

**MINUTES  
CITY OF DEKALB  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2016**

The City Council of DeKalb, Illinois held a Regular meeting on March 14, 2016, in the City Council Chambers of the DeKalb Municipal Building, 200 South Fourth Street, DeKalb, Illinois.

Mayor Rey called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Jennifer Jeep Johnson called the roll, and the following members of the City Council were present: Alderman Dave Jacobson, Alderman Bill Finucane, Alderman Michael Marquardt, Alderman Bob Snow, Alderman Kate Noreiko, Alderman Dave Baker, Alderman Tony Faivre and Mayor John Rey.

Also present were: City Manager Anne Marie Gaura, Assistant City Manager Patty Hoppenstedt, City Attorney Dean Frieders, Finance Director Cathy Haley, Police Chief Gene Lowery, Fire Chief Eric Hicks, Community Development Director Ellen Divita, Public Works Director Tim Holdeman, Principal Planner Derek Hiland, Management Analyst Lauren Stott, and City Clerk Jennifer Jeep Johnson.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Detective Sullivan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Additions / Deletions**

**D. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Public Hearing Regarding an Annexation Agreement for the Puri DeKalb Development.

Attorney Jeff Lewis, attorney for Sycamore Road Development, LLC, provided that he had negotiated a recapture agreement he'd like taken into account for whomever buys to the south.

**E. SPECIAL ITEMS OR PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS**

1. Special Items
  - a. Proudly DeKalb
    - Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

Finance Director Haley introduced Mr. Peter Stefan, DeKalb County Finance Director, to introduce the award. He explained what is required in order to be considered for the award, and the goals of the process, including to improve the quality of the budgeting process. He applauded the City's efforts, and presented the award to the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Rey asked how many recipients have received the award at their first pass. Mr. Stefan explained that it is very rare to receive the award upon first submission, and so offered his congratulations.

- DeKalb High School Marching Barbs.

Mayor Rey introduced the Director of the Marching Barbs, Mr. Steve Lundin, and the band played for Council.

Mr. Lundin thanked Council for inviting the band to play and explained that in 2017, the band will be in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ireland. He explained it is one of the biggest things the band has ever attempted, so they are fundraising and looking for support.

- b. Hope Haven's FY2016 Human Services Funding Report by Men's Emergency Shelter Coordinator Mike Newman.

Mr. Newman provided background information on Hope Haven, and introduced the rapid rehousing model, stating they housed 13 families for under 90 days.

He added that they provide emergency housing for families and single women, and men, as well as permanent housing for single occupants with a diagnosis of mental illness.

Mr. Newman reported that their emergency housing program served 191 residents during the last fiscal year.

He highlighted that mental health services are provided at the shelter, with a psych doctor coming into the shelter once a week. He stated that 31% of their residents are diagnosed mentally ill, a reality which requires funding. He highlighted their collaboration with the police department, stating the effort has all but eliminated homelessness.

Alderman Baker complimented Mr. Newman's presentation, and stated he is happy for their successful expansion. He suggested that Mr. Newman make his presentation to the Sycamore City Council as well.

Mr. Newman explained they represent the whole County, so there are residents from Sycamore, and he'll look into whether funding is received directly from their City.

Mr. Newman thanked the City and added that 55,359 meals were provided to residents of DeKalb County. He encouraged everyone to support their efforts, and drew attention to the needs of the mentally ill.

2. Presentations

a. Nicor Gas Infrastructure Improvement Program.

Public Works Director Holdeman provided background on the issue, explaining that improvements would be made, including replacing gas mains.

Mr. Dave Petrilla of Nicor provided background on the Investing in Illinois Program, an infrastructure improvement initiative, which is a 10 year program. He explained it will improve the reliability and enhance the safety of the mechanisms used to utilize natural gas. He added that the enhancements will impact and improve business development and activity, as well as provide new jobs. He explained that property owners impacted will be contacted. He added that employees will all be wearing badges, should the need arise for them to go door-to-door. He explained how they are paying for the program, via a fee capped at 4% of the delivery fee.

