

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS HELD IN THE ELEANOR ROHRBACH MEMORIAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, DES PLAINES CIVIC CENTER, MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Des Plaines, Illinois, was called to order by Mayor Goczkowski at 6:30 p.m. in the Eleanor Rohrbach Memorial Council Chambers, Des Plaines Civic Center on Monday, July 15, 2024.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Aldermen present: Lysakowski, Oskerka, Sayad, Brookman, Walsten, Smith, Charewicz. Absent: Moylan. A quorum was present.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Sayad, seconded by Walsten, to convene into Closed Session under the following sections of the Open Meetings Act – Pending Litigation and Probable or Imminent.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 - Lysakowski, Oskerka, Sayad, Brookman,
Walsten, Smith, Charewicz

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT: 1 - Moylan

Motion declared unanimously carried.

The City Council recessed at 6:31 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

Roll call indicated the following Alderman present: Lysakowski, Oskerka, Sayad, Brookman, Walsten, Smith, Charewicz. Absent: Moylan. A quorum was present.

Also present were: City Manager Wisniewski, Director of Finance Podbial, Director of Public Works and Engineering Oakley, Director of Community and Economic Development Rogers, Fire Chief Matzl, Police Chief Anderson, and General Counsel Friedman.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

The prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America were offered by Mayor Goczkowski.

Mayor Goczkowski stated he wanted to address the assassination attempt against a presidential candidate; further stating political violence is unacceptable and there should be engagement in the process in a peaceful way.

ALDERMAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All of the aldermen addressed the successful Fourth of July festivities, and thanked staff.

Alderman Walsten thanked the residents and staff for attending the ward meeting.

Alderman Charewicz stated the next eighth ward meeting is August 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the conservatory. He also stated the chamber has an event July 17th on climate action economic development strategy, and the Izaak Walton is hosting a pig roast on August 10th. He later mentioned the National Night Out will be August 6, 2024 at Metropolitan Square.

Alderman Lysakowski thanked Police Chief Anderson for his help with truck parking enforcement in the first ward.

Alderman Sayad stated at the recommendation of residents a couple he will start hosting coffee clutch meetings with further information to come.

**MAYORAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Goczkowski agreed that the 4th of July fireworks and the parade were really well pulled off.

**MANAGER'S
REPORT**

City Manager Wisniewski congratulated Director of Finance Podbial on her promotion.

Director of Finance Podbial stated she is looking forward to working with City officials, City staff, and the community.

City Manager Wisniewski echoed the comments and thanks to staff regarding the successful fireworks and parade.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Brookman, seconded by Oskerka, to Establish the Consent Agenda.

Upon voice vote, the vote was:

AYES: 7 - Lysakowski, Oskerka, Sayad, Brookman,
Walsten, Smith, Charewicz

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT: 1 - Moylan

Motion declared carried.

Moved by Brookman, seconded by Oskerka, to Approve the Consent Agenda.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 - Lysakowski, Oskerka, Sayad, Brookman,
Walsten, Smith, Charewicz

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT: 1 - Moylan

Motion declared carried.

Appointment was approved; Minutes were approved; Resolutions R-123-24 R-124-24, R-125-24, R-126-24, R-127-24, R-128-24 were adopted.

**APPROVE
APPOINTMENT**

Moved by Brookman, seconded by Oskerka, to APPROVE APPOINTMENT FROM THE JUNE 17, 2024 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA OF DOMINIK BRONAKOWSKI TO THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD - TERM TO EXPIRE 7/15/2027. Motion declared carried as approved. unanimously under Consent Agenda.

**APPROVE & AUTH
EXPEND OF FUNDS/
INTERGOV & LEG
ADV SVCS/
ANDERSON**

Moved by Brookman, seconded by Oskerka, to Approve Resolution R-123-24, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO A PROPOSAL FROM ANDERSON LEGISLATIVE CONSULTING, LTD. FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES. Motion declared carried as approved unanimously under Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

**Resolution
R-123-24**

**AUTH PURCH/ CK
VLVS/ CORE & MAIN
Consent Agenda**

Moved by Brookman, seconded by Oskerka, to Approve Resolution R-124-24, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CHECK VALVES FROM CORE & MAIN, LP. Motion declared carried as approved unanimously under Consent Agenda.

