

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, Gus Stroh, Ross McDowell and Nick Urish.

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: Grace Mott, Havana Park District Director, addressed the council stating, there may have been some misunderstanding amongst the council last meeting when the Mayor announced that the Park District had sent a letter requesting to be taken out of the BDD. I've been made aware of the fact that some may have thought that was a condemnation by the Park District of the BDD. I want to assure you that's not the case at all. We all liked the development that's happened in town already and hope that continues. How that's done is your decision, not ours, but we do want to see things continue to move forward. However, the Park District is a separate tax entity with our own elected board. We have our own laws, powers and rules that we have to abide by as well as obligations. Things like when we accepted the OSLAD grant we agreed to try to keep things going for 20 years. We have rules about selling property and there are things that we must comply with as a Park District. A BDD gives a municipality some powers over parcels and its property. There's a whole list of them on TIF Illinois and in the BDD. The first one being that it gives the municipality the right to approve or disapprove all development and redevelopment. Imagine if the City's powers and the Park District powers clash. Now, I don't think that would come from any of you here, but this is a long process of 25 years. It could happen where somebody doesn't feel as strongly about the parks 20 years from now and we don't want that possible clashing to happen. There are parks and business developing in our town and I think our town needs both, but they are separate, with two separate elected boards. I went to the business meeting and heard that you are just now pulling parcels out and deciding exactly which parcels will be in. My board and I discussed it and they instructed me to write that letter last week. Just asking as you're deciding which parcels to put in and take out. Please take ours out. People in Havana love their parks, especially the Riverfront Park. We're so lucky to have 13 parks in this town. It's by the way three times as many parks as the average town our size. We have a lot of great parks and we should be proud of them and we want to protect them from any future people who might not think that way. There is one more thing I want to mention. We're not selling anything down there. Our property being in the BDD is no help for your effort of getting extra sales tax. I was a little surprised to see your first reading on establishing the BDD on tonight's agenda, because you haven't had your public hearing yet. I certainly hope no one tries to waive the first reading, because you do need that public hearing, it is a 25 year project. I'm asking that one of the council members make a motion to take the Riverfront Park and the Park District property out of BDD before you vote to approve it.

ACTION TAKEN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or corrections to the Regular Council Meeting minutes of August 1, 2023.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Alderperson Stroh made the motion, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

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

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

Voting No: None

FINANCE REPORT

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

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: Urish, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- Downtown Business Trick or Treat will be on Friday, October 27, 2023 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to be the official Trick or Treat time in the City of Havana.
- Certificates were presented to Jaylyn Sarnes and Kaydi Miller of Havana for Illinois District 17 winning the 2023 Senior Little League Softball World Series.
- Mayor Stadsholt presented the Riverside Renovation and Restoration Committee with Certificates of Achievement for their efforts to restore and maintain the Riverside Club.

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: City Clerk, Jesse Hall reminded the City Council that the Public Hearing for the Business Development District NO. 1 will be Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 6:15 p.m., at the City Center prior to the next council meeting.

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: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

- We finally got in touch with a sign painter that Jim Sarnes recommended.
- I have passed around a third party guesstimate from KLM Engineering, Inc. on the price of redoing everything that needs to be done on the Water Tower.
- We had an EPA inspection a couple weeks ago at the Water Plant and that went fairly well.
- I have received a bid from Merit Construction, Inc. on redoing the curb and street leveling in front of TBK Bank. We have had so many trips and mishaps of people going into TBK Bank that we have to do something.
- I received loan documents from the EPA on the Wastewater Treatment Plant the other day and I had City Clerk, Jesse Hall email it to Maurer-Stutz Inc. engineer. They are going to submit the paperwork to the EPA.
- I also received notification that the EPA is putting our NPDS permit out for reissuance. Which means that we may not have to do the mussel survey that was going to cost the City a lot of money.
- This week we did inorganic chemicals samples and disinfected byproducts testing.
- Next week we will sample 20 homes for lead and copper testing.

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 1474, an Ordinance Designating and Approving the Havana Business Development District NO. 1 and Imposing a Retailers' Occupation Tax, a Service Occupation Tax, and a Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax within Havana Business Development District NO. 1

ACTION TAKEN: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PROPERTY AND ZONING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve a request by the Havana Chamber of Commerce to put up a banner on the intersection of Orange and Main for the Oktoberfest, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

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

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

Voting No: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

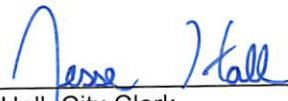
ADJOURNMENT

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

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.



Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor



Jesse Hall, City Clerk

Guests:

Jewel Bucy
Brenda Davenport-Fornoff
Matt Fliege
Jeremiah Hindahl
Grace Mott
Alex Noble
Wendy Martin

Jaylyn Sarnes
Kaydi Miller
Terri Brownfield
Rick Noble
Alice Miller
Carolyn Gaines
Phil Funkenbusch