

The City Council met in Regular Session at the City Center. 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 Stroh and Ross McDowell.
Absent: 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: April Burgett, a downtown business owner said, that she was excited about the Business Development District and the track record of TIF I. The amount of change and improvement that we have seen in our community, the business community specifically, and our tourism efforts. I am a person who pays into the hotel/motel tax and we have gone from zero listings on Airbnb to twenty-eight listings now at both beaches and all of the downtown properties. People are coming in as tourist. They book in for weekend trip getaways. It's just exciting to think about the prospect of the potential for what remains here. We still have a lot of properties throughout the entire town that are available for sell and ready for development. I think having a tool back in place sets us up for another twenty-three years of success with business development.

ACTION TAKEN: None

DISCUSSION: Kathie Brown, Greater Peoria EDC said, one of the things you can see very clearly when you drive through the country side is its small towns. The communities that are really investing in themselves and thinking about how they are going to move forward into the future are the places you want to visit and stay longer. Havana, over the last few years, has really created quite the reputation within our region, and beyond. For all the positive investments that you have done in your community and this resolution will allow the City to continue to really make those positive productive changes for your community.

ACTION TAKEN: None

DISCUSSION: Jennifer Larson, a downtown business owner said, she hears a lot of fear over the additional 1% tax. Personally, when I am purchasing something I am not asking how much the tax is. I am purchasing the item. Things that are not going to be affected by this, from my understating, are the essentials. Again, when I am going to the store I don't stop and think, I'm not going to go to Springfield today because they have the tax and we don't. I'm going to go there because they can offer me what I want. Unfortunately, we do have to leave town a lot to purchase things and I would love to see more businesses come to town. There are so many more opportunities that we can do here. Havana is a small and safe community. I wasn't here for the TIF, I have mentioned that before, but I want to have that ability to take advantage of the Business Development District if it comes available.

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 15, 2023.

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

FINANCE REPORT

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

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or comments. 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 accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. Alderperson McDowell made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

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, Bryant, Cooper and Griffin

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- Downtown Business Trick or Treat Friday, October 27th, 2023 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 31st, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to be the official Trick or Treat time in the City of Havana.
- Havana's 50th Oktoberfest will be September 8-10.

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:

- Studio 300 finished their mural and everybody loves it. We get so many compliments. People from Chicago said "Wow Havana has these murals I can't believe it!"
- Jennifer Larson, who owns the Edward Jones building, has the Abraham Lincoln mural and again people are just thrilled with the murals. It just shows we are a forward thinking community. I have had some request for more murals and hopefully we will be able to add more.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

DISCUSSION: Police Chief, Jeremiah Hindahl, reported on the following item:

- One of our Dispatchers, Valarie Venuti passed away on August 22, 2023 due to cancer.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

DISCUSSION: Fire Marshal, Matthew Fliege, reported on the following item:

- Ordinance 1475 that is on the agenda tonight, is an Ordinance that is on the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. This is passed every so many years and the last time we did it was back in 2015. Basically, it allows Havana to request assets from other divisions that are a part of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System, but then it also gives assets that the City has to other divisions that are a part of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Cooper made a motion to approve the City of Havana FY 2023-2024 WIRC membership fee in the amount of \$1,777.80, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

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

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

Voting No: None

HEALTH AND SANITATION

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Bryant made a motion to approve 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, seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

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

Voting Yes: Shore, Cooper and McDowell

Voting No: Bryant, Stroh, Griffin and Rilea

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to amend Ordinance 1474, to exclude the eleven Havana Park District properties, 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: Shore, Cooper, Griffin, McDowell and Rilea

Voting No: Bryant and Stroh

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to reconsider the voting as amended excluding the Havana Park District properties, but to move forward with the BDD. Alderperson Cooper made the motion seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

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

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

Voting No: Griffin and Rilea

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Cooper made a motion to approve Ordinance 1474 as amended, 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, seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

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

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

Voting No: Griffin and Rilea

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 1475, an Ordinance Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS Master Agreement 2022), 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: Stroh, McDowell, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea and Shore

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea made a motion to approve Ordinance 1475, an Ordinance Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS Master Agreement 2022), 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: Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh and McDowell
Voting No: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: No report
ACTION TAKEN: 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 reported that he and City Clerk, Jesse Hall are working with surrounding municipalities. We are contacting Beardstown, Rushville, Fulton County, Petersburg and Mt Sterling and going through personnel as far as salaries. Once it is put together we will have a meeting.
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 7:37 p.m.



Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor



Jesse Hall, City Clerk

Guests: Jeremiah Hindahl
Matt Fliege
Brenda Davenport-Fornoff
Blake Lindner
Jennifer Larson
Kip Larson
Brad Stockham
Taylor Stockham

Steve Kline
Herb Klein
April Burgett
Troy Wickman
Grace Mott
Phil Funkenbusch
Wendy Martin