

The City Council met in Regular Session in Council Chambers. Mayor Stadsholt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. City Clerk, Jesse Hall, called the roll and the following Alderpersons answered to their names: Denis Bryant, Bob Cooper, Dan Griffin, Christopher J. Rilea, Richard "Tayler" Shore, James "Gus" Stroh and Ross McDowell.

Absent: Heather Miller.

A quorum was present. The minutes were recorded by City Clerk, Jesse Hall.

The pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was repeated by all City Officials and guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of March 18, 2025.

ACTION TAKEN: There being none, the minutes are approved as submitted.

FINANCE REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to approve the Finance Report as submitted. Alderperson Stroh made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or corrections to the Finance Report. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell, Bryant and Cooper

Voting No: None

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Alderperson Bryant made the motion, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or corrections to the Consent Agenda. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell, Bryant, Cooper and Griffin

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- Beginning of the new FY2026 the City could amend the Business Development District NO.1 Redevelopment Agreement to fifty percent (50%).
- Gina Mibbs who has worked for us for maybe ten years now and will no longer be able to clean for us. She has turned in her resignation and her last day will be on April 27, 2025. We will miss Gina for all her hard work. I do not have it on the agenda to make a motion, but I would think it would be very appropriate to give her \$100 bonus for all the work that she did for the City.
- I would also like to say that with regret, we have received a resignation from Brenda Davenport-Fornoff.
- Mayor Stadsholt presented a plaque to Economic Development Coordinator, Brenda Davenport-Fornoff, in appreciation for 5 years of service. The City of Havana appreciates your dedicated service and unwavering commitment to our City 2020-2025.
- Mayor Stadsholt presented a plaque to Public Works Director, Jewel Bucy, in appreciation for 17 years of service. The City of Havana appreciates your hard work, loyalty and dedication to our City 2008-2025.
- This is a new election day, and, gosh, I had 12 years as Mayor, 12 years on the council, so bear with me. I did not think I would do this, but we have had a good ride, a good path, and all the people that are sitting at this table, whether we agreed or disagreed, my gosh, we moved Havana, forward. It was crumbling in 2013, but it is not crumbling now and I hope everyone will keep it moving forward.

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

DISCUSSION: Economic Development Coordinator, Brenda Davenport-Fornoff reported on the following items:

- Jesse, Alex, Alexandria and I have planned an Open House to celebrate the Mayor. It is now on Facebook. It will be on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 2:00-4:00pm, and it is just an Open House to celebrate her 24 years of service to the community.
- As the Mayor had said, with the BDD, Steve Kline had said the first year that we started, we did the 25% or \$25,000.00 and there was a reason for that, for the fund to grow. He said, then the City will do a new ordinance in May and he would suggest that we go up to fifty percent (50%). That again, is up to the council.
- We did have Elmwood come on Thursday, because they wanted to see what Havana is doing. They want to be Havana, which is really kind of nice, because they're so close to Peoria. The Mayor and I met with them and they had many questions. We gave them a lot of information and I took them for a tour downtown.
- I am still working on the video with CassComm for Havana, but we are going to wait until it greens up a little bit so it looks a little bit nicer.
- I'm working on an ad to promote Havana's First Fridays with the Arts Council and the Havana Chamber of Commerce.
- I have still not heard anything on the Energy Transition Assistance Grant.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

DISCUSSION: Public Works Director, Jewel Bucy, reported on the following item:

- I did hire two young men for seasonal help today. Lukas Miller and Eli Morris. Eli has been with us two or three years now.

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

HEALTH AND SANITATION

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea presented Ordinance 1493, the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
ACTION TAKEN: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Shore made a motion to move forward with Business Development District NO. 1 Redevelopment Agreement with Jennifer Larson, seconded by Alderperson Rilea.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

PROPERTY AND ZONING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to hire Leah Boehm as a full-time Administrative Assistant, seconded by Alderperson Bryant.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: McDowell, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore and Stroh.

Voting No: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

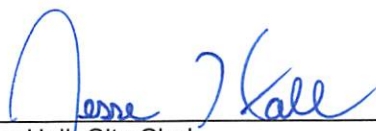
ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Alderperson McDowell and seconded by Alderperson Bryant.

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor



Jesse Hall, City Clerk

Guests: Brenda Davenport-Fornoff
Matthew Fliege
Jeremiah Hindahl
Jay Sarff
Cason Harris
Jim Harris