

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR HARVEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022 -7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Christopher J. Clark called the Regular City Council meeting for Monday – March 14, 2022 to order at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Christopher J. Clark asked Deputy Clerk Cheryl Anderson to call roll of Council members. Present were Alderwoman Shirley Drewenski, Aldermen Quinton Crudup, Tracy Key, Dominique Randle -El, Tyrone Rogers and Mayor Christopher J. Clark. Absent at roll call was Alderman Marshun Tolbert.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Alderman Crudup. Alderman Tolbert came into meeting at 7:21 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Clark called for a motion for approval of the minutes.

Alderman Crudup made the motion to approve Minutes dated February 28,2022. The motion was seconded by Alderman Rogers.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Tolbert

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT: 1/24/2022, 02/14/2022 AND 03/14/2022**

Mayor Clark called for a motion for approval of the Bills for payment.

Alderman Rogers stated that the last Finance meeting we made recommendations to pay the bills for payment.

Alderman Randle-El made the motion to approve bills for Payment dated 01/24/2022, 02/13/2022 and 03/14/ 2022.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Crudup.

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

Voting Nay: Aldermen Tolbert and Key

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PRESENTATIONS:** Presentation -Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Plan:

Mr. Daweed Schelly of Urban Design Planning Studio gave a point presentation and talked about the Harvey (TOD) Transit Orientation Development Plan that focuses on the downtown. The idea and concept is that it has a rippling effect for the entire City. The TOD plan is focused on the downtown area around the transit station by future investments with the Metra and Pace. And the other elements that come with growth and population, economic development, housing, along with jobs. This is a set up framework for future development.

Alderman Randle El thanked Mr. Schelly for his presentation and asked about the time frame and financing of the project. Where are we in these steps you've talked about.

Mayor Clark commented about the financing. I want to make it clear. The finances are not our primary objective here; our primary objective is to get independent investors, public or private investors here in the city to actually finance themselves, so the city is not in the business of financing. There are not enough grants out there that are available to finance all these projects. To fix all these streets, repair all these lights, those are things we have to do as a city, so creating a plan, we demonstrate to others we know actually where we want to go and what we want to do that is the perspective behind this. Our thing is to attract developers to come to the city.

Alderwoman Drewenski asked for an electronic copy of the presentation.

Alderman Rogers thanked Mr. Schelly for the presentation and commented that all this seems to be located on the South end of Harvey, why didn't the plan include the North end of Harvey? There is a Metra Station at 147<sup>th</sup> & Sibley and asked who gave you the study area?

Mr. Schelly answered that RTA gave them the study area.

Mayor Clark commented that METRA plans to break ground and redevelop at the 147<sup>th</sup> Metra Station in April. There is enough for the entire city, enough development, enough opportunity but we had to have a place to start. The funding came from Metra and the RTA. Harvey did not have the funds to do this type of study at the Transit Oriented Development this is just the beginning we had to start somewhere. This creates other opportunities that will drive people in our community and others from outside our community and it all helps to bring and create tax dollars in our community. I want to thank RTA and Metra for putting this together, along with all the teams of people that came together and worked on this. I want to thank a lot of our residents that gave their input on what was best for our city.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CITY OF HARVEY.**

**RESOLUTION # 2986** - A resolution approving a redevelopment agreement- Harvey Housing I, LLC.

Mr. Bo Kemp CEO of the Southland Development Authority gave a power point presentation and talked about the benefits of the redevelop agreement with the Harvey Housing I, LLC Our plan is to work to try to bring investment in the City of Harvey We want work with Harvey to bring development and investments to Harvey. We are partnering with the bank. We are looking to acquire property 10 properties in the City of Harvey, work with black contractors to revamp those properties, bring them up to code and sell them to potential owners and put them back on the tax roll. The idea behind what we do is to have persons living in the buildings would encourage and invite long term revitalization of the downtown and support nearby businesses. We are looking to bring transformational change in the City of Harvey. The overall project would be an investment of \$2.1 million dollars.