**Resolution
R-124-24**

**AUTH PURCH/ FORD
F-350/ SUTTON FORD**
Consent Agenda

Moved by Brookman, seconded by Oskerka, to Approve Resolution R-125-24, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FORD F-350 PICK-UP TRUCK FROM SUTTON FORD. Motion declared carried as approved. unanimously under Consent Agenda.

**Resolution
R-125-24**

**APPROVE TO 7/
PROF ENG SVCS/
CRAIG MANOR
STRMWTR/ CBBE**
Consent Agenda

Moved by Brookman, seconded by Oskerka, to Approve Resolution R-126-24, A RESOLUTION APPROVING TASK ORDER NO. 7 UNDER A MASTER CONTRACT WITH CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE CRAIG MANOR STORMWATER PROJECT. Motion declared carried as approved unanimously under Consent Agenda.

**Resolution
R-126-24**

**AUTH REIMB/
SEDIMENT REM
COSTS/ PARK DIST**
Consent Agenda

Moved by Brookman, seconded by Oskerka, to Approve Resolution R-127-24, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT TO THE DES PLAINES PARK DISTRICT FOR SEDIMENT REMOVAL COSTS AT PRAIRIE LAKES PARK. Motion declared carried as approved unanimously under Consent Agenda.

**Resolution
R-127-24**

**AUTH PURCH &
INSTALL/ ADD WTR
MTRS/ CORE & MAIN**
Consent Agenda

Moved by Brookman, seconded by Oskerka, to Approve Resolution R-128-24, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL SENSUS WATER METERS FROM CORE & MAIN, LP. Motion declared carried as approved unanimously under Consent Agenda.

**Resolution
R-128-24**

**APPROVE
MINUTES**
Consent Agenda

Moved by Brookman, seconded by Oskerka, to Approve the Minutes of the City Council meeting of June 17, 2024, as published. Motion declared carried as approved unanimously under Consent Agenda.

**APPROVE
MINUTES**
Consent Agenda

Moved by Brookman, seconded by Oskerka, to Approve the Closed Session Minutes of the City Council meeting of June 17, 2024, as published. Motion declared carried as approved unanimously under Consent Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Alderman Sayad, Chair

**WARRANT
REGISTER**
Resolution
R-130-24

Alderman Sayad presented the Warrant Register.

Alderman Sayad stated the current fund balance is \$28,493,039.00.

Moved by Sayad, seconded by Oskerka, to Approve the Warrant Register of July 15, 2024, in the Amount of \$8,980,878.15 and Approve Resolution R-130-24.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 - Lysakowski, Oskerka, Sayad, Brookman,
Walsten, Smith, Charewicz

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT: 1 - Moylan

Motion declared carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT– Alderman Brookman, Vice-Chair

CONSIDER
APPROVING ADD
BUS ASSIST PROG
GRANT (GROWTH)
FOR BRUNCH CITY
CAFÉ
Resolution
R-129-24

Alderman Brookman made an adjustment to the agenda by advancing agenda item NB2c.

Alderman Brookman requested consideration of Resolution R-129-24 be deferred to the next City Council meeting.

Moved by Brookman, seconded by Sayad, to defer Resolution R-129-24 to the August 5, 2024 City Council meeting, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT (GROWTH) FOR BRUNCH CITY CAFÉ AT 901 EAST OAKTON STREET.

Upon voice vote, the vote was:

AYES: 7 - Lysakowski, Oskerka, Sayad, Brookman,
Walsten, Smith, Charewicz

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT: 1 - Moylan

Motion declared carried.

CONSIDER
APPROVING COND
USES FOR 480 S. DES
PLAINES RIVER RD
Ordinance
Z-13-24

Director of Community and Economic Development Rogers reviewed a memorandum dated June 21, 2024.

Petitioner Chris Brown has requested a Conditional Use Permit to expand the operation of an auto service repair facility, Des Plaines Auto Clinic and Tire, at 480 S. Des Plaines River Road. The subject property contains a single, L-shaped building with a surface parking area. The existing one-story, 5,278-square foot building is split between two auto service repair businesses—Family Auto and Des Plaines Auto Clinic and Tire—with each business having its own office and service bay areas separated by a shared utility room that is located at the narrow neck of the building. The subject property is a double-frontage corner lot with an angled north property line fronting Lee Street on the west, Elk Boulevard on the North, and Des Plaines River Road on the east. The subject property is located within the C-3 General Commercial district and auto service repair requires a conditional use permit in the C-3 zoning district.

