

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – February 9, 2010**

Mayor Ken Nelson called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mayor Nelson led the pledge

ROLL CALL:

Present: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D’Astice, Larsen

Absent:

Staff Members Present: City Manager Sarah Phillips, Public Works Director Fred Vogt, Community Development Director Valerie Dehner, Fire Chief Ron Stewart, Police Chief Dave Scanlan, Senior Accountant Melissa Gallagher, City Attorney Jim Macholl, Assistant City Engineer Jason Souden, Assistant City Manager Barry Krumstok

Mayor Ken Nelson read the following statement:

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE ARE REMINDED THAT THESE PROCEEDINGS ARE BEING VIDEO TAPED FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE BROADCAST OVER THE CITY’S CABLE TELEVISION CHANNEL.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Alderman Buske moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2010 Council Meeting; seconded by Alderman Larsen.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D’Astice, Larsen

Nays: 0

Absent:

Minutes Approved

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

Alderman D’Astice made a motion to deviate for Public Hearing, seconded by Alderman Pitzafarro.

Unanimous

1) Public Hearing - CDBG Application and 5-Year Consolidated Plan

The Cook County Bureau of Administration requires the City of Rolling Meadows to hold a Public Hearing regarding Cook County Community Development Block Grant Applications for Funding in Program Year 2010.

Let the record show this Public Hearing opened at 7:31 p.m. on February 9, 2010.

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The City of Rolling Meadows intends to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for funding of ADA and building improvements at the Rolling Meadows Park District Senior Center. No other applications have been received to date for use of Cook County Community Development Block Grant funds for the 2010 application cycle.

Is there anyone in the audience that wishes to speak regarding the Cook County 2010 Community Development Block Grant Program?

No one came forward.

The Cook County Bureau of Administration also requires that the City submit potential programs and project needs for the preparation of a Five-Year Consolidated Plan, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan is to include both the needs as identified by the City and any of the non-profit agencies located within the Municipality that wishes to submit a program. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan, as currently proposed, includes the following proposed projects:

<u>Local Agency Program</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Project Proposed</u>
Rolling Meadows Park District	2010	Senior Center ADA Improvements
Rolling Meadows Park District	2011	Kimball Hill Park ADA Improvements
Rolling Meadows Park District	2012	Waverly Park ADA Improvements
City of Rolling Meadows	2013	Algonquin Parkway & Route 62 Intersection and Public Transportation Improvements
Rolling Meadows Park District	2014	North Salk Park ADA Improvements

A copy of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan as proposed is attached within the City Council packet and is on file with the City Clerk for public review.

Is there anyone in the audience that wishes to speak regarding the Cook County Five-Year Consolidated Plan project and program proposal to be submitted by the City of Rolling Meadows?

No one came forward.

Let the record show this Public Hearing closed at 7:33 p.m., on February 9, 2010.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

As mentioned in the January/February "News & Views" residents and businesses can sign up to receive emergency and community alerts. To do so, please visit the City's website at www.cityrm.org and click on the "Citizen Alert – Notification Sign Up" icon. Everbridge – Citizen Alert System is administered by the Northwest Central Dispatch System. Once you have registered, this system will be able to communicate critical information to residents and businesses before, during and after emergency situations, such as natural disasters, missing persons, or other crises that impact the City.

Reminder that the Cancer Awareness Banners are for sale until March 1st. Please visit the City website or City Hall for order forms.

"Crazy about Cakes" – Saturday, February 13th, starts at 10:30 am at the Rolling Meadows Library. Watch Amy Alessio lead participants through a fast paced history of vintage cakes and munch on some samples. Participants will receive recipes to take home and enjoy. To register, call the library at 847-259-6050 or stop by the Welcome Desk.

On Sunday, February 14th at 2:00 pm there will be an Arts Alive Concert. "The Four Betty's Barbershop Quartet" also known as the "The Queens of Harmony" will be conducting a Valentine's Day afternoon concert at the Rolling Meadows Library. What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day afternoon than at your local library where participants will also be able to meet the Four Betty's over coffee and sweet treats following the concert. Free tickets are available at the Welcome Desk, or call the Library at 847-259-6050 to reserve them. This concert is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Statistics show that cancer will affect one out of every three people in their lifetime. The American Cancer Society's 37th annual "Daffodil Days" is just one way that they fundraise so all individuals can take an active role in conquering cancer. The City of Rolling Meadows has some order forms if you would like to participate or you can contact American Cancer Society Staff Partner Sara Hammuck at 847-368-1166. If you want additional order forms or if you would like to coordinate a "Daffodil Days" at your office, please stop by the American Cancer Society's Arlington Heights Office located at 1114 N. Arlington Heights Road (2nd floor). Deadline for orders will be Friday, February 19th. Deliveries will be the week of March 15th.

