

**MINUTES
CITY OF DEKALB
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2017**

The City Council of DeKalb, Illinois, held a Regular meeting on January 9, 2017, in the City Council Chambers of the DeKalb Municipal Building, located at 200 S. Fourth Street, DeKalb, Illinois.

Mayor Rey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Ruth Scott called the roll and the following members of Council were present: Alderman David Jacobson, Alderman Bill Finucane, Alderman Mike Marquardt, Alderman Bob Snow, Alderman Kate Noreiko, Alderman Tony Faivre, and Mayor John Rey. Alderman Dave Baker was absent.

Also present were: City Manager Anne Marie Gaura, Assistant City Manager Patty Hoppenstedt, Management Analyst Aaron Stevens, City Attorney Dean Frieders, Finance Director Cathy Haley, Police Chief Gene Lowery, Fire Chief Eric Hicks, Community Development Director Jo Ellen Charlton, Public Works Director Tim Holdeman, City Engineer John Laskowski, Utilities Superintendent Bryan Faivre, Information Technology Director Marc Thorson, Information Technology Technician Jeff Birtell, Human Resources Director Cris Randall, Interim Principal Planner Dan Olson, Administrative Assistant Brenda Hart, and Deputy City Clerk Ruth Scott.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Police Officer Jose Jaques led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

There were no additions to or deletions from the agenda.

MOTION

Alderman Snow moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Alderman Marquardt.

VOTE

Motion carried on a 7-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: None. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. First Amendment to an Annexation Agreement for the Property Located at 2113-2131 E. Lincoln Highway (Pearl Street Commercial, LLC - Casey's General Store).

Mayor Rey opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Community Development Director Charlton stated that the City had been working with Casey's on this project for the last six months.

Interim Principal Planner Olson stated that Casey's would be located at the northwest corner of East Lincoln Highway and Peace Road. He further stated that the Public Hearing was required in order to amend the 2004 annexation agreement.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Rey closed the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

E. SPECIAL ITEMS OR PRESENTATIONS & CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

1. Special Items

a. Swearing in Ceremony of Police Officer Aaron Kleinmaier.

Police Chief Lowery provided information regarding Police Officer Kleinmaier's background and employment history. Police Officer Kleinmaier was then sworn in by Deputy City Clerk Scott.

b. Proudly DeKalb

Recognition of DeKalb Florist for 112 Years in the Community.

Mrs. Sally Kaelin-Mullins stated that DeKalb Florist was proud to be a part of the community and thanked everyone for their support, noting that closing the shop was a difficult decision to make.

Mr. Jim Kaelin stated that he has enjoyed every minute of working with the customers and people of the community. He thanked Council for the recognition, stating he will miss working with them.

Mayor Rey thanked the Kaelin's for their investment in the community.

2. Presentations

There were none.

3. Approval of the Mayor's Appointments

a. Appointment of Vernese Edghill-Walden to the Economic Development Commission for the Completion of a One-Year Term through June 30, 2017.

MOTION

Alderman Finucane moved to approve the appointment; seconded by Alderman Faivre.

VOTE

Motion carried by a 7-0-1 voice vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: None. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

- b. Appointment of Vicki Buckley to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a Five-Year Term through June 30, 2022.

MOTION

Alderman Jacobson moved to approve the appointment; seconded by Alderman Marquardt.

VOTE

Motion carried by a 7-0-1 voice vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: None. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

4. Public Participation

There was none.

F. CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE

Mayor Rey read the following items on the Consent Agenda by title only:

1. Approval of City Council Minutes
 - a. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 28, 2016.
 - b. Minutes of the City Council Meeting of November 28, 2016.
 - c. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 12, 2016.
 - d. Minutes of the City Council Meeting of December 12, 2016.
 - e. Executive Session Meeting Minutes.
2. Receive & File

- a. Accounts Payable and Payroll through January 9, 2017 in the Amount of \$5,964,296.06.
 - b. Investment and Bank Balance Summary through November 2016.
 - c. Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures for the General Fund and the Water Fund through November 2016.
3. Approval of the 2017 Schedule of Meetings.
 4. Resolution 2017-001 Receiving and Filing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Management Letter for FY2016.
 5. Resolution 2017-002 Adopting Certain Financial Management Policies.
 6. Resolution 2017-003 Adopting a Fuel Surcharge for Fuel Resale Transactions with the City of DeKalb.
 7. Resolution 2017-004 Authorizing the Execution of a Workers' Compensation Lump Sum Petition and Order in the Amount of \$32,487.36 (Lisa Holiday-Miller).
 8. Resolution 2017-005 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign an Agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. for the Renewal of Desktop Software Maintenance and Online Subscription Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$24,019.08.

