

**CITY OF ELLISVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING**

May 6, 2020

Due to the Saint Louis County Executive Order restricting gatherings of more than 10 individuals from high risk groups the May 6, 2020 Regular Council meeting was held via live videoconference. A link was provided on the City's website for all that wanted to join the videoconference.

Mayor Roemerma served as the host of this videoconference meeting and opened this Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were via videoconference were Council Members Chismarich, McGrath, Reel, Cahill, Pool, and Duffy.

Also present via videoconference were: City Manager Schwer, City Attorney Restovich, City Planner Hood, Chief Steve Lewis, and City Clerk Dohack.

All those in attendance via videoconference recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Roemerma moved to approve the evening's agenda, seconded by Council Member Pool. The votes on the approval were "AYES".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Roemerma moved to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pool. The votes were: Reel "AYE", Cahill "AYE", Pool "AYE", Duffy "AYE", Roemerma "AYE", Chismarich "AYE", and McGrath "AYE".

PUBLIC COMMENTS I

There were no public comments.

PETITIONS

48 East Meadow Lane (Ivana Markovic), chain link fence enclosure

Petition from Ivana Markovic for City Council consideration and approval allowing a new chain link fence enclosure at 48 East Meadow Lane within the R-1 Single Family Residential Zoning District.

Mrs. Markovic participated in the meeting remotely to answer questions. Council Member Cahill asked if the enclosure will be place 10 feet from the property line and Mrs. Markovic confirmed the placement. Mrs. Markovic also noted that the neighbors were informed and were amenable to the enclosure that would protect a garden area from deer and other animals. Discussion took place pertaining to the roofing options and what would be utilized.

Mayor Roemerma moved to approve the request with the condition that no traps be utilized on the roof. The motion as seconded by Council Member Duffy. The votes were: Reel "AYE", Cahill "AYE", Pool "AYE", Duffy "AYE", Roemerma "AYE", Chismarich "AYE", and McGrath "AYE".

LEGISLATION

Ord. #3454, Temporary Suspension of Ordinance Enforcement – Pandemic Period

Mayor Roemerman introduced Bill #3680, A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE GRANTING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY PLANNER THE AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND THE APPLICATION OR ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCES AS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE REOPENING OF BUSINESSES ACROSS THE CITY OF ELLISVILLE AND TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELFARE DURING THE PANDEMIC PERIOD. Mayor Roemerman moved for consideration and perfection of Bill #3680, seconded by Council Member Pool.

Mayor Roemerman stated that this proposed legislation came about after discussion with the Lafayette Area Mayors Association on ways to help local businesses reestablish themselves after the Covid-19 pandemic. Discussion took place among the Council Members pertaining to the proposed time ending time frame and the who would have the authority to make decisions. Council Member Duffy noted that this would not waive all requirements, but would be for temporary signage, temporary outdoor seating, etc. to allow the businesses to assist with the social distancing requirements and could be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Council Member Cahill noted his concern with giving up the Council's power and requested that the Council be informed before a decision is made by Staff. The Council Members discussed that since City Manager Schwer works directly for the Council, that he should be the authority to approve the requested waivers. Council Members also requested that any decisions made by the City Manager should be provided to the Council Members so they are knowledgeable of the happenings within the City. Council Member Pool asked City Attorney Restovich if this type of legislation would be allowable. City Attorney Restovich stated that would be only be temporary procedure.

Mayor Roemerman moved to amend Bill #3680 as follows:

- 1) Only allow the City Manager the authority to grant the waivers;
- 2) Remove Section 1, #3 pertaining to business license renewal fees;
- 3) Remove Section 1, #4 pertaining to liquor license renewal fees; and
- 4) Amend the ending date in Section 6 to *August 30, 2020*.

The motion to amend was seconded by Council Member Reel. The votes on the amendment were: Reel "AYE", Cahill "AYE", Pool "AYE", Duffy "AYE", Roemerman "AYE", Chismarich "AYE", and McGrath "AYE".

The votes on the first reading of Bill #3680, as amended, were: Reel "AYE", Cahill "AYE", Pool "AYE", Duffy "AYE", Roemerman "AYE", Chismarich "AYE", and Cahill "AYE". Mayor Roemerman introduced Bill #3680, as amended, for final passage, A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE GRANTING THE CITY MANAGER THE AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND THE APPLICATION OR ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCES AS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE REOPENING OF BUSINESSES ACROSS THE CITY OF ELLISVILLE AND TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE DURING THE PANDEMIC PERIOD. Mayor Roemerman moved for final passage of Bill #3680, as amended, seconded by Council Member Cahill. The votes on the second reading of Bill #3680, as amended, were: Reel "AYE", Cahill "AYE", Pool "AYE", Duffy "AYE", Roemerman "AYE", Chismarich "AYE", and McGrath "AYE". Bill #3680 becomes ORDINANCE #3454.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

MAYOR/COUNCIL BUSINESS/REPORTS

Council Member Cahill thanked the Mayor for bringing this legislation forward to the Council for consideration.

Discussion took place pertaining open vacancy on the Park Board. This may be considered at a future meeting.

ACTIVE COMMITTEE STATUS/UDPATES

There were no updates.

Mayor Roemerman adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leigh A. Dohack".

LEIGH A. DOHACK
City Clerk