The Golden Years Club is in need of volunteers. Some of the areas are woodshop supervisor, gift shop sales people, office help, special events, and Golden Nuggets. Additionally, the Golden Years Club Spring 2010 Program Guide is out. If you have not received one or would like to volunteer, please contact the Senior Center at 847-818-3205 or stop by the office located at 3705 Pheasant Drive.

Thursday, February 18th is the Golden Years Luncheon – For additional information, like cost and entertainment, please contact the Senior Center office at 847-818-3205. The deadline to register is Thursday, February 11th.

WARD REPORTS:

Ward 1 – Alderman Pitzaferro:

Received a phone call last night from a gentleman named Bill who lives at South and Oriole regarding the intersection of Kirchoff and Wilke and the dangers of people going through the red light. He would like to see a “Red Light” camera put up at that intersection. Will be at a future Council meeting.

Ward 2 – Alderman Lusk:

Thanked all personnel who are out on the streets tonight during the snow storm.

Ward 3 – Alderman Buske:

None

Ward 4 – Alderman Judd:

None

Ward 5 – Alderman Adams:

None

Ward 6 – Alderman D’Astice:

None

Ward 7 – Alderman Larsen:

None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

No one came forward.

Mayor Ken Nelson closed the floor.

➤ **PENDING:**

None

➤ **CONSENT: ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING:**

None

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills on Warrant 2-09-2010

Alderman Lusk made a motion to approve Warrant, seconded by Alderman Buske.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D'Astice, Larsen

Nays: none

Absent:

Warrant Passed

B. Resolution No. 10-R-10 / Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Palatine Park District for Plum Grove Bikepath Engineering, Land Acquisition, and Construction Costs

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Lusk made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

Alderman D'Astice: As much as he thinks bikepaths are a nicety, they are really a want, not a need. He will not vote in favor in these hard economic times and encourages the rest of Council to do the same.

Alderman Judd: With regards to the right-of-way purchases, is that a fixed figure?

Mr. Vogt: It is not a fixed figure, but a best estimate. They are three relatively small parcels.

Alderman Judd: He is concerned about paying 2007 or 2008 prices for land that has gone down in value.

Mr. Vogt: We will have current appraisals.

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Alderman Lusk: What are the ramifications for the future if we turn this down now?

Ms. Phillips: That is a large unknown. Most state and federal agencies don't take kindly to turning down money that you have shown a need for, but that is not to say that we won't get money in the future. The important thing to realize is that while we understand that the streets are a main source of transportation the bikepaths are as well.

Alderman Lusk: Could we be hurting our chances for future grants?

Mr. Vogt: Believes that turning this money down could hurt our chances in the future.

Alderman Lusk: This money is earmarked in the budget?

Mr. Vogt: Yes.

Alderman Lusk: She will support.

Alderman Buske: Agrees with Alderman D'Astice to a point. We are laying people off this year and he does not think this is the time to spend this money. He rarely sees people using the bikepaths. We should discuss further with Palatine Park District. He will not vote in favor.

Alderman Adams: Agrees with Aldermen D'Astice and Buske however, the bikepaths are in places where we had sidewalks or they are in place of sidewalks.

Alderman Pitzafarro: He is torn on this issue. He prides himself on being fiscally responsible, but understands the need for this bikepath. He uses the bikepath often with his family and sees many other people on the paths. He will vote in favor.

Alderman D'Astice: Anyone can rationalize why we should do this, but does not want to look in somebody's face that we laid off. He does not think this is the time to do it.

Alderman Pitzafarro: Wouldn't want to look into a parent's face when their child has been hurt riding in the street. This is a safety issue.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Judd, Adams, Larsen

Nays: Buske, D'Astice

Absent:

Resolution Passed

C. Resolution No. 10-R-11 / Award Contract for Plum Grove Road Bikepath Extension Phase III Construction Engineering Services and Agreement with IDOT

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Lusk made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

Yeas: Pitzferro, Lusk, Judd, Adams, Larsen

Nays: Buske, D'Astice

Absent:

Resolution Passed

D. Resolution No. 10-R-12 / Approve Agreement with IDOT for Plum Grove Road Bikepath Extension Right-of-Way Costs

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Lusk made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

Yeas: Pitzferro, Lusk, Judd, Adams, Larsen

Nays: Buske, D'Astice

Absent:

Resolution Passed

E. Resolution No. 10-R-13 / Approve Agreement with IDOT for Plum Grove Road Bikepath Extension Construction Costs

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Lusk made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

Alderman Lusk: When we get to this point, she would like Mr. Vogt to approach Council again and determine whether this could be moved to 2011.