The proposal does not include the interior alteration of the building, its rooms, or its location. There are also no plans to alter the existing exterior building materials, which consist of concrete blocks. However, there are plans to add additional wall signs on the exterior of the building for the Des Plaines Auto Clinic and Tire business.

Family Auto meets parking requirements with six parking spaces available at the southwestern portion of the lot with direct access. Six spaces along the north building elevation and north property line for use by the Des Plaines Auto Clinic and Tire business do not comply with the minimum parking requirement. The property is currently accessed by one curb cut off Des Plaines River Road providing direct access to the existing Des Plaines Auto Clinic and Tire and one curb cut off Elk Boulevard providing access to both businesses.

The existing access and circulation for the northern portion of the property for the Des Plaines Auto Clinic business will change to a one-way drive aisle with six 60-degree parking spaces and one 0-degree (parallel) space. Traffic related to Des Plaines Auto Clinic business will access the subject property from the existing curb cut off Des Plaines River Road and exit through the other existing curb cut off Elk Boulevard without any changes to either curb cut. The striping plan provides a total of seven parking spaces for the Des Plaines Auto Clinic and Tire business, leaving a six-space deficit.

To further address the parking deficiency, Des Plaines Auto Clinic has entered into a collective parking agreement with the Elk's Club at 495 Lee Street for a total of eight parking spaces. A collective agreement can be authorized by the City Council if the property granting the agreement can demonstrate surplus off-street parking spaces are available.

With the collective parking agreement, a minimum of nine off-street parking spaces are required to be located on the subject property. However, even with the new striping plan only seven off-street parking spaces are able to fit on the subject property. A major variation is requested to allow for seven parking spaces to satisfy the off-street parking requirements.

The existing property is void of any landscaping and the petitioner's proposal does not include the addition of any new landscaping. However, given the orientation and positioning of the off-street parking spaces and the close proximity to motorists and pedestrians, staff have added a condition that a minimum 5'-0" wide landscape area is installed directly in front of the striped spaces that face Elk Boulevard to add screening and limit the light pollution from headlights. The existing dumpsters and enclosures for both businesses will continue to be utilized as they are now. Staff have added a condition that all garbage, used tires, and any other debris are kept in the dumpster enclosure at all times

The Des Plaines Auto Clinic is open 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, and closed on Sundays. Their services include tune-ups and servicing for the brake system, engine, exhaust system, tires, transmission, and emissions. They will also offer auto parts and accessories for sale and installation on site. A maximum of two employees will be present on site at a given time.

The PZB voted 4-0 to recommend that City Council approve the requests with the staff recommended conditions.

Staff and the PZB recommend the following conditions:

1. The parking area shall be repaved with a dust-free hard surface and the parking spaces shall be painted on the property to match the approved Site Plan. A revised parking striping plan may be approved by the Community and Economic Development Department if the plans meet requirements of Section 12-9-6 and Site Plan Review standards pursuant to Section 12-3-2.B.
2. Minimum five-foot wide perimeter landscape areas shall be installed along the front of the parking spaces facing Elk Boulevard in compliance with Section 12-10-8.B.
3. Inoperable vehicles shall not be parked or stored outdoors on the Subject Property, except for vehicles waiting to be serviced. No vehicles shall be stored within the drive aisles at any time.
4. Only nine service bays shall be allowed for the life of this conditional use.
5. No auto body related activities are permitted unless this conditional use is amended. Sale and display of motor vehicles is not permitted at any time.
6. Used tires may only be stored inside the building, a dumpster, a fully enclosed fence enclosure, or a permitted accessory structure. A contract with a tire disposal company must be provided to Community and Economic Development staff, or an affidavit must be signed attesting that no used tires will be stored on site.
7. Prior to the time of building permit, the petitioner shall obtain the Des Plaines Fire Department's review and written approval of all waste oil removal arrangements and practices for the Subject Property.

Moved by Lysakowski, seconded by Sayad, to defer First Reading of Ordinance Z-13-24 to the August 5, 2024 City Council meeting, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CONDITIONAL USES FOR 480 S. DES PLAINES RIVER ROAD, DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS. (Case #24-018-CU-V).