Mayor Clark asked Mr. Kemp to send an electric version of the Plan to the Aldermen,

Mr. Shaun Harris from Black Contractors Owners and Executives (BCOE) will be working in concert with Mr. Kemp. We are getting funded from a third party. We are paying cash for these properties.

Mayor Clark called for a motion for the redevelopment agreement with Harvey Housing I, LLC.

Alderman Rogers expressed he finds it extremely unfair that out of all these properties that none are in the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward. Why can't anything be built in the North end of Harvey?

Alderman Key asked what was the process of getting the list of properties? And suggested that if the Aldermen could be part of the process to make it a team effort.

Alderman Randle -EI made the motion to approve the Resolution.  
The motion was seconded by Alderman Tolbert.

Voting Aye: Alderman Key, Alderwoman Drewenski, Aldermen Randle-EI, Crudup, Rogers and Tolbert.  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

Alderman Rogers stated that he voted reluctantly and that he is very disappointed in the procedure how these properties were selected.

**RESOLUTION # 2987** –A Resolution Authorizing an amendment of Lease agreement dated September 27, 2021 Leasing a portion of 272 E. 155<sup>th</sup> Street to Rock Gate Capital, LLC D/B/A 160 Driving Academy.

Mayor Clark commented that this business came to us in September 2021, and they have grown and would like to expand their business and acquire more land. Please note they have done everything they said they would do and everything that we have ask of them.

Mayor Clark called for a motion for the resolution.

Alderman Crudup made the motion to approve the Resolution.  
The motion was seconded by Alderman Key.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: Alderman Randle - El

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION # 2988** –A Resolution of the City of Harvey Authorizing participation in the 2022 (CDBG) Community Block Grant Program.

Mayor Clark called for a motion for the resolution.

Alderman Tolbert made the motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Alderman Randle El.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Clark announced that we have two Public Comments.

1. Ms. Dona McCullough - Program Manager with Bethel Family Resource Center gave an oral presentation about her program.
2. Ms. Cynthia Townsen - no show

Mayor Clark announced that Alderman Quinton Crudup will be resigning from his position as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman and that this is his last meeting. I'd like him to say a few words.



Alderman Crudup: "First, I thank God because without him I would not been able to this. To the residents that voted me in this position it has been a pleasure to work and serve for almost 3 years. Thank you to my colleagues, Mayor and to everyone this has been an extremely humbling position I'm honored and to the Department heads, you make our jobs as Aldermen so much easier. I'm honored. Thank you all so much."

Alderman Randle El: "Honestly, I'm sad, and I know you have good reason. I've enjoyed talking with you and you were always real. You care about the City of Harvey. You're not leaving this earth we'll keep in touch. Enjoy"

Alderwoman Drewenski: "Alderman Crudup you are such a wonderful individual, very humbling, a reflection of your faith in God. I'm totally honored to know you and congratulations your upcoming journey."

Alderman Rogers: "I've known you for before you were born. I know your parents a long time now. You were a voice of the youth. I know you're going to succeed. You will be sorely missed. Be well."

Alderman Tolbert: "I appreciate you man. You keep it real: you are one of the sanest and calmest persons I know."

Alderman Key: "You are like a little brother to me. You are in a good position. I wish you the best in all your endeavors. I'm proud of you."

Mayor Clark "God brings you here for a reason and a season. Being a 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward resident I'm very proud of my Alderman. You have been very impactful your silence spoke volumes. I am proud of my Alderman. You were able to make an impact, without saying a word. Thank you for the time you have given to the city. This is a very difficult task, every person should be appreciated. If you served one day, one month or a term. It takes a lot out of you, your time and energy. Thank you on behalf of the Mayor, thank you as my 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman. I appreciate you."

**ADJOURNMENT: 9:22 P.M.**

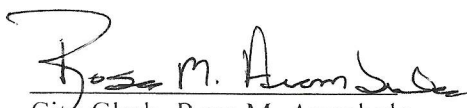
Alderman Randle -El made the motion to adjourn the meeting.  
The motion was seconded by Alderman Tolbert.

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

Voting Nay:

Abstain: None

Absent: None

  
City Clerk -Rosa M. Arambula

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