Yeas: Pitzferro, Lusk, Judd, Adams, Larsen

Nays: Buske, D'Astice

Absent:

Resolution Passed

F. Resolution No. 10-R-14 / Authorize Submittal of a 5-Year Consolidated Plan for the Cook County CDBG Program

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Lusk made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Buske.

Alderman Buske: Do we do all the paperwork?

Mr. Vogt: The Park District does the bulk of the work. We let them know what the requirements are and they turn them in to us and we submit it.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D'Astice, Larsen

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

G. Resolution No. 10-R-15 / Approve CDBG Application

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Lusk made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman D'Astice.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D'Astice, Larsen

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

H. Resolution No. 10-R-16 / Authorize Cancellation of New World Contract

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Lusk made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman D'Astice.

Alderman Buske: The Resolution reads that the City Manager is authorized to send a 90 day cancellation notice to New World effective upon the end of the City's fiscal year. We use a calendar year. Will have to go all the way to December again?

Mr. Macholl: Our calendar and fiscal year are the same. There is a provision in the contract that we can cancel at any time upon prior written notice 90 days prior to the end of our fiscal year.

Alderman Lusk: So we will be paying through the end of the year and still not receive things we should have received in 2008?

Mr. Macholl: That is the outside possibility. This is separate and apart from that.

Alderman Judd: When did conversations begin with New World about possibly not paying this?

Chief Scanlan: December of 2009.

Alderman Judd: They have not fulfilled some of the things in the contract.

Chief Scanlan: Correct, we are not using the version that we are paying for.

Alderman Judd: Would like to make a Motion to take out “next fiscal year” and put in “December 2009”.

Mr. Macholl: We cannot do that. We have to give them 90 days notice.

Alderman Judd: Can we be assured that we will not have to pay the \$52,000?

Mr. Macholl: Not at this point in time.

Alderman Judd: When can we be assured?

Mr. Macholl: When things begin to unfold he can tell Council how it unfolded.

Mayor Nelson: There is a clause that we have to give formal written notice.

Alderman Larsen: This is a formality of giving them notice?

Mr. Macholl: Correct.

Alderman Larsen: Can Mr. Macholl give us his opinion on how it could unfold?

Mayor Nelson: Does not want to do that in an open forum at this time.

Alderman Larsen: Another issue is that we are not using the most current version?

Chief Scanlan: Correct.

Alderman Pitzafarro: Move the question.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D’Astice, Larsen

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

I. Resolution No. 10-R-17 / Authorize Cancellation of APS Contract

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Buske made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Lusk.

Alderman Buske: Are we going to have any overlapping with these cancellations and going with ID Networks?

Chief Scanlan: Does not know, but it is possible.

Alderman Pitzafarro: Move the question.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D'Astice, Larsen

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

J. Resolution No. 10-R-18 / Award Contract for ID Networks

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Buske made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman D'Astice.

Alderman Buske: Would like to make sure that everyone has had their chance to talk before someone Moves the Question.

Mayor Nelson: Anyone has the right to move the question according to Roberts Rules.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D'Astice, Larsen

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

K. Resolution No. 10-R-19 / Award Contract for Environmental Study

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Lusk made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Buske.

Alderman Judd: Will not support for a number of reasons. We do not even know if this station will even be built. He is bothered with using Christophe Burke without getting other proposals from other firms. He is against spending \$3,000 for a botanist.

Mayor Nelson: The requirement to looking at wildlife and trees is an environmental requirement.

Alderman D'Astice: He also will not support this. He feels that it could be deferred until we know whether this fire station will be built.

Alderman Pitzafarro: Agrees with Aldermen Judd & D'Astice. He has been against building this station almost from the beginning. He recalls that this station would only be built as long as we had a development agreement with Pine Tree.

Mayor Nelson: The fire station was in development long before the redevelopment of Twelve Oaks.

Alderman Lusk: Can this be deferred for 6 months?

Chief Stewart: Does not have a definitive answer, but can talk with the Grant Administrators. He has received direction from them to keep the project going.

Alderman Lusk made a motion to postpone until February 23rd, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

Yeas: Lusk, Adams, D'Astice, Larsen

Nays: Pitzafarro, Buske, Judd

Absent:

Resolution Postponed

L. Resolution No. 10-R-20 / Authorize Placement of Temporary Signs on Public Right-of-Way - American Youth Soccer Organization of Rolling Meadows

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Buske.

Alderman D'Astice: Mr. Temple, Commissioner of AYSO is here with a sample sign should Council want to see it. He will support.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion open the floor, seconded by Alderman Buske.