Upon voice vote, the vote was:

AYES: 7 - Lysakowski, Oskerka, Sayad, Brookman,
Walsten, Smith, Charewicz

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT: 1 - Moylan

Motion declared carried.

CONSIDER
APPROVING COND
USE PERMITS FOR
TRADE CONTR USES
AT 965 & 975 RAND
RD
Ordinance
Z-14-24

Director of Community and Economic Development Rogers reviewed a memorandum dated June 21, 2024.

The petitioner is requesting conditional uses for two trade contractor uses on the subject properties at 965 & 975 Rand Road.

Staff have received multiple complaints regarding violations on the subject properties related to light pollution, illegal storage, odor, the installation of storage containers, storage of equipment on top of storage containers, fence disrepair, and the parking of a large semitruck on the property. There are some outstanding items on the subject properties.

The subject properties consist of two separate parcels—both located in the C-3 General Commercial district—which are under common ownership. Trade contractor uses require a conditional use in the C-3 district. The petitioners, Peter Wrzesinski of Advanced Roofing and Norma Diamano of Landscaping by AD INC, are requesting conditional use requests for two existing trade contractor uses: one for Advanced Roofing and the other for Landscaping by AD INC. Currently, both uses operate out of the southmost building located on 975 Rand Road. However, the Landscaping by AD INC business is interested in utilizing the rear portion of the property at 965 Rand Road for parking and storage of its vehicles.

The conditional use requests are related to the existing trade contractor businesses operating out of the southmost building at 975 Rand Road. While there are no proposed changes to the existing building itself, there are proposed changes to the site, especially in regard to designated parking and storage areas for each trade contractor business. The proposal does not include any changes to the exterior metal building façade of the existing two-story building.

There are no minimum parking requirements for trade contractor uses. 14 parking spaces will be available on 965 Rand Road and 22 parking spaces—including one accessible space—will be available for 975 Rand Road totaling 36 off-street parking spaces between both properties. However, considerations shall be made based on the following:

- The anticipated number of employees and members of the public that would visit the subject properties for the existing trade contractor uses.
- The loss of off-street parking from the conversion of existing parking areas to private parking and storage for the trade contractor uses.
- The minimum requirement of two parking spaces for each apartment unit totaling eight, including at least one accessible space.
- The parking requirement for the future user of the vacant building at 965 Rand Road.

There is a sufficient supply of parking spaces between the subject properties. However, the allocation of parking spaces needs to be adjusted in order to ensure that an adequate number of parking spaces are available for each use. Staff have added a condition requiring the petitioner to reallocate the parking spaces to meet the minimum parking requirements.

There is currently one two-way travel access point off Rand Road for each of the subject properties, which will both be maintained as part of this proposal without any changes. While both curb cuts are wide at the street, the specific width of these curb cuts is not identified on

the ALTA-NSPS Land Title Survey or the Site Plan. If a width of a minimum of 22 feet in width for two-way travel and a minimum of 12 feet in width for one-way travel cannot be obtained, then the direction of travel of the entrances to the subject properties will need to be adjusted as necessary to ensure adequate access to and from both sites.

Depending on the access type for these entrances, existing striped parking spaces may need to be altered or removed to accommodate the appropriate drive aisle width. Staff has added a condition that the parking space dimensions, drive aisle widths, and direction of travel arrows for all drive aisles are added.

Aerial photos and Site and Context Photos indicate that both uses are currently storing a combination of vehicles, equipment, and products outside on both properties. In addition, shipping containers have been installed on the subject property for additional storage space outside of the existing building, which is not expressly allowed. However, the Zoning Ordinance does provide a specific consideration for trade contractor uses. Since the Advanced Roofing and Landscaping by AD businesses meet the definition of a trade contractor, Section 12-7-3.F.5.d provides both with allowances for outdoor display and storage of finished or prefabricated products with some restrictions.

With these regulations in mind, staff have added a separate condition requiring compliance with all of the regulations in Section 12-7-3.F.5.d of the Zoning Ordinance and the replacement of the storage containers with an approved accessory structure and removing any stored materials from a portion of the rear yard in an effort to alleviate concerns and complaints from the neighboring residents to the south.

The existing site contains some natural vegetation along its south boundary and minimal landscape improvements up near the front of the properties. Given that the subject properties directly abut residential properties to the south a landscape buffer is required. Since these details are not provided, staff have added a condition requiring a diagram illustrating the required improvements in the form of a separate landscape plan or as a detail on the Site Plan.