MOTION

Alderman Noreiko moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Alderman Marquardt.

VOTE

Motion carried on a 7-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: None. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

MOTION

Alderman Finucane moved to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda; seconded by Alderman Marquardt.

VOTE

Motion carried on a 7-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: None. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

G. ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION

1. Ordinance 2017-001 Adopting 2015 International Building Codes and Amendments to Chapter 24 "Building Code". (*First Reading*)

Mayor Rey read Ordinance 2017-001 by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Finucane moved to consider Ordinance 2017-001; seconded by Alderman Noreiko.

Community Development Director Charlton introduced Don Plass, an inspector from HR Green who represents the City. Mr. Plass stated that he has worked on this project over the last year and provided an overview of the proposed amendments to Chapter 24 of the City's Municipal Code.

Mr. Plass recognized the members of the Building Code Board of Appeals (BCBA): Steve Irving, Lisa Sharp, Chuck Shepard, Don Whitmore, Christine Scholl, Steve Doonan, and Keith O'Higgins. He stated that many of them have put in over 18 months of work to ensure the City has the best codes it possibly can.

Mayor Rey recognized former BCBA members Jerry Evans and Jim Ward, as well as current member Chuck Shepard, for their many years of service to the City.

Mr. Plass also recognized City staff for their work on this project, especially Brenda Hart and Natalie Nelson, for the time they spent working on the minutes of the long meetings that were held.

Mr. Plass stated that the City is currently working with 2003 international codes and provided a brief history of building codes. He also provided information on Chapters 13, 25, 26, 28 and 29 that will be made part of Chapter 24 of the Municipal Code.

Don Whitmore, who was registered to speak, stated he would answer any questions regarding the subject matter.

Chuck Shepard stated that the proposed changes had been closely reviewed.

Discussion and comments ensued.

Alderman Noreiko Kate commended everyone involved with the project. She asked for clarification regarding the passing grades required for an electrical contractor and mechanical contractor. She explained that the proposed code states that an electrical contractor must pass the test with at least a 70%. However, where the mechanical contractor is concerned, the code only states a person must pass the test, with no given score.

Mr. Plass explained that both roles must pass the test with at least a 70%. He added that both tests take a least two hours to complete and each have 50 questions.

Alderman Noreiko recommended testing consistency for both roles.

Mayor Rey asked if the accessibility code would be updated at a later date, with Mr. Plass stating it would.

Discussion ensued.

Alderman Finucane asked City Attorney Frieders if this Ordinance could be approved on First Reading, waiving Second Reading. City Attorney Frieders stated he wouldn't recommend it.

VOTE

Motion carried on a 6-1-1 roll call vote. Aye: Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: Jacobson. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed. This item will be returned to Council for further discussion at the February 13, 2017 Regular meeting.

2. Ordinance 2017-002 Approving the First Amendment to an Annexation Agreement, Rezoning to PD-C Planned Development Commercial, and Final Plans for the Property Located at 2113-2131 E. Lincoln Highway (Pearl Street Commercial, LLC - Casey's General Store). (*First Reading*)

Mayor Rey read Ordinance 2017-002 by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Snow moved to consider Ordinance 2017-002; seconded by Alderman Marquardt.

Interim Principal Planner Olson presented an overview of this item, stating it was the site of the former DeKalb Florist, as well as a self-storage facility. He provided further information on the site, including its current zoning, adding that the annexation agreement sets out specific uses of the site, as well as prohibited uses.

Interim Principal Planner Olson stated the proposed building will be a unique one for Casey's and to this location. He further stated there will be two ground signs – one for the self-storage business and one for Casey's. There will also be a right-in right-out from Peace Road, as well as a raised median. Additional landscaping will also be added.

Interim Principal Planner Olson stated that the developer will be donating money to the City for a future City of DeKalb monument sign. The developer is also

proposing an electrical conduit to the sign, with funding to maintain the landscaping around sign, as well as the cost of lighting the sign. An amount of \$10,000 will also be donated for the future lighting of Lincoln Highway around the site.

Interim Principal Planner Olson further reviewed the agreement amendment for Council. He noted there were additional issues that were brought forward after this agenda item had been posted. A hard-copy of the revised agreement amendment with a summary letter of changes was provided to Council.

