

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORMAL TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORMAL CITY HALL, FOURTH FLOOR UPTOWN STATION, 11 UPTOWN CIRCLE, NORMAL, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS – MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McCarthy called the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:03 p.m., Monday, January 6, 2020.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Councilmembers, Kevin McCarthy, Chamberly Cummings, Stan Nord, Karyn Smith, Kathleen Lorenz, and Scott Preston. Also present were City Manager Pamela Reece, Assistant City Manager Eric Hanson, Corporation Counsel Brian Day, and Town Clerk Angie Huonker.

ABSENT: Mayor Chris Koos.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Pro Tem McCarthy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no Public Comment.

5. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem McCarthy read aloud the items to be considered by the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF DECEMBER 6, 2019, APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2019:

B. REPORT TO RECEIVE AND FILE TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2020:

C. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING A FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PHASE 3 OF THE J&M PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (COTTAGE AVE):

Items A, B, and C were removed from the Omnibus Vote.

There were no items approved by the Omnibus Vote.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF DECEMBER 6, 2019,

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF  
DECEMBER 16, 2019:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Council Approve the Minutes of the Work Session of December 6, 2019 and Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 16, 2019.

AYES: Cummings, Nord, Smith, Lorenz, Preston, McCarthy.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Koos.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Nord asked when the full report from the Council Work Session would be available and where they could be found once complete. City Manager, Pamela Reece responded the report should be available in the next few weeks and would be posted to the Town website once received.

REPORT TO RECEIVE AND FILE TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR  
PAYMENT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2020:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Approve a Report to Receive and File Town of Normal Expenditures for Payment as of January 1, 2020.

AYES: Nord, Smith, Lorenz, Preston, Cummings, McCarthy.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Koos.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Nord asked for clarification on the contribution to Uptown Partners and whether it was proportionate with other contributors. Mr. Nord also stated that he would like to see the Town stop contributions to business associations such as Uptown Partners. City Manager, Pamela Reece responded the Town contribution includes financial support and in-kind support. Mayor Pro Tem McCarthy noted Bloomington has a similar arrangement with their Downtown Business Association, noting the promotion of business districts generate revenue, tourism traffic and marketing opportunities.

Councilmember Nord asked for clarification on the membership with the McLean County Chamber of Commerce, indicating he feels it is a conflict of interest for the Town to contribute to an organization that lobbies and endorses political campaigns. City Manager, Pamela Reece stated if Council wishes the Town can cease funding but indicated the Chamber's Political Action Committee is governed by a separate board than the Chamber. Ms. Reece noted the only funding given to the Chamber was to the Workforce Development Program, which Council approved recently. Ms. Reece then stated the Town has a long history of membership with the Chamber, noting that as a large employer in the community there is value to the membership.

Corporation Counsel, Brian Day stated that Town funds contributed to the Chamber of Commerce are not used by the Political Action Committee and that no conflict of interest exists.

RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING A FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
– PHASE 3 OF THE J&M PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (COTTAGE AVE):  
Resolution No. 5735:

MOTION:

Councilmember Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Approve a Resolution Conditionally Approving a Final Development Plan – Phase 3 of the J&M Planned Unit Development (Cottage Ave).

AYES: Smith, Lorenz, Preston, Cummings, Nord, McCarthy.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Koos.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Karyn Smith asked if there were an inclusion of units to serve the disabled and low-income residents. Ms. Smith also asked at what point in the planning process can consideration for those accommodations be made.

Inspections Director, Greg Troemel responded the area is not zoned for ADA, but an attempt was made to make accessible accommodations to some units. Mr. Troemel also noted the units are a single-family development, not apartments, which aren't subject to certain requirements.

7. GENERAL ORDERS:

There were no General Orders.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business.

9. CONCERNS:

Councilmember Karyn Smith wished everyone Happy Feast of the Epiphany. Ms. Smith also noted that leaf collection is over. Ms. Smith also noted the scheduled Budget Work Session that will be held Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Councilmember Stan Nord stated that Normal has a lot to offer, indicating he gets criticized for being negative. Mr. Nord noted Normal has a lot of good things, but he is here to point out the things he feels need to be adjusted. Mr. Nord also read aloud a letter from a resident that attended the Citizens Summit. Mr. Nord then outlined Uptown priorities he feels are important from the Council Work Session with Lyle Sumek.

City Manager, Pamela Reece noted there are many more projects and priorities that were identified through the work session than those highlighted by Mr. Nord.

Councilmember Kathleen Lorenz noted that she has responded to a Letter to the Editor submitted by the individual whose letter Mr. Nord read aloud, indicating she thought the questions and concerns were outlined very well. Mrs. Lorenz stated this is the kind of dialogue Council likes to get engaged with.

Councilmember Kevin McCarthy noted the Town's Door to Door Solicitor List is updated regularly and can be found on the Town's website and Facebook pages, noting the list includes a list of approved, credentialed participants. Mr. McCarthy then stated there is a lot of conversation about working together with other units of government. Mr. McCarthy noted there is a tremendous amount of work that goes on between those units, indicating there are more than 48 Intergovernmental Agreements in place.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem McCarthy called for a Motion to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council.

MOTION:

Councilmember Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Lorenz, the Council Accept a Motion to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council.

AYES: Lorenz, Preston, Cummings, Nord, Smith, McCarthy.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Koos.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Pro Tem McCarthy adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council at 7:29 p.m., Monday, January 6, 2020.