Mayor Rey asked how DeKalb is ranked priority wise, within the program. Mr. Newman explained that a set of data dictated which service areas were in greatest need of the improvements.

Alderman Noreiko asked how the average homeowner will be affected, and Mr. Newman explained that everything will be arranged with the homeowner, typically in a ½ hour to a 1 hour long meeting. He does not anticipate greatly impacting yards, roads, etc.

Brief discussion ensued.

3. Approval of the Mayor's Appointments

a. Appointment of Robert Glover to the Landmark Commission for a Three-Year Term from April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

Mayor Rey read the appointment.

MOTION

Alderman Noreiko moved to approve the Mayor's appointment; seconded by Alderman Marquardt.

**VOTE**

Motion carried on an 8-0 voice vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Baker, Faivre, Rey. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

**4. Public Participation**

Misty Haji-Sheikh complimented the DeKalb Area Arts Council (DAAC) for working with the neighborhood association, and coming to an understanding. Regarding Shodeen Development, she is concerned regarding the lack of parking proposed for the development and what it means for their neighborhood. She added that Uber would be prohibitively expensive, and not a real option. She pointed to data coming out of the Chicago Auto Show, which indicated that millennials want cars, emphasizing the need for concern regarding parking for the proposed Shodeen Development.

Michael Haji-Sheikh complimented DAAC for working with his neighborhood association. He expressed frustration over the zoning commission, asking why one is needed if it isn't going to be utilized. He added that the impression of the community is that zoning will be changed to meet whatever developer comes through town. He encouraged Council to consider the impression that this is leaving with the residents. He reminded everyone why the parking rules exist; that they weren't arbitrary, and that they should be considered because once a precedent is set, it stays.

Moe Newquist said someone is syphoning her gasoline and breaking into her shed. Mayor Rey asked whether she had filed a police report, and encouraged her to do so. Ms. Newquist stated the Police won't do anything, and that they've never responded to the problems in her neighborhood. She provided several more examples of property issues, and break-ins. Mayor Rey encouraged her to speak with Police Chief Lowery for attention.

**F. CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE**

**1. Approval of City Council Minutes**

- a. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 22, 2016.
- b. Minutes of the City Council Meeting of February 22, 2016.

**2. Receive & File**

- a. Accounts Payable and Payroll through March 15, 2016 in the Amount of \$2,777,725.65.

3. Resolution 2016-018 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Five Small Farm Leases for a Period of Three Years.

**MOTION**

Alderman Marquardt moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Alderman Snow.

**VOTE**

Motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Baker, Faivre, Rey. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

**MOTION**

Alderman Baker moved to reconsider the previous vote; seconded by Alderman Marquardt.

**VOTE**

Motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Baker, Faivre, Rey. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

**MOTION**

Alderman Baker moved to undo the prior approval of the consent agenda; seconded by Alderman Jacobson.

**VOTE**

Motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Baker, Faivre, Rey. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

**MOTION**

Alderman Jacobson motioned to approve the listing of consent agenda items 1-3; seconded by Alderman Faivre.

**VOTE**

Motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Baker, Faivre, Rey. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

**MOTION**

Alderman Snow moved to approve the items listed on the consent agenda; seconded by Alderman Noreiko.

**VOTE**

Motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Baker, Faivre, Rey. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

**G. ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION**

1. Resolution 2016-019 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into One or More Professional Service Agreements with Missman Stanley Inc. and/or Wills Burke Kelsey Associates, Ltd. for the Purpose of Planning Review Services within Budgeted Amounts.

MOTION

Alderman Snow moved to consider Resolution 2016-019; seconded by Alderman Baker.

Alderman Baker moved to postpone the issue until further discussion can be had.

City Manager Gaura provided the background of the proposed Request for Proposal (RFP) limitations of \$20,000 spending limits.

Further discussion ensued as to the nature of this RFP, and its history. City Manager Gaura cautioned that tabling this now will hold up the projects.

Attorney Frieders explained that this item does not contemplate raising or lowering fees, but that it comes from the developers concerned with project timelines.

Alderman Snow added he is in favor of improving the delivery of the City's services in a timely manner, and this won't affect the budget because the money comes from fees.