Interim Principal Planner Olson report that the Planning and Zoning Commission held a meeting on November 30, 2016 regarding this project and there were no objections.

Interim Principal Planner Olson also stated that the existing home on the property is remaining, adding there's language in the amended agreement that allows the current owner to stay.

Mayor Rey asked if the amended agreement stated that the home would transfer to subsequent property owners, with Interim Principal Planner Olson confirming that it would.

Interim Principal Planner Olson concluded his report by stating that City staff recommends approval of this item. It's an outstanding project for this corner of the City and will bring in additional sales tax and commercial business. He added that passage on First Reading, with a waiver of the Second Reading, is recommended in order to get the project moving. He also stated that Steve Schwartz, on behalf of the developer, was present if there were any questions.

Alderman Noreiko asked for a projected date of completion, with Mr. Schwartz replying the goal was to start the project in the spring of 2017, with an opening in the fall of 2017.

Alderman Snow stated he supports the project, adding it's a positive enhancement to that corner (Peace Road and Lincoln Highway).

There was no further discussion.

VOTE

Motion carried on a 7-1 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: None. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

MOTION

Alderman Snow moved to approve Ordinance 2017-002 on First Reading, waiving Second Reading; seconded by Alderman Finucane.

VOTE

Motion carried on a 7-1 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: None. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

3. Resolution 2017-006 Authorizing Acceptance of Public Improvements, Authorizing the Release of Subdivision Performance Security, and Authorizing Acceptance of a One-Year Maintenance Bond for Lot 12 of the Park 88 Development.

Mayor Rey read Resolution 2017-006 by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Jacobson moved to consider Resolution 2017-006; seconded by Alderman Finucane.

City Attorney Frieders reported that the City has worked with the developer of Park 88 to enable the improvement of Lot 12 and immediately surrounding areas as a component of the recent construction of 3M's new warehouse facility. As that project draws to a close, it's necessary to release certain subdivision performance security, accept public improvements, and provide for the establishment of a maintenance bond.

There was no discussion on this item.

VOTE

Motion carried on a 7-1 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: None. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

4. Ordinance 2017-003 Amending Chapter 9 "Establishment of Fees", Section 9.04 "Ambulance Service Fees". (*First Reading*)

Mayor Rey read Ordinance 2017-003 by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Noreiko moved to consider Ordinance 2017-003; seconded by Alderman Faivre.

Fire Chief Hicks stated that the approved FY2017 budget included an additional revenue item created from charging a fee for treating a patient on an ambulance call, but not transporting the patient to the hospital, adding that a fee schedule is now needed. He provided an overview of the amendment to Council, stating a patient will be charged for a treat, no transport ambulance call if any one or more

of the following treatments are given to the patient: oxygen therapy, 12-lead cardiac monitor for chest pain or syncope episode, in field termination from cardiac arrest when medical supplies are used, in-line nebulizer inhalation treatment, and/or administration of any of the following medications: albuterol, oral glucose, glucagon, or D-50.

There was a brief discussion between Alderman Jacobson and Fire Chief Hicks concerning calls and transport.

VOTE

Motion carried on a 7-1 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: None. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

MOTION

Alderman Jacobson moved to approve Ordinance 2017-003 on First Reading, waiving Second Reading; seconded by Alderman Finucane.

VOTE

Motion carried on a 7-1 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: None. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

5. Resolution 2017-007 Approving a Restaurant / Low ABV Liquor License for Three Legged Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a The House Café, 263 E. Lincoln Highway.

Mayor Rey read Resolution 2017-007 by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Finucane moved to consider Resolution 2017-007; seconded by Alderman Snow.

City Attorney Frieders provided an overview of this item, stating the House Café is a fixture in the downtown area. He added that conditions have been put together that will provide safety for the establishment and its patrons. City staff recommends approval of this item.

Dewayne Brown expressed his displeasure with the State of Illinois government. He added that he supports the House Café liquor license, adding that the downtown area needs to be revitalized.

Jerry Phillips expressed his concern with what he feels are safety issues at the House Café, including the workings of the kitchen, alcohol service, and large crowds in a small space.

City Attorney Frieders stated that anyone applying for a liquor license must obtain a fire life safety license for the building the business inhabits. He added there are no current issues with the House Café's compliance with the City's codes.

Fire Chief Hicks Eric stated the building the House Café currently inhabits has been inspected. The kitchen has been remodeled and is in compliance with the City's codes.

