

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS HELD IN THE ELEANOR ROHRBACH MEMORIAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, DES PLAINES CIVIC CENTER, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Des Plaines, Illinois, was called to order by Mayor Goczkowski at 6:05 p.m. in the Eleanor Rohrbach Memorial Council Chambers, Des Plaines Civic Center on Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present were:

City Manager Wisniewski and Director of Finance Podbial

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE**

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

**ALDERMAN SAYAD DECLARED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL WAS NOW RESOLVED INTO A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE – Alderman Sayad, Chair**

**2024 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Chairman Sayad gave an introduction to the second half of the 2024 Proposed City Budget.

**LIBRARY**

Des Plaines Library Assistant Director Laurie Papadourakis spoke on behalf of the library.

*Council Request:* None

**OVERHEAD**

Des Plaines History Center Executive Director Kurt Begalka spoke on behalf of the history center.

Moved by Walsten, seconded by Oskerka, to Approve the Des Plaines History Center request of \$75,000.00.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 - Lysakowski, Oskerka, Sayad,  
Walsten, Smith, Charewicz

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT: 2 - Moylan, Brookman

Motion declared carried.

**TIF#1**

*Council Request:* None

**TIF#3**

*Council Request:* None

**TIF#5**

*Council Request:* None

**TIF#6**

*Council Request:* None

**TIF#7**

*Council Request:* None

**TIF#8**

*Council Request:* None

**MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND**

*Council Request:* None

**CDBG FUND** *Council Request:* None

**GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS** *Council Request:* None

**GAMING TAX FUND** *Council Request:* None

**DEBT SERVICE** *Council Request:* None

**CAPITAL PROJECTS** *Council Request:* None

**EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT** *Council Request:* None

**IT REPLACEMENT** *Council Request:* None

**FACILITIES REPLACEMENT** Mayor Goczkowski requested to reallocate the funds in the request for a Civic Center parking deck, while moving forward with the \$500,000.00 for professional services; having the \$5,000,000.00 for flexible use for other downtown redevelopment plans. He further inquired if a vote would be needed for a reallocation.

City Manager Wisniewski stated that a vote is not needed, with consensus of the City Council the line item could be updated from Civic Center parking deck to downtown redevelopment.

Mayor Goczkowski stated that another issue that has been brought to his attention from Go Green Des Plaines is the possibility of updating the City’s sustainability plan. He stated he would like the City to allocate \$150,000.00 for the update of the sustainability plan.

City Manager Wisniewski stated it is her recommendation to add that to public works administration under professional services.

Moved by Walsten, seconded by Oskerka, to Approve \$150,000.00 for the update of the Sustainability Plan.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5 - Lysakowski, Oskerka, Walsten, Smith, Charewicz

NAYS: 1 - Sayad

ABSENT: 2 - Moylan, Brookman

Motion declared carried.

**WATER/SEWER FUND** *Council Request:* None

**CITY-OWNED PARKING** *Council Request:* None

**METRA-LEASED PARKING** *Council Request:* None

**RISK MANAGEMENT** *Council Request:* None

**HEALTH BENEFITS**    *Council Request:* None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**    None

**ADJOURNMENT**    Moved by Lysakowski, seconded by Oskerka to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

/s/ Jessica M. Mastalski  
Jessica M. Mastalski, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS   4th    
DAY OF November, 2024

/s/ Andrew Goczkowski  
Andrew Goczkowski, MAYOR