The PZB voted 4-0 to recommend that City Council approve the requests with the staff recommended conditions.

Staff and the PZB recommend the following conditions:

1. The outdoor display and storage of products shall follow all regulations in Section 12-7-3.F.5.d of the Zoning Ordinance at all times. Any products, materials, and items that are not classified as finished or prefabricated products must be stored inside the principal building or in an approved accessory structure, excluding shipping containers which are not allowed and shall be removed from the property.
2. Waste, debris, and other garbage accumulated through off-site operations for both trade contractor uses shall be completely discarded prior to returning to the subject properties each day. At no time shall waste, debris, and garbage be left outside on the subject properties, except in designated dumpster containers.
3. The area designated for the Landscaping by AD parking and storage shall be restriped accordingly in conformance with Section 12-9-6 of the Zoning Ordinance prior to issuance of business registration.

Alderman Smith expressed concern regarding the lack of landscaping or a fence between the property and the residential area.

Director of CED Rogers stated for the new use area of the property that is not non-conforming, they are improving the property with landscaping and fencing.

Alderman Smith expressed a large concern regarding possible animals being housed in the non-operational vet clinic, and the wellbeing of such animals.

Director of CED Rogers stated the city issued the tenant an operation violation and a citation on Friday, and it is the City’s understanding that as of today the animals have been removed. He also stated there is a site inspection scheduled for tomorrow, but the tenant requested an extension to July 18th. He stated the City will monitor and continue to inspect, but ultimately the tenant/owner would need to give access to perform an inspection inside the building.

Mayor Goczkowski stated that the reason that the City Council would not advance this to second reading today is because it is an additional incentive for them to address the issues before the City moves forward.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Brookman, to Approve as Amended First Reading of Ordinance Z-14-24 including two additional conditions of a screening fence six to eight feet in accordance with City Code and appropriate landscaping, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS FOR TRADE CONTRACTOR USES AT 965 AND 975 RAND ROAD, DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS. (Case #24-021- CU).
No Vote.

Alderman Lysakowski stated he is hesitant to move forward with this ordinance which gives them the right to do something when there are other violations seen in the agenda pictures of the property. He further mentioned they should be compliant with their property before they receive any opportunity to present something.

Alderman Brookman stated she was going to ask for a consensus to see if the aldermen would like to defer the ordinance until the property owners come into compliance.

General Counsel Friedman recommended the City Council proceed with a motion to defer as opposed to a consensus since there is already a motion on the table.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Lysakowski, a substitute motion to defer the Amended First Reading of Ordinance Z-14-24 to the second City Council meeting in August, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS FOR TRADE CONTRACTOR USES AT 965 AND 975 RAND ROAD, DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS. (Case #24-021- CU).

Upon voice vote, the vote was:

- AYES: 7 - Lysakowski, Oskerka, Sayad, Brookman, Walsten, Smith, Charewicz
 - NAYS: 0 - None
 - ABSENT: 1 - Moylan
- Motion declared carried.

PUBLIC WORKS - Alderman Charewicz, Chair

Director of Public Works and Engineering Oakley reviewed a memorandum dated July 3, 2024.

Both the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) have mandated that all community water supplies submit a final Lead Line Replacement Plan by April 15, 2027. Additionally, in connection with the plan, both agencies have mandated that community water supplies must start replacing lead/galvanized service lines regardless of who owns the water service line.

CONSIDER
AMENDING THE
CITY CODE RE THE
RPL OF LEAD &
CERTAIN GALV WTR
SVC LINES
Ordinance
M-11-24

At its June 3, 2024 Public Works Committee of the Whole Meeting, the City Council provided direction that the cost to replace the customer portion of lead/galvanized water service lines would be paid for by the City.

The ordinance states the City's intent to pay for the replacement of lead/galvanized water service lines. This does require revision to the current ordinance, Section 9-1-3.M, Water Service Line Maintenance.

The ordinance further defines the eligible costs that the City will pay for and the ineligible costs that the City will not pay for. Also, 1" diameter water services will be installed in connection with the program. If a larger diameter water service is requested, the homeowner would be responsible for the difference in cost. Typically, the upcharge for a 1.5" diameter water service is \$5 per foot.

