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**MINUTES OF THE HARVEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020**  
**5:00 P.M.**

Mayor Christopher J. Clark called the Special City Council meeting August 27, 2020 to order at 5:16 p.m. by video conference.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Clark asked City Clerk Rosa M. Arambula to call 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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion and potential action on adoption of an Ordinance proposing the creation of a Business District in the City of Harvey: Cook County, Illinois and the establishment of a Public Hearing on September 28, 2020 in connection with the same.

Mayor Clark asked Corporation Counsel to briefly discuss what the change was to the Ordinance.

Corporation Counsel "This is the same Ordinance which was before the Council the other night with the exception of the change to the paragraph regarding the meeting date which changes the date to September 28, 2020 and provides that it is held in accordance with the Open Meetings act electronic participation provision."

Alderwoman Drewenski motioned to accept the Ordinance "as is". The motion was seconded by Alderman Crudup.

Alderman Tolbert asked the Mayor why they could not have it in the City Chambers.

Mayor Clark responded that it was a decision made by the Mayor and the authority was given by the Governor to each Mayor. He went on to say that they would have to allow everyone in the City Chambers under the Open Meetings Act which would not be the proper restrictions for the current COVID -19 pandemic. Mayor Clark said that they

would continue to have virtual meetings until either the Governor or the Mayor believes it's safe to have them again in the Council Chambers.

Alderman Randle-El: "For the record, I just want to state that if we are having a public hearing electronically that the residents are given an opportunity to call in and participate in the meeting."

Mayor Clark let Alderman Randle-El know that there were people participating in this particular meeting as well.

Alderman Key stated that he still did not have a clear understanding why they were still having the meetings virtually while other municipalities were having them in their Chambers. He then asked what the process was for residents to make public comments. He mentioned that he had numerous residents wanting to make a public comment and were blocked.

Mayor Clark explained that there were people participating tonight and that they would be able to participate when it was the time for public comment on the Agenda.

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

Voting Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Alderwoman Drewenski stated that she had a comment. "Roberts Rules of Order, and correct me if I am wrong, if we are in the middle of a vote, we are not suppose to stop and do these inquiries? Am I correct?"

The Mayor responded that she was correct but he had made the exception because the Aldermen had been asking these questions constantly. He continued by saying that he wanted it understood that this was not going to be the common process in which they will operate.

In Alderwoman Drewenski's second comment, she stated that the Virtual meeting they were in was a public meeting and that allowed the public to respond.

Mayor agreed.

City Clerk Arambula "The motion carries and the Ordinance number is 3406."

Mayor Clark mentioned that the next item on the agenda was closed session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME: 5:26 p.m.**

Mayor Clark asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for Pending Litigations.

Alderwoman Drewenski made the motion to go into closed session to discuss pending litigations. The motion was seconded by Rogers.



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

Voting Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion to reconvene from Executive Session: **TIME: 5:48 p.m.**

Alderwoman Drewenski made the motion to reconvene from executive session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Randle-El.

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

Voting Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Clark asked for a motion to approve item A as discussed in Executive session.

Alderman Randle-El made the motion to direct Corporation Counsel to act as directed in Closed session.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Tolbert.

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

Voting Nay: 0

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

City Clerk Rosa M. Arambula "There were no public comments received."

Corporation Counsel pointed out that they needed to see if any of the people participating virtually wanted to comment. She then said she did not see anyone that wanted to comment.

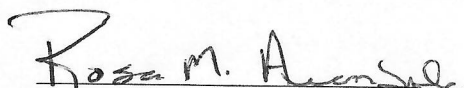
**ADJOURNMENT:** Time 5:50 p.m.

Alderwoman Drewenski made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderman Rogers.

Voting Aye: Alderwomen Drewenski, Aldermen Tolbert, Crudup, Key, Randle- El and Rogers.

Voting Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

  
Rosa M. Arambula  
City Clerk