Alderman Baker cautioned that if this works in the opposite way as intended, the City needs to be open to adjusting its ways.

VOTE

Motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Baker, Faivre, Rey. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

2. Ordinance 2016-007 Authorizing an Annexation Agreement (and the Annexation of Property Contemplated thereby) for the Puri DeKalb Development and Approving Zoning, Preliminary and Final Plans, and Generating Related Development Approvals. (*First Reading*)

MOTION

Alderman Finucane moved to consider Ordinance 2016-007; seconded by Alderman Noreiko.

Principal Planner Hiland provided background on the item, explaining it had gone before the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) in a special meeting, and the petitioners are proposing to split the property into two parcels between single occupant and multi-occupant. He added the City had been working with the group to address additional engineering concerns. He stated they are quick to

respond, and that First Midwest group is aware of additional costs they may incur. He asked Council for guidance as to which course of action to pursue.

Attorney Frieders explained why the timeline is before Council, and the steps that need to be followed in order to allow building to occur expeditiously.

Discussion ensued as to the recapture and the permits.

Attorney Lewis explained that a number of mechanisms could be employed to make the transfer of the money.

Alderman Baker suggested that second reading be waived.

#### VOTE

Motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Baker, Faivre, Rey. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

#### MOTION

Alderman Marquardt moved to waive second reading; seconded by Alderman Finucane.

Bessie Chronopoulos expressed her delight that something is going into the site, but the procedure isn't correct and Council shouldn't be in such a hurry.

Mayor Rey said the plan had gone before the PZC and they made recommendations.

Alderman Baker asked whether any TIF money was involved in this project, with City Manager Gaura answering "no."

#### VOTE

Motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Baker, Faivre, Rey. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

3. Ordinance 2016-004 Amending Chapter 9 "Establishment of Fees", Section 9.05 "Engineering Plan Review and Inspection Fees". (*Second Reading*)

#### MOTION

Alderman Marquardt moved to consider Ordinance 2016-004; seconded by Alderman Finucane.

Public Works Director Holdeman explained that several organizations were asked for input on this item, and that they listened to the recommendations, but in the end one way did not emerge as a clear winner. It was agreed they would present the item as is, to be reflected upon in one year's time for review of data.

City Manager Gaura explained this item first appeared before Council in January.

VOTE

Motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Baker, Faivre, Rey. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

4. Withdrawal of Proposed Ordinance 2016-002 Adding Section 52.92 “Unlawful Assemblies” to Chapter 52 “Offenses Against Public Peace – Safety and Morals” and Withdrawal of Proposed Ordinance 2016-003 Adding Section 52.93 “Weapons at Unlawful Assemblies” to Chapter 52 “Offenses Against Public Peace – Safety and Morals”.

MOTION

Alderman Finucane moved to consider withdrawal of the ordinances; seconded by Alderman Jacobson.

Police Chief Lowery asked Council to withdraw of the proposed ordinances. He went through the history, and concurs with the Human Rights Commission’s (HRC) recommendation to remove, for now. He said they will vet better in the future.

Alderman Noreiko encouraged, that should the need arise, revisiting this issue and going to the HRC for guidance in crafting a new ordinance of this nature.

Police Chief Lowery said they will deal with the issues, but that he certainly will bring it before Council, should the need arise. He said that the process includes hearing the voices from the community.

Alderman Snow encouraged it to come back before Council at some point, and that it should continue to be worked on.

Police Chief Lowery said the lesson learned was on effective communication.

Bessie Chronopoulos stated that she greatly respects the Chief, and he is an exemplary leader. She also commented that the HRC did a phenomenal job, and that the public’s input was considered. She asked whether procedurally, it wouldn’t have been better for the ordinances to be voted down, rather than withdrawn.

The Mayor echoed compliments of the HRC and Chair Larry Apperson.

VOTE

Motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Baker, Faivre, Rey. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.



5. Resolution 2016-016 Recognizing the DeKalb Area Arts Council's "Arts Cultural, and Entertainment" Corridor.

Community Development Director Divita provided background information on DAAC. She explained that DAAC seeks support in recognition of their proposed arts corridor, adding that several organizations had signed off on, and encouraged the ACE Corridor.

