

Mayor Donnellon opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation.

Clerk of Council read the roll. Mayor Donnellon, Tom Camp, Kathy Downs, Mark Feldhaus, Natasha Kohorst, Neil Kelly, Chris Westmark, all present

### Approval of Minutes

Ms. Kohorst motioned to approve the minutes from the February 19th, 2024. Council Meeting. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Public Comment

None.

### Standing Committee Reports

#### **Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark**

Ms. Westmark presented February 2024 Income Report, Ms. Westmark made a motion to accept the report, Mr. Camp seconded; council accepted. Ms. Westmark presented the February 2024 JEDZ Report and made a motion to accept; Mr. Camp seconded; council accepted Ms. Westmark presented the February Fund report and made a motion to accept; Mr. Feldhaus seconded motion; council accepted.

#### **Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp**

Chief Meador and Chief Battin were present to discuss fire lanes in the city. Streets deemed to have issues are Colton; Monterey; Frontenac and Quarter Maine. The issue came apparent at Halloween, and the concerns are emergency response equipment cannot access what they need with parking on both sides of the streets. Chief Meador stated he does not have the authority to designate fire lanes but can request it from the city. Chief Battin agreed he sees a need as well. Discussion ensued about Hegner; Webster and the Wentworth Townhomes. Wentworth Townhomes does have a designated fire lane. Discussion ensued Chief Battin and Chief Meador agree the city does not need a fire lane on Hegner but the city does need fire lanes on Colton; Monterey; Quarter Maine streets. Mr. Camp stated they will set up a meeting with residents and have some equipment there so residents can see the difficulty of using equipment on those streets. Mr. Camp stated he will present the Police and Fire Report next month.

Ms. Kohorst asked about a camera system to use near the Dillonvale Shopping Center for safety as well as crime prevention, Chief Battin suggested lighted crosswalks instead. Dr. Jetter will check with City Engineers and see if something like that can be tied into a Sorta project.

#### **Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs**

Ms. Downs discussed that the catch basin work continues, and Plainfield Rd work continues as they do the water main tie-ins. Oakwood work will begin soon.

**Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus**

Mr. Feldhaus informed council the Arm Chair races were a success and raised about \$1200-\$1400. The Easter egg hunt is March 30 at 11 am. The Park Board could use help the week prior to the event stuffing the eggs. The park board will be installing concrete slabs near the Community Center outside bathrooms for smokers to use.

**Diversity & Inclusion Steering Committee Chair Neil Kelly**

The Committee is still discussing the Rules to govern the committee, as well as the name of the committee. Mr. Kelly stated they are working on the Mission and Statement on Diversity. The next meeting is Monday March 25, 2024 in council chambers 7PM.

Correspondence & Miscellaneous: none

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Westmark suggested at next meeting that they discuss committee assignments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Camp passed around flyers for the upcoming Memorial Day Parade.

Ms. Westmark asked about city social media pages and which ones were managed by the city.

Dr. Jetter explained that the city has a Facebook page and the Police Department has a page run by the Police Department. Ms. Westmark was concerned who would run pages when current staff leaves, and was concerned that if a Police officer is at the block watch meetings doesn't that make the block watch Facebook page a city page?, Dr. Jetter stated the Block Watch Facebook page and the Deer Park Historical Facebook page are run by private entities. Ms. Westmark asked about what laws are followed for the city pages and can citizens be blocked from the page. Mr. Pacheco shared with us laws around that subject and stated that as long as we have solid social media policies and follow them we should be ok. Discussion ensued.

After this discussion Mr. Kelly suggested council move committee assignments to another meeting

**Special Announcements & Reports from Other City Official.**

Solicitor – Mr. Pacheco had no additional comments.

City Manager- Dr. Jetter shared that the city received \$452,000 Sorta grant for the Linden project for drainage and storm sewer work. He is also working on a Blue Ash Rd. grant with SORTA and Silverton. The CDAP group is looking for funding to purchase property on Blue Ash Rd., a coffee shop is potentially interested. Dr. Jetter implored council to decide on ordinances for Vape shops and Marijuana shops and get them completed. Zoning just rejected another vape shop that wanted to open close to Amity. Lots of discussion ensued and Mr. Pacheco gave council some options to consider. It was decided that the issue of marijuana dispensaries would be on next council meeting agenda, and after that city will look at vape shops. City should also look at zoning for condition use and see if it needs to be changed.

Mayor- none

Schedule:

March 18, 2024 Council Meeting 7:00 PM

March 19, 2024 Primary Election Day

EVENTS:

No block watch meeting in March

March 23, 2024 Strategic Planning Session has been moved to September 28, 2024

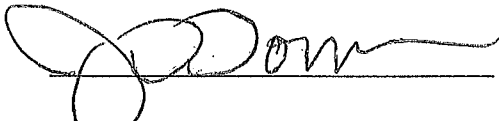
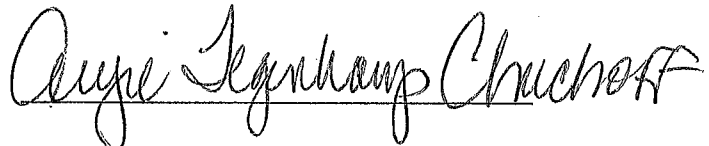
March 30, 2024 Easter Egg Hunt upper shelter 11:00 AM

DEI Committee Meeting 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

March 25, 2024

Mayor Donnellon made motion to adjourn meeting at 8:09 pm motion seconded by Ms. Downs. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

  
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John Donnellon, Mayor  
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Angie Tegenkamp Chachoff, Clerk of Council