

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR HARVEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY – November 22, 2021– 7:00 P.M**

Mayor Christopher J. Clark called the City of Harvey Regular Council meeting to order Monday November 22, 2021 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Christopher J. Clark asked City Clerk Rosa M. Arambula to call the roll of Council Members.

Present: Alderwoman Shirley Drewenski, Aldermen Quinton Crudup, Tracy Key, Dominique Randle-El, Tyrone Rogers and Mayor Christopher J. Clark.

Absent: Alderman Marshun Tolbert

Alderman Marshun Tolbert came into the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Alderman Rogers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderwoman Drewenski made the motion to approve the Minutes dated October 25, 2021- Regular City Council Meeting.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Rogers.

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

Voting Nay: Aldermen Tolbert, Crudup.

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Rogers made the motion to approve the Minutes dated October 25, 2021- Committee of the Whole Meeting.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Randle-El.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Tolbert.

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Randle-El made the motion to approve the Minutes dated November 02, 2021- Special Meeting.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Crudup.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Randle-El made the motion to approve the Minutes dated November 08, 2021- Regular City Council Meeting.

The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Drewenski.

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

Voting Nay:

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Rogers mentioned that the Bills for payment list 11-08-2021 and 11-22-2021 will be discussed sometime next week.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CITY OF HARVEY

Old Business

Ordinance – An Ordinance Rescinding Ordinance No. 2020-3401, Approving an Economic Incentive and Public Private Partnership Agreement by and Between the City of Harvey and Harvey Shopping Center, LLC- Referred to Finance Committee on 7-12-2021.

Alderman Randle-El made the motion to remove from Finance Committee.

The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Drewenski.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Key, Randle-El, Alderwoman Drewenski, Mayor Clark

Voting Nay: Aldermen Tolbert, Crudup, Rogers

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Randle-El made the motion to approve to rescind.
The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Drewenski.

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

MOTION FAILED

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance # _____ - An Ordinance Approving an Economic Incentive and Redevelopment Agreement By and Between The City of Harvey and Harvey Lofts, LLC.

Mayor, "For the record, we did send over a legal opinion because that was one of the issues surrounding this agenda item. I just want to make sure if all of the Aldermen received a copy of the legal opinion regarding MVAH properties."

Alderman Randle-El, Alderwoman Drewenski, and Alderman Crudup said that they had received it.

Mayor, "If I hear no one say that they did not receive it, then I will assume that everyone did receive it."

Legal Counsel Welch cautioned the Council to take a close look at page 2 of the legal opinion that he had sent. He continued to say that the City could lose the sale of city owned property and a hundred and fifty one thousand dollars. The City could lose the installation and maintenance of Broadband network for its Residents. He pointed out that there are several other reasons why this development should go forward.

Nick Greifer, economic developer, gave a presentation of the Harvey loft MVAH project.

Alderwoman Drewenski made the motion to approve Ordinance.
The motion was seconded by Alderman Randle-El.

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

MOTION FAILED

Resolution # 2963 – A Resolution Approving Cable Franchise Agreement Between Comcast of Illinois/Indiana/Ohio, LLC (Comcast) and The City of Harvey.

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

Voting Aye: Alderman Tolbert, Key, Crudup, Alderwoman Drewenski, Alderman Rogers,
Alderman Randle-El
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution # 2964 – A Resolution Approving a Renewal Agreement Between The City of Harvey, Illinois and Property Registration Champions. (ProChamps) LLC

Alderman Randle-El made the motion to approve Resolution.
The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Drewenski.

Voting Aye: Alderwoman Drewenski, Alderman Tolbert, Crudup, Randle-El, Rogers,
Voting Nay: Alderman Key
Abstain: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance # 3445 – An Ordinance Approving Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Harvey, as Amended, Concerning Automobile Oriented Uses and Video Gaming Terminal Establishments.

Alderwoman Drewenski made the motion to approve Ordinance.
The motion was seconded by Alderman Randle-El.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution # 2965— A Resolution Approving a Letter of Understanding with the Illinois Department of Transportation in Connection with Wood Street Project.

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

Voting Aye: Aldermen Key, Randle-El, Rogers, Alderwoman Drewenski, Aldermen Crudup, Tolbert
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution # 2966— A Resolution Authorization Property Sales-Residential Reactivation Program.

Alderman Randle-El made the motion to approve Resolution.
The motion was seconded by Alderman Crudup.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Crudup, Key, Rogers, Alderwoman Drewenski, Aldermen Randle-El, Tolbert
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Clark mentioned that there were no Public Comments from the Audience.

Alderman Key mentioned that he had said he wasn't coming to the Council meetings until they were open to the public but he decided to come to the meeting because he had to stand up and fight for his people and his residents. He then asked when the public would be invited to the Council Meetings.

Mayor Clark stated that the Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations have been increasing and they needed to take precautions. He said that he did have a legal opinion that he could send to Alderman Key.

Alderman Key inquired about the Chief of Police vacancy and asked Mayor if he would seek the recommendations of the Council.

Mayor Clark stated that they are doing a National search for Chief of Police. He then went on to say that the first Police Chief was terminated. The second Police Chief resigned and went to Dolton, the third Police Chief became ill and the fourth Police Chief he had asked to resign.

Alderwoman Drewenski wished all the residents a Happy Thanksgiving and to be blessed.

Alderman Rogers stated that the coat drive he had for his Ward turned out to be a success. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Alderman Tolbert wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Clark stated that the word transparency that has been used by certain Council members and also by people outside the Council has been really making him upset. He then raised the packet that was sent to the Council and stated that if there were no transparency this 157 page packet would not have been sent to the Council. He continued to say that all the information the Council needs to know is in the package to make an informed decisions. Mayor Clark mentioned that administrations that are transparent provide all the information in their packets.

Administrations that are not transparent do not provide this information. He pointed out that some of the Council members do not read the entire package and come to the meeting and act as if somebody is not being transparent. He explained that some of this information has been on the Agendas four to six times and in that time some of the Council members have not reached out to him or put anything in writing asking him questions about their concerns and how could they work this out. He mentioned that this Council has the ability to call Committee meetings as many times as they need. He continued to say that if Council wants a Committee meeting and they want members of the Administration to attend to give them a 2 week notice. This way they can put it on their schedule and they will have no excuses not to show up to the Committee meetings. He stated that if there is anything the Aldermen need, to submit that in writing to the Mayor's office. If you do not submit this in writing to the Mayor's office, it will not be heard. This way we can all be clear.

Mayor Clark wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Alderman Key asked Mayor Clark that, for the record, he can have a Committee meeting and someone from the Street department would be at this meeting.

Mayor Clark stated that he had just gone through the procedure of having a Committee meeting.

Alderman Randle-El mentioned that you can have a Committee meeting anywhere else but that the City Council meetings must be in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:59 P.M.

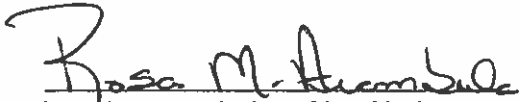
Alderman Randle-El motioned to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was seconded by Alderman Crudup.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None


Rosa M. Arambula – City Clerk