Alderman Noreiko thanked DAAC for meeting with concerned citizens of the Ellwood Historic District, and that the exchange helped move the project forward in terms of community support.

Mayor Rey reiterated that the corridor is one of the initiatives of the ABC grant.

Alderman Marquardt asked for clarification of the map.

DAAC President Alex Nerad explained that they never intended the map to have hard boundaries, and that DAAC had asked for its removal from the backup.

#### MOTION

Alderman Snow moved to approve Resolution 2016-016; seconded by Alderman Noreiko.

#### VOTE

Motion carried on a 7-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Alderman Baker was not present for the vote. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

6. Resolution 2016-020 Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the DeKalb Sanitary District for the Issuance of Permits, Inspections, Billing and Collection of Monies.

#### MOTION

Alderman Marquardt moved to consider Resolution 2016-020; seconded by Alderman Noreiko.

Finance Director Haley provided background on the agreement, and explained how it would operate. She stated the annual payment would be made from the general fund, for purposes of transparency and clarity. She recommends that Council approve in order for it to be in place by April.

#### VOTE

Motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Baker, Faivre, Rey. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

7. Resolution 2016-021 Approving a Bar Liquor License and Video Gaming License for Lacey's Place, LLC, Series DeKalb d/b/a Lacey's Place, Located at 1704 Sycamore Road.

MOTION

Alderman Finucane moved to consider Resolution 2016-021; seconded by Alderman Marquardt.

Attorney Frieders provided background on the item, explaining the plans for the establishment. He recommends conditional approval.

Alderman Finucane asked whether or not they have additional locations, which Attorney Frieders replying his belief that there were.

VOTE

Motion carried on a 7-1 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Baker, Rey. Nay: Faivre. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

8. Resolution 2016-022 Approving a Restaurant / Low ABV Liquor License for Coffee House Holdings, LLC, d/b/a Starbucks, Located at 2577 Sycamore Road.

MOTION

Alderman Noreiko moved to consider Resolution 2016-022; seconded by Alderman Faivre.

Attorney Frieders provided background on the item, stating that staff recommends conditional approval. He explained how the license would operate, and what requirements need to be met.

VOTE

Motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Baker, Faivre, Rey. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

9. Resolution 2016-023 Authorizing the Execution of an Incentive Agreement Pertaining to Brian Bemis Toyota.

Mayor Rey introduced the issue, and the scope of the discussion.

City Manager Gaura briefly discussed the three options available to Council, with the Mayor adding there would be no negative impact to the General Fund.

City Attorney Frieders briefly explained the nature of the TIF loans.

Alderman Marquardt expressed his favor of the options presented, particularly since the General Fund wouldn't be impacted.

Attorney Frieders stated the resolution contemplates either option, so that Council can authorize usage of either option, depending on what is best in any one situation.

Further discussion ensued as to the language of the resolution.

Alderman Baker recommended voting on it as a package, allowing Bemis to decide which option is better for them.

Alderman Finucane offered that the second option may be more favorable to this particular option, but the City should have the freedom to offer either.

Attorney Frieders reiterated that the resolution is written in such a way to allow that.

#### MOTION

Alderman Finucane moved to consider Resolution 2016-023; seconded by Alderman Noreiko.

Alderman Jacobson said he doesn't mind offering an incentive, but he is concerned with overreaching on a policy level. He feels this should be a wake up to develop and action plan to prevent the cherry picking of businesses between Sycamore and DeKalb. He offered that a 20 year agreement would make him more comfortable so this discussion doesn't need to be had again in the near future.

Further discussion ensued as to the timelines for the agreements.

DeWayne Brown expressed his belief that Sycamore has taken several businesses from DeKalb, and the City needs to fight more aggressively to retain its businesses. He strongly encouraged Council to become more aggressive.

Mayor Rey highlighted that this has been practiced for a long time, but he hears the concerns.

#### VOTE

Motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Baker, Faivre, Rey. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

### **H. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Request for Statement of Qualifications for Zoning and Site Plan Review Services.

