

**MINUTES OF REGULAR HARVEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY – February 26, 2024 – 7:00 P.M**

Shirley Drewenski, Mayor Pro Tem called the City of Harvey Regular Council Meeting to order Monday – February 26, 2024, at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Drewenski asked City Clerk Rosa M. Arambula to call the roll of Council members.

Present: Alderwoman Shirley Drewenski, Alderwoman Colby Chapman, Alderwoman Telanee Smith, Alderman Dominique Randle-El, Alderman Tyrone Rogers, and Mayor Pro Tem Shirley Drewenski.

Absent: Alderman Key

Pastor Cummings gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Drewenski.

Alderman Key came into the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**Public Comment**

The following members of the general public addressed the City Council.

Ryan Sinwelski  
Mary C. Avent  
Jim Garrett  
AC Chandler  
Patricia Tillman  
Perry Lorenzo Franklin  
Mauzkie Ervin

Alderman Randle-El made the motion to limit Aldermanic comments to 3 minutes each.  
The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Smith.

Voting Aye: Alderwomen Drewenski, Chapman, Smith, Aldermen Key, Randle-El, Rogers.

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Aldermanic Comment:**

Alderwoman Chapman gave her out her phone number, 708-320-9214, and anyone that had any questions or concerns could call her. She also said that her office hours are from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. on Wednesdays at 15446 S. Lexington, Harvey, IL. She stated that she was having a second ward meeting with Alderman Key, fourth ward, and Treasurer Pickett at Harvey City Hall on Saturday, March 09, 2024, from 11:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. She states that at Transformation United Methodist Church, March 21, 2024, from 9-a.m -12 p.m. at 15446 S. Lexington, Harvey, IL, Family Christian Center would be giving Covid and flu Vaccinations and from 6p.m-8p.m. on behalf of the Better Government Association there would be a training for FOIA's. She spoke about Black History month and their heroes. She asked why she was removed from the committees.

Alderman Key mentioned his fourth ward meeting with the second ward, Alderwoman Chapman, and Treasurer Pickett at Harvey City Hall on Saturday, March 09, 2024, from 11:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. He said there was going to be a free raffle at the meeting. He stated that he stands up for his city and will continue to do so. Key commented on how a Caucasian man told him that the problem with the African American people is that they don't know how to govern themselves. He states that getting certain positions and certain levels of power tends to change people and it is a wrong belief. He points out how African Americans have come so far and with so many opportunities that they have now. Key says that they must work together.

Alderman Randle-El thanks residents for coming to the City Council meetings. He points out that the legislative committee meetings are every second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. and encourages everyone to come to the meetings to discuss complaints and concerns. He mentioned that there were no residents in the last meeting. He commented on how words like may and shall are words that make a difference in a legislative process, for example in the Ordinance for pit bulls and fighting dogs. He spoke about Black heroes that helped move the Black people forward in America. He states that he not only looks at the past but at the history that is being written today. Making an impact. This is why he ran for Alderman to make an impact on this City.

Alderman Rogers gives out his phone number, 708-516-2276. He states that he will always answer his phone. He commends the Harvey Police Department for acting in such an expeditious way when they answered a call of a shooting at Popeyes in the sixth ward on 147<sup>th</sup> St. He states that other neighboring municipalities also came to help, and they were able to rectify the situation. He commends the Harvey Police Department, our Men in Blue. He also commends the streets and sanitation department for coming out and cleaning when needed. He acknowledges Black History month. Rogers mentions that he will have a Ward meeting on March 9, 2024, at the Pentecostal Church on 145th and Green Ave. and they would serve breakfast for the residents.

Chief Biddings makes brief statement to clear up the statement Alderman Rogers made regarding the crime scene at Popeyes. He states there were no homicides, and the City of Harvey is still at zero homicides for 2024.

Alderwoman Smith thanks everyone for coming to the meeting. She speaks out about the businesses that still owe money in real estate taxes for the past 2 decades. She does not agree with the residents making comparisons to other towns who do have the funds to do things differently in their towns. Smith goes on to say that summer is approaching and there will be complaints about

long grass and weeds growing. She points out that the money owed to the city could have helped with this problem by paying more employees to cut grass. Alderwoman Smith acknowledges Black History month.

