



City of Palos Heights

License, Permits & Franchises Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

7:00 PM

Via Electronic Participation

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lewandowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Alderman Kramarski, Alderman Basso, Alderman McGrogan, Building Commissioner Chris Kransberger (electronic), and Recording Secretary Margaret Carey. Also in attendance was Charlie Hankus (I.T.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Lewandowski made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting, seconded by Alderman McGrogan. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

PERMIT & CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Commissioner Kransberger referred to the permit report in the agenda packet. For the permit period from Jan. 8 – Feb. 4, 2021, the City has collected \$18,328.81, with 8 permits issued. There were 8 code enforcement cases and 31 inspections for that same period.

BUSINESS LICENSE REPORT

For the 2021 business licenses, \$66,333.25 has been invoiced and \$51,626.00 has been collected thus far.

VEHICLE STICKER REPORT

No report.

PERMANENT SIGN REQUEST – 12575 S. Ridgeland Avenue (Leadership Resources)

Mr. Hill from Leadership Resources participated electronically and explained they are a non-profit organization and are undergoing a name change and need a new sign. The requirements for monument signs are a challenge for them because the cost is very high. Mr. Hill requested a variance to purchase a less expensive type of sign. The Committee reviewed the information and discussed, noting that all other businesses in the area have complied with the code and it is an enhancement to the City.

Alderman Lewandowski made a motion to approve the Permanent Sign request from Leadership Resources. There was no second. The motion failed.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE FOR SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY

Commissioner Kransberger explained the State has mandated that we allow 5G towers in our City. This ordinance would help to establish parameters with regard to how and where the towers are placed. The Committee discussed and directed Commissioner Kransberger to follow up with the City Attorney.

Alderman McGrogan made a motion to approve moving ahead with adopting an ordinance for small cell wireless facilities within the City – with a provision that ensures the Public Works Director would have a reporting mechanism to City Council about cell tower installation activity, seconded by Alderman Kramarski. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. **AGENDA**

REQUEST FOR EXTENDED LEAVE – PER POLICY

Alderman Lewandowski made a motion to approve an extended un-paid leave for a Building Department employee until the week of May 17, 2021, seconded by Alderman Kramarski. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. **AGENDA**

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Basso discussed the topic of rapidly changing technology and alternative cell towers. Some towers are designed to blend in with the natural landscape, and are barely discernable.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Alderman Lewandowski made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Kramarski. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Carey, Recording Secretary