Alderman Jacobson provided historical information regarding the House Café's liquor license, adding that businesses similar to the House Café should be reviewed to see if they can hold the same type of liquor license.

City Attorney Frieders commented that when the liquor code was updated in 2012, there were some licenses that were grandfathered in that had unique wording. The liquor license the House Café holds is available to any business in the community, and isn't a business specific license.

VOTE

Motion carried on a 7-1 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: None. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

6. Resolution 2017-008 Approving a Package Liquor License for DeKalb Liquor, Inc., 444 E. Lincoln Highway.

Mayor Rey read Resolution 2017-008 by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Snow moved to consider Resolution 2017-008; seconded by Alderman Faivre.

City Attorney Frieders provided an overview of this item. He added there are a number of steps to be completed before the license becomes operational, including liquor sales being permitted only within the identified areas of the facility, and within the hours of operation identified in the application. No consumption of alcoholic beverages would be permitted, except in accordance with the City's tasting permit regulations.

VOTE

Motion carried on a 7-1 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: None. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

7. Resolution 2017-009 Authorizing the Purchase and Equipping of One Vehicle through the State Bid Process in an Amount Not to Exceed \$40,000.

Mayor Rey read Resolution 2017-009 by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Marquardt moved to consider Resolution 2017-009; seconded by Alderman Noreiko.

Fire Chief Hicks Eric provided overview of this item, stating that five fire vehicles have been identified as beyond first responder service life and support service life by the Fire Department. Therefore, the Fire Department is requesting authorization to purchase one new Fire vehicle with funds approved in the FY2017 Fleet Replacement Fund.

There was brief discussion between Alderman Jacobson, Police Chief Lowery, and Fire Chief Hicks regarding the differences between Ford Explorers and Ford Expeditions. Police Chief Lowery explained that Explorers are the most reliable choice for the Police Department. However, the Expedition is a larger vehicle, which is good for the Fire Department and their larger equipment.

VOTE

Motion carried on a 7-1 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: None. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

8. Resolution 2017-010 Authorizing the Waiver of Competitive Bidding and Execution of an Agreement with Layne Christensen Company for a Repair to Well No. 12 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$60,000.

Mayor Rey read Resolution 2017-010 by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Snow moved to consider Resolution 2017-010; seconded by Alderman Faivre.

Utilities Superintendent Faivre provided an overview of this item, stating that Well No. 12 is high capacity well located at 1106 W. Fairview Drive. It's no longer

functioning due to a mechanical/electrical problem that occurred in November 2016. The well has been taken out of service until repairs can be made. If it is determined that the costs to repair the well are above \$60, this item will return to Council for further consideration.

Alderman Snow asked if pumps are sometimes rebuilt when they're pulled, with Utilities Superintendent Faivre confirming they are.

Alderman Noreiko asked if having Well No. 12 down is putting additional strain on the other wells. Utilities Superintendent Faivre replied that other wells are being run longer in order to compensate. He added that the waiver of a formal bid is being requested due to the concern of another going down.

There was a brief discussion between Alderman Faivre and Utilities Superintendent Faivre regarding replacement pump inventory.

VOTE

Motion carried on a 7-1 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: None. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

9. Resolution 2017-011 Authorizing the Waiver of Competitive Bidding and Approving the Purchase of Water Meters and Radio Transmitters from Badger Meter Inc. and HD Supply Company in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000.

Mayor Rey read Resolution 2017-011 by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Faivre moved to consider Resolution 2017-011; seconded by Alderman Marquardt.

Utilities Superintendent Faivre provided an overview of this item, stating the request will allow for the on-going replacement and maintenance of aging water meters and non-functioning radio devices.

There was a brief discussion between Alderman Jacobson and Utilities Superintendent Faivre regarding the cost of static read meters. Utilities Superintendent Faivre stated the system the City works with now, a drive-by reading system, works well and can be done quickly.

Alderman Jacobson asked if there's a product on the market that can do either or (drive-by or static reading). Utilities Superintendent Faivre reiterated his statement above, adding that collectors would have to be purchased. Static readers would be of no savings to City at this point in time.

VOTE

Motion carried on a 7-1 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: None. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

H. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Request for Proposal for an Asset Management Plan for Streets, Facilities, Stormwater, and Fleet.

Mayor Rey read this item by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Noreiko moved to consider this item; seconded by Alderman Marquardt.