Alderwoman Drewenski speaks out about Black history month and says it's all about working together. She states that she is grateful to each one of her first ward residents and grateful to all residents of Harvey. She comments on how trustees and aldermen are different but that there is one common denominator, and that is that they were elected by the residents. She mentions how it is disheartening when the residents come up for public comment and they say their questions aren't answered but that she never gets a call from them to find the answers. She encourages residents to reach out to her regarding concerns and questions about the city. She gives out her ward number, 708-596-7470.

A five-minute recess was called at 7:47 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Drewenski.

**Recall Meeting to Order**

Mayor Clark recalled the City of Harvey Regular Council Meeting to order Monday – February 26, 2024, at 7:54 p.m.

**Roll Call of Council Members**

Mayor Clark asked City Clerk Rosa M. Arambula to call the roll of Council members.  
Present: Alderwoman Shirley Drewenski, Alderwoman Colby Chapman, Alderwoman Telanee Smith, Alderman Tracy Key, Alderman Dominique Randle-El, Alderman Tyrone Rogers, and Mayor Clark.  
Absent: None

**Approval of Minutes Dated: February 12, 2024.**

Alderman Rogers made the motion to approve the Minutes.  
The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Smith.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Randle-El, Rogers, Key, Alderwomen Smith, Drewenski.  
Voting Nay: Alderwoman Chapman.  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

**Old Business- None  
New Business**

**Ordinance # 3487 – An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to a Lease Agreement with Rock Gate Capital, LLC., d/b/a 160 Driving Academy. This Ordinance Amends the Lease for 160 Driving Academy.**

Alderman Rogers made the motion to approve the Ordinance.  
The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Smith.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Randle-El, Key, Rogers, Alderwomen Chapman, Smith, Drewenski.  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Ordinance # 3488 – An Ordinance Regarding Hotel Licenses.  
This Ordinance Prohibits Renting Hotel Rooms by the Hour or the Same Room for More than 14 days Without a License, Requires Cooperation with HPD and Imposes Penalties for Violations.**

Alderwoman Smith made the motion to approve the Ordinance.  
The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Chapman.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Randle-El, Key, Rogers, Alderwomen Chapman, Smith, Drewenski.  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolution # 3070 - A Resolution Requesting Community Development Block Grant Funds from Cook County for the Fiscal year 2024 Invest in Cook Program.**

**This Resolution Request CDBG Funds to Assist with Funding for the City Fire Hydrant Replacement Project.**

Alderman Smith made the motion to approve the Resolution.  
The motion was seconded by Alderman Drewenski.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Randle-El, Key, Rogers, Alderwomen Chapman, Smith, Drewenski.  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Alderman Chapman made a motion to refer this to the Economic Development committee.  
The motion was seconded by Alderman Key.

Voting Aye: Alderman Key, Alderman Chapman  
Voting Nay: Aldermen Randle-El, Rogers, Alderwomen Smith, Drewenski.  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**MOTION FAILED**

**Resolution # 3071 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the New Metra & Pace Harvey Intermodal Transportation Center.**

**This resolution authorizes the collaboration efforts between Pace, Metra, and Harvey to design and construct a New Metra & Pace Harvey Intermodal Transportation Center.**

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

Voting Aye: Aldermen Randle-El, Rogers, Alderwomen Smith, Drewenski.  
Voting Nay: Alderman Key, Alderman Chapman.  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Executive Session Litigation - Time: 8:01 p.m.**

Alderman Randle-El made the motion to go into Executive Session.  
The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Chapman.

Voting Aye: Alderwomen Drewenski, Chapman, Smith, Aldermen Key, Randle-El, Rogers.  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Back into Regular Session - Time: 9:03 p.m.**

Alderwoman Drewenski made the motion to go into Regular Session.  
The motion was seconded by Alderman Rogers.

Voting Aye: Alderwomen Drewenski, Chapman, Smith, Aldermen Key, Randle-El, Rogers.  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstain: None

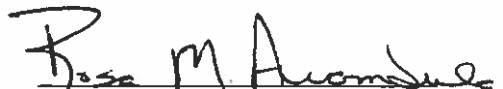
**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT: 9:04 p.m.**

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

Voting Aye: Alderwomen Drewenski, Chapman, Smith, Aldermen Key, Randle-El, Rogers.  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

  
Rosa M. Arambula – City Clerk