Community Development Director Divita provided background on the issue, and explained that after the release, qualified service providers would be reviewed,

with the recommendation coming before Council. She explained it will not cost the City more, as funds should be a pass-through fee to the developers. She added she has received no concerns.

#### MOTION

Alderman Marquardt moved to approve the Statement for Qualifications; seconded by Alderman Finucane.

#### VOTE

Motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Baker, Faivre, Rey. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

#### 2. Shodeen Concept Plan – University Commons.

Principal Planner Hiland provided background on the issue, highlighting that the plans have changed to eliminate four bedroom units in an attempt to address the concerns with student housing. He explained how Council should consider the options detailed within the report. He added that staff sought guidance on how proceed forward.

Alderman Noreiko added that some commercial should be added to the first floor in order to encourage traffic downtown.

Alderman Finucane added that if the building is geared toward Millennials, then a commercial space, such as a fast casual eatery, would be very appealing.

Alderman Faivre expressed his support of the plan, and that he really wants to see first floor commercial in the space.

Alderman Jacobson stated his belief that this property is a key location for the development of the University to downtown bridge, and that commercial in the space will be key to accomplishing that task. He seconded the belief that having services at the residents' fingertips will be very important. He emphasized that first floor commercial is a must.

Alderman Baker told Council that some agreements had been made in the past that never came to be. He asked that whatever was agreed upon, it should be a written agreement. Regarding the hotel, he wanted to make sure it is different and unique. He encouraged staff to figure out what they would need to have present in order for travelling teams to stay, rather than go out of town. He emphasized the need for parking. He expressed his belief that smart requirements will make it fill with people who are currently going out of town. Retail wise, he thinks the City should investigate what works best.

Alderman Faivre asked how long the building will take to build, with 24 months being an answer. Alderman Faivre offered that while they shouldn't be required to put in commercial, he was strongly in favor of it.

Alderman Snow agreed there should be some commercial on the first floor.

David Patzelt from Shodeen asked for clarification on how much "some" commercial is. He offered that commercial space will eat up parking spaces. He added they hoped that new residents would patronize new restaurants that might be added to the currently empty spaces that sit vacant. He needs a little more guidance on Council's intent.

Alderman Baker said that the University needs to be part of the conversation in order to better guide on that front.

City Manager Gaura stated that NIU's interest may be a secondary issue, and that different requirements exist for different teams. She added if there are recommendations as to what they'd like to see, it will provide better insight to the developers.

Alderman Jacobson added he believes there is a view of what Council wants, which is that more housing isn't needed, and more retail is. He expressed his belief that parking will be an issue. He strongly expressed that commercial is a must in order for this project to make sense.

Mr. Patzelt offered that he doesn't believe there is a high end residential market in DeKalb, and that they will be filling a vacancy in the housing market.

Further discussion ensued as to the rental market in this area.

Alderman Baker asked for clarification on the drawings provided. He encouraged everyone to talk to the bank regarding the land owned to the east.

Mayor Rey said that consensus had been reached on the part of the Council, that commercial needs to be located on the first floor.

Principal Planner Hiland provided background on the options available regarding parking waivers.

Further discussion ensued as to the parking options.

Alderman Jacobson urged that comparing the parking situation to properties on campus does not provide the best comparison, given the difference in the residency group. He asked for clarification on how many spaces are currently drawn, and how drastically affected those spaces would be by a first floor commercial space. He feels they should have to build to current code.

Alderman Snow agreed with Alderman Jacobson's assessment that parking needed to be addressed. He suggested that the City find a way to address either parking or density.

Alderman Faivre contributed that most of the concerns communicated to him were regarding parking, and that he is amenable to the land bank.

Alderman Finucane asked Mr. Patzelt to consider a hypothetical of a young married couple with two cars, with Mr. Patzelt confirming there will only be one space available in such a situation.

Discussion ensued as to how the hotel and apartment parking would interact.

Further discussion ensued as to the need for increased parking.

City Manager Gaura stated that Council had indicated a need for a change in parking, in some way, whether it is increased parking, or decreased density.

