

MINUTES OF THE HARVEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 08, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Christopher J. Clark called the regular city council meeting to order at 7:16 P.M.

Mayor Clark asked Clerk Arambula to call the roll of Council members; Present were Alderwoman Shirley Drewenski, Aldermen Marshun Tolbert, Quinton Crudup, Tracy Key, Dominique Randle El, Tyrone Rogers and Mayor Christopher J. Clark.

Mayor Clark gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Randle El "I would like to entertain a motion to amend the agenda and adding discussion for amending the rules of order and procedures and a presentation by Taft Law Firm under new business." The motion was second by Alderman Rogers.

Voting Aye were Aldermen Tolbert, Crudup, Key, Randle El and Rogers.
Voting Nay was Alderwoman Drewenski.

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Tolbert "I would like to amend the agenda and add 1. Discussion on Ward Improvement Fund, Discussion on Ward Expense (\$4,000) check, Discussion on FY2019 Budget, Discussion on Insurance for the City of Harvey, Discussion on procedures for calling Committee Meetings, and Discussion on adding members to committees." The motion was second by Alderman Randle El.

Voting Aye were Aldermen Tolbert, Crudup, Randle El, Rogers, Alderwoman Drewenski and Key.

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Mayor Clark "Now we will go into Public comment, and comments will be 2 minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- #1. Sharon McNeil commented about having problems with the water pressure.
- #2. Carl & Brenda Sites commented about the community garden on behalf of the residents at Bethlehem Village Apartments at 147th Street.
- #3. Mary Ziade complained about pot holes on 149th Street.
- #4. Cathy Harris complained about people dumping in the streets.

Mr. Derrick Thompson of Taft Law Firm, introduced his partner and gave brief presentation on the firm.

Alderwoman Drewenski "What is your hourly rate?"

Mr. Thompson "It is between \$200 to \$225 dollars an hour."

Alderwoman Drewenski expressed her concerns about the fees for Legislative Counsel.

Alderman Randel El: I have another item next is amending the rules of order and procedures.

Mayor Clark "To be clear your item is now 6b? And for Alderman Tolbert I 6c."

Alderman Randle El "Part of our Rules and procedures need to be amended. We have in our rules an outline for the agenda that is not being followed.

Alderman Tolbert "Where in the rules does it state that if anyone wants to speak has to fill out a slip? And how did we switch our meetings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. How did that happened. Who did that the Clerk?"

Mayor Clark "Alderman I did. We are trying a verity of things until we get it right. We are trying to make it better. If things don't work we will go back.

Alderman Tolbert "So, Council meetings start at 6:30 p.m."

Alderman Randle El "Question.. What does the code say in regards to when City Council meetings the code says what time city starts." The meetings start at 7:00 p.m. sir

Alderman Rogers "Meetings start at 7:00 Sir."

Mayor Clark "So going forward meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

Alderman Tolbert "expressed concerns about public comment and time changes.

Mayor Clark "Once again the meeting will start at 7:00. The next agenda item is 6c as proposed by Alderman Tolbert you will have 5 minutes for discussion."

Alderman Tolbert, "I have concern about insurance carrier.

Mayor Clerk "That has to deal with a personnel issue and is to be discussed in executive session."

Alderman Tolbert expressed concern about a ward expense check.

Mayor Clark "Any amendments were to take place at the beginning of the meeting."

Alderman Tolbert "Is that true Corporation council?"

Alderman Randel El "Sir, I want to call a point of order... to the rules and procedures Rule # 7 about the appeal. Any member making the appeal; may state his reason for the same, and the Chair may explain his ruling; but there shall be no debate on the appeal and no other member shall participate in the discussion. The Chair shall then put the question, shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?' If a majority of the members vote "No" the decision of the Chair is overruled, otherwise the decision of the Chair is sustained."

Mayor Clark "Forgiving all Fines" starting July 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019. The City of Harvey Amnesty Program pay bill I full and the city will waive all penalties, restore fees, late fees and tampering fees. Take advantage of this opportunity to reduce the amount you owe during July 2019. May we have a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT: 8:59 P.M.

Alderwoman Drewenski motioned to adjourn. The motion was second by Alderman Crudup.

Voting Aye were Alderwoman Drewenski, Aldermen Crudup, Key and Rogers.
Voting Nay were Aldermen Tolbert and Randle El.

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City Clerk Rosa M. Arambula