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance M-11-24.

Moved by Charewicz, seconded by Smith, to Approve First Reading of Ordinance M-11-24, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE REGARDING THE REPLACEMENT OF LEAD AND CERTAIN GALVANIZED WATER SERVICE LINES.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 - Lysakowski, Oskerka, Sayad, Brookman,
Walsten, Smith, Charewicz

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT: 1 - Moylan

Motion declared carried.

Advanced to second reading by Charewicz, seconded by Brookman, to Adopt the Ordinance M-11-24, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE REGARDING THE REPLACEMENT OF LEAD AND CERTAIN GALVANIZED WATER SERVICE LINES.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 - Lysakowski, Oskerka, Sayad, Brookman,
Walsten, Smith, Charewicz

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT: 1 - Moylan

Motion declared carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY– Alderman Oskerka, Chair

DISC RE EMERG WARN SIRENS & TRANS TO AUTO ACT

Fire Chief Matzl reviewed a memorandum dated June 17, 2024.

The City of Des Plaines is transitioning the management of our dispatch services from Wheeling Dispatch to Cook County Dispatch. This transition provides an opportunity to update our emergency warning sirens system and implement an automated activation system based on National Weather Service (NWS) data.

Historically, a duty officer continuously monitored weather reports and alerts from the NWS and other reliable sources and triggered the warning sirens manually. With this change in programming, the process will be automated, activating sirens based on NWS criteria that pose significant threats to safety and property. These updates are part of our ongoing efforts to enhance public safety and emergency response capabilities.

Under the new system, the activation conditions will be:

- Tornado Warnings: Sirens will activate when a tornado warning is issued for our area, continuing the current practice.

- Severe Wind: Sirens will activate when wind speeds are forecasted or observed to exceed 80 miles per hour.
- Large Hail: Sirens will activate when hail with a diameter of 2.75 inches or greater is forecasted or observed. Both the "Hail" and "Severe Wind" parameters would be added in addition to the current "Tornado Warnings."

The NWS algorithms will trigger the sirens via the Federal Signal software when the specified conditions are met. In case of system failure or the need for manual activation, a duty officer is authorized to activate the emergency warning sirens. Additionally, Fire and Police Command Staff have the capability to activate the sirens remotely, if necessary.

This transition aims to improve the efficiency and reliability of our emergency warning system, providing better advanced warning for our community during severe weather events. Residents may notice the sirens activating more frequently than in the past. This increased activation is designed to provide earlier warnings and help the community take the necessary precautions.

This change can take place as soon as the Public Safety Committee discusses the above changes and recommends any further action or information. The Des Plaines Fire, Police and Media Services Departments will work cooperatively to update the community when the transition is complete.

Both the Fire and Police Departments recommend adjusting the current emergency warning siren practice.

The agenda item was for discussion only and no action by the City Council was taken.

**OTHER ALDERMEN
COMMENTS FOR
THE GOOD OF THE
ORDER**

Alderman Sayad thanked Pesche's for their 100 year anniversary celebration on Saturday, and thanked them for their years of service to Des Plaines.

Alderman Brookman encouraged the aldermen to go to the old Excuses and look at the establishment; she mentioned they have done an incredible job.

Resident Chris Prospero requested to make a public comment on an item that was not on tonight's agenda.

Mayor Goczkowski approved the addition of the public comment.

The resident asked if a dispensary is being placed at the former Little Villa building, and inquired about conditional use permit requirements. He mentioned differentiating information between the last seventh ward meeting and a recent newspaper article.

Mayor Goczkowski stated that a conditional use permit for a cannabis dispensary is not required for that property.

Director of CED Rogers stated the city does not have any business registration applications for that property. He stated there was a request for confirmation of cannabis dispensary zoning requirements for that site. He stated at this point the city is aware that an applicant is pursuing a state license for cannabis dispensary on that site, but they have not yet received it nor has the city approved any license for cannabis dispensary.

The resident asked how the ward will be notified when the dispensary does request a license.

Director of CED Rogers stated an email will be distributed to the recipients of the seventh ward email if and when a business registration is filed with the City.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

/s/ Jessica M. Mastalski
Jessica M. Mastalski – CITY CLERK

APPROVED BY ME THIS 5th
DAY OF August, 2024

/s/ Andrew Goczkowski
Andrew Goczkowski, MAYOR