Principal Planner Hiland asked if DeKalb wants to see high density downtown and explained the options under this category.

Alderman Noreiko offered that the City does need a different type of housing, including upscale, which renders the need for the four bedroom irrelevant.

Alderman Jacobson offered that he appreciated the effort to incorporate a diverse group of people, but it doesn't work. He stated the City is going to pursue a specific demographic, and the plans on how to attract and address that demographic's needs need to be clear. If done poorly, it could exacerbate issues already occurring throughout the City.

Alderman Marquardt commented that he agreed with the elimination of four bedroom units. He stated he wants to see the parking increase, with land bank becoming necessary, but that he was torn on seeing that happen. He offered additional considerations for parking.

Alderman Jacobson asked what the anticipated price point for a three bedroom, three bath unit would be, with Mr. Patzelt offering that it would be \$1,500 to \$1,600 per month.

Principal Planner Hiland stated he had received the information he needed. John McKeon expressed his belief that the City code is right on with its parking requirements, and that overflow will go into the Ellwood neighborhood. He expressed his belief that there aren't enough renters in town to support all of the landlords without introducing elements back in that the City worked hard to eliminate.

Alderman Jacobson offered that a business looking to play by the code already in place is welcome.

3. Policy Discussion Regarding Updates to Chapter 38 “Intoxicating Liquors”.

Attorney Frieders explained the updates to the State liquor code, including to hotels that can be covered by one license, as long as they are managed by one company.

Provisions in State Law require a 100 foot setback, but a local government can override if desired.

He pointed out there are now more explicit requirements for training for TIP (training for intervention procedure).

The City formerly had a local Happy Hour law, which repeated State statute, which has been relaxed over the last several years.

He discussed Happy Hours – drink specials are allowed, as long as a price list is published in advance, now allowed by State statute.

City Attorney Frieders also stated that restaurant licensees are inquiring about BYOB, not currently available for restaurants. The primary distinction between a restaurant and bar is the consumption of food. Restaurants split between full service, and low alcohol by volume.

Alderman Noreiko thinks the City should be leery of expanding options for underage drinking. She would like to know how other college towns handle these issues.

Alderman Snow thinks the City’s code should be modernized.

Alderman Marquardt offered his opinions on the issue.

Alderman Jacobson expressed his belief that the City should go through each of the codes. He suggested breaking them up to one to two at a Committee of the Whole and/or Regular meeting of Council.

Alderman Finucane wants to include the inclusion of underage kids into establishments for entertainment purposes, when accompanied by their parents.

Alderman Faivre thinks the codes need to be discussed further.

**I. REPORTS – COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Finucane reminded everyone that tomorrow is primary day, and encouraged everyone to get out and vote. He offered congratulations to the NIU men's basketball team, and Dan Hein for winning the State title in swimming.

Alderman Noriko attended the use of lethal force training put on by the Police Department, and she appreciates the effort that Police Chief and the department put into the event. She said it was a very powerful experience that helped her realize how quickly decisions have to be made every day.

Alderman Baker echoed the sentiments of Alderman Noreiko, and that he's looking forward to meetings this week.

Alderman Faivre thanked the both Chiefs and Department Directors for the tours they provided.

Mayor Rey highlighted that the City is a certified testing lab. He also highlighted Tim Sutter's service for nine years. He mentioned that DCCF provided story time on the first and third Tuesdays of the month; located at the church near University Village.

Community Development Director Divita stated that the PZC will have a meeting Thursday; Tuesday is the monthly merchant meeting at Verandas; ArtiGras will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>; and next week the Landmark Commission and Building Board of Appeals meets.

**J. RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Approval to Hold an Executive Session to Discuss Personnel as Provided for in 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
2. Approval to Hold an Executive Session to Discuss Pending or Imminent Litigation as Provided for in 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

Neither of these items were acted upon.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

Alderman Jacobson moved to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Marquardt.

**VOTE**

Motion carried on an 8-0 voice vote. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed, and concluded the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

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**JENNIFER JEEP JOHNSON**, City Clerk

Approved by City Council on April 11, 2016.