Public Works Director Holdeman provided an overview of this item, stating the City has had limited financial resources over last few years to replenish and replace assets (streets, facilities, stormwater, and fleet), creating an overall decline in the condition of assets in levels of service. Because the assets are in decline, it costs more to maintain them than it should. The poor condition of the assets threatens the ability to provide core services to the community and a dedicated revenue source is needed.

Alderman Noreiko asked how this project relates to the capital improvement plan presented during the budgeting process. Public Works Director Holdeman replied that the process is more rigorous.

Alderman Noreiko asked how the stormwater asset is managed. Public Works Director Holdeman explained that stormwater is defined as all stormwater and drainage pipes throughout DeKalb. A consultant is needed to look at the general condition of the asset and suggest when the City should replace and/or schedule replacement of them system.

Alderman Jacobson asked what this study is expected to cost, with Public Works Director Holdeman stating approximately \$60,000 to \$80,000.

Discussion ensued regarding a dedicated revenue source, current knowledge base on existing assets, and the current software and/or database.

Alderman Noreiko stated there have been negative expressions in the past regarding the amount of studies requested by City staff. She also stated that the community is asking what's being done to fix the poor condition of the roads and streets. Alderman Noreiko commented that the City needs to take a comprehensive look and have a deeper understanding of what the current needs are in order to understand the gap between the needs and how they can be funded.

A mechanism is needed in order to figure out how to narrow that gap. She added that while she isn't thrilled about spending another \$60,000 to \$80,000 on another study, something needs to be done. The City can't continue to keep putting minimal dollar amounts towards certain areas and ignoring others.

City Manager Gaura stated this isn't a study, but a plan. It's a roadmap on how the City is going to replace its assets. She added that the City has spent no more than \$1.5 million a year on streets, which isn't sufficient to repair roads and streets. A consultant will take data that City staff has been compiling for decades and provide a long range plan.

VOTE

Motion carried on a 6-1-1 roll call vote. Aye: Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: Jacobson. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

2. Request for Proposal to Provide Preliminary Engineering, Right of Way Negotiation and Acquisition, and Construction Engineering Services for the Annie Glidden Road and Fairview Driveway Intersection Improvements.

Mayor Rey read this item by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Faivre moved to consider this item; seconded by Alderman Marquardt.

City Engineer Laskowski provided an overview of this item, stating that in 2001, the City received federal funding for the widening of Annie Glidden Road and streetscape improvements from Fairview Drive to 500 feet south of Route 38 Lincoln Highway. City staff, working with the Illinois Department of Transportation, has identified there are still funds available for use within the limits of the original project. The use of this funding requires a local match of 20% which is budgeted in FY2017 out of Fund 10, Motor Fuel Tax, in the amount of \$275,000. The proposed improvements would widen the intersection at Annie Glidden and Fairview Drive and install fiber optic cable that would connect this intersection to the existing coordinated traffic signal system.

Alderman Faivre asked if there has been a study done before that spoke of a the possibility of a dedicated left turn lane and/or signal from Annie Glidden Road on to Fairview Drive. City Engineer Laskowski stated there was not, but it would be made part of this proposal.

VOTE

Motion carried on a 7-1 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: None. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

3. Request for Proposal for Construction Inspection Services for the Construction of the Kishwaukee-Kiwanis Bike Path Project.

Mayor Rey read this item by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Marquardt moved to consider this item; seconded by Alderman Faivre.

City Engineer Laskowski reported that progress continues to be made on this project. The next step is to get a construction inspection from a qualified engineering firm.

Mayor Rey identified the community stakeholders in this project as the DeKalb Park District, Northern Illinois University, and the Active Transportation Alliance.

There was no further discussion regarding this item.

VOTE

Motion carried on a 7-1 roll call vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: None. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed.

I. REPORTS – COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Faivre congratulated Chief Hicks on his 28 years of service to the City of DeKalb. He also thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work during the cold weather.

City Attorney Frieders thanked the owner of the House Café, Mark Robinson, for going through the collaborative liquor licensing process. He also thanked Casey's representative Steve Schwartz for his assistance and collaboration while working out the details for the project. City Attorney Frieders stated that both are examples of City staff working with developers and business owners to bring forth positive outcomes.

Fire Chief Hicks thanked area fire departments that assisted with the fire call on December 31, 2016.

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).

Not acted on.

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

Not acted on.

K. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Alderman Jacobson motioned to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Noreiko.

VOTE

Motion carried on a 7-1 voice vote. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: None. Absent: Baker. Mayor Rey declared the motion passed and adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

RUTH A. SCOTT, Deputy City Clerk

Approved by City Council: February 13, 2017.