Unanimous

Mr. Temple, 4501 Ferntree Lane, came forward with a sample sign that they would like to post.

Alderman Lusk: Will support this

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to close the floor, seconded by Alderman Buske

Unanimous

Alderman Buske: We get several of these requests during the year and he believes that when they come forward and follow the rules and come to Council for approval it would be a slap in the face to deny them.

Alderman Judd: We have an ordinance that we do not allow these signs. He believes that the entire sign ordinance should be rewritten.

Alderman Adams: Wouldn't mind taking a look at the ordinance that would allow certain organizations to post their signs without having to come before Council every year. He thanked these organizations for coming to Council and getting permission and going through proper procedures.

Alderman Pitzafarro: Likes people coming to Council meetings, but has not looked at the perspective of wasting Staff time.

Mayor Nelson: His concern with changing the ordinance could be running into legal issues by limiting the organizations.

Alderman Larsen: How much time is involved?

Ms. Dehner: Possibly a couple of hours of administrative time and possibly additional time if the signs are not picked up. Sees the requests increasing, as we are already on our third one and it is only February.

Alderman Buske: Realizes that this takes time, but we should take time assisting our residents.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Adams, D' Astice, Larsen
Nays: Judd
Absent:

Resolution Passed

**M. Resolution No. 10-R-21 / Authorize Placement of Temporary Signs on Public Right-of-Way -
Rolling Meadows High School Booster Club**

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Lusk made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman D' Astice.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Adams, D' Astice, Larsen
Nays: Judd
Absent:

Resolution Passed

N. Resolution No. 10-R-22 / Approve Recommendation of the Cook County Approval of a 6b Classification Tax Incentive for LEMD, LLC d/b/a LC Mold, Inc., 3640 Edison Place

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Buske made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Lusk.

Alderman Lusk: This is a business that wants to move into Ward 2 and she will be supporting.

Mayor Nelson: This building has been vacant for 4 years?

Ms. Phillips: Correct.

Alderman Buske: Likes that he will be bringing in more employees from Rolling Meadows. It is a win-win across the board.

Alderman D'Astice: Looks good to him and he will support, but will not support an extension.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D'Astice, Larsen

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

O. Resolution No. 10-R-23 / Approve Amendment to FY2010 Staffing Plan

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Buske.

Alderman D'Astice: There were conversations about creating or amending a resolution that would have the effect of adjusting the staffing plan when there was a retirement or termination. Has there been any progress?

Mr. Macholl: It could still be further discussed and pursued.

Alderman Lusk: She is truly saddened that we are adjusting our staffing plan again and wishes everyone the best.

Alderman Judd: We continue to follow the same path that we have followed for the past few years hoping for a different result.

Yeas: Lusk, Buske, Adams, D'Astice, Larsen

Nays: Pitzafarro, Judd

Absent:

Resolution Passed

P. Resolution No. 10-R-24 / Approve Agreement for Paramedic Preceptor Training

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Lusk made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman D' Astice.

Alderman D' Astice: The \$2.75 that the trainer will receive, is that inclusive or exclusive of payroll tax and benefits.

Ms. Phillips: That is gross.

Chief Stewart: The \$2.75 is a stipend.

Alderman Adams: Is this the way we handled this in the past?

Chief Stewart: In the past, some of the guys have offered to do this at no cost, but we are now working with Harper College. This is a different approach for us.

Alderman Adams: This training takes place with the paramedic while they are on duty?

Chief Stewart: Yes.

Alderman Adams: Thinks that it is pretty sad that we are hitting up the students for this training.

Alderman Buske: Agrees with Alderman Adams. This work is done on the clock. At such a low cost it is nonsense.

Alderman Larsen: We may not like it, but it is part of the contract.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D' Astice, Larsen

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments:
Mayor's Proclamation:
City Clerk's Report:
City Staff Reports:

1) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00

Alderman Buske: What is the Emergency Services Team Mobile Team Force Membership?

Chief Scanlan: The police version of MABAS

2) Presentation of the February 16th Committee of the Whole Agenda

Mayor Nelson: Added "Emergency Operations Plan Update" to Agenda.

Alderman D'Astice: Would like a discussion on "Automatic Staffing Plan Changes" added to a future Committee of the Whole agenda.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to accept the February 16th Committee of the Whole Agenda as amended; seconded by Alderman Buske.

Unanimous

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Chief Stewart: Training will be taking place on Barker Lake from February 17th thru 19th.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Alderman D'Astice moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

UNANIMOUS

City Council meeting of February 9, 2010 adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

February 9, 2010 Minutes Approved by Council on February 23, 2010



Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk