

**CITY OF MARKHAM  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
January 15, 2020**

Mayor Roger Agpawa called the Regular Meeting of the Markham City Council to order at 7:09 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Prayer led by Ald. McDowell. Roll Call was taken by City Clerk, Jennifer Coles.

ROLL CALL: ALDERMEN PRESENT   Alderman Rondal Jones  
  Alderman William Barron  
  Alderwoman Brenna Hampton  
  Alderwoman Wanda McDowell

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney, Steven Miller  
                          Treasurer, Belinda Richardson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR   Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald.  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING   McDowell to approve Minutes of the Regular City  
JANUARY 2, 2020               Council Meeting held January 2, 2020 with  
  necessary corrections and/or deletions.  
  Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR   Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald.  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING   McDowell to approve Minutes of the Special City  
JANUARY 8, 2020               Council Meeting held January 8, 2020 with  
  necessary corrections and/or deletions.  
  Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

AUTHORIZATION OF CLAIMS   Motion by Ald. Hampton, seconded by Ald. Barron,  
  to adopt Authorization of Claims and Accounts Bill  
  List totaling \$218,807.91.  
  Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION	None
CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT	1 Litigation
PLUM CREEK	Mayor Agpawa stated they had a meeting and made some progress and things went well.
OLYMPIA GROUP, LLC	Hearing moved to February 5, 2020 at 7pm. Q. Ald. Jones – Is this two hearings for Council and Liquor? A. Atty. Miller – There was a revocation of the liquor license and business license, they are appealing the business license revocation which needs to come before the Council. The business license was revoked by the Mayor and the Council will decide to affirm or reverse the decision at the hearing. Mayor Agpawa – Liquor license was dependent on the business license so revoking the business license, revoked both. Ald. Jones – concerned with the business license application having a live dancing component. Ald. Hampton – This is located on Dixie Highway, where there were quite a few complications? Mayor Agpawa – Yes, all information will be presented at the hearing.
CITY CLERK’S REPORT	None

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**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Operationally moving things along. The used truck fleet is dwindling in from another city that has a capital improvement program and moved them out to get new equipment and it's blessed the city. Using the cold months to continue clean up. Got some data and statistics to the board so they know what's going on. Census 2020 sessions with Robin Kelly and Debbie Meyers-Martin. They'll have a meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup> in the council chambers on the importance of being counted in terms of representation. For instance, the council used to have 10 members but got it down to a number that makes sense. It's also about dollars and cents and what kind of economics come with those counts. Come out for a community briefing on Census 2020.

Ald. Hampton – will there be volunteer opportunities?

Mayor Agpawa – yes and better alternatives as a lot of it is no longer door to door. Money has been given to the Mayor and Managers to get people informed.

Ald. Hampton – It's January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm because a lot of people have asked.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ALD JONES**

Census is very important. Last count says we have 12,000 people but thinks it's about 15,000 to 20,000. Everyone needs to be counted. Has seen the cleaning crew and guys in the new trucks. Love how the outskirts look but can they get to clean up some of the vacant houses?

Mayor Agpawa – hadn't let up on it, just had some water main breaks, snow, etc that needed tending to. Was a little disturbed about the look of the inner city, residents have to do better. Has raised sand about 159<sup>th</sup>, 167<sup>th</sup> and 163<sup>rd</sup> streets, but inside that's out people. We'll get some people in there but will also give them ticket books because that's the only way Markham gets better.

Ald. Jones – Seniors are complaining culverts are full, can clean them with the vac and then bill people.

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Mayor Agpawa – was on St. Louis today, mentioned to the Police Chief today, the trash, most of the culverts are collapsed, but we'll clean what we can and put ownness back on residents. Ald. Barron had an action for a while to repair and replace culverts.

ALD BARRON

Quiet holiday season. Found out today one of our Lieutenants will be retiring from the Fire Department. Remembers when she started. They're having a retirement party for her on 1/30 at the fire station. Wishes her nothing but happiness.

Mayor Agpawa – Lt. Barnes was the first female and African American on the Fire Department. She has served us well, she's originally from Country Aire and has pioneered some things over the course of her career.

ALD. HAMPTON

Today is Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. We've come a long way. We'll be getting a little sleet and snow this weekend, so be careful. Watch out for your neighbors. If you see something, say something. Has video on house and saw something while at work and called the neighbor to make aware of any actions. Wants to give kudos to Public Works for fixing water main breaks, especially the one recently in the rain.

ALD. MCDOWELL

Thank you Police Chief and Police Department for catching dumpers in ward 2. Dumping has ceased a lot. Thanks Public Works for work in the entire city. Had some calls in ward 2, Lisa Young is over the snow program for seniors that don't know and need to get on the list.

OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC

Motion by Ald. Barron seconded by Ald. McDowell, to open floor to public.

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

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Debra Williams – want to acknowledge the excitement with the Christmas Tree Lighting, how many saw the tree? Seeing the Markham calendar was encouraging, also has Nature Conservancy calendar. Will continue to partner with the community and if you haven't seen the pics but would like to contact her at 708-825-9369.  
Mayor Agpawa – greatly appreciated and the tree lighting was very nice.

Jack Harris – Thank you for picking up tree that blew down in front of house during storm.  
Mayor Agpawa – We're also working on that water flow issue and more clean up.

Regina Bailey – skaters want an update. Has work been started and when will the rink reopen?  
Mayor Agpawa – working on another estimate for the roof. Had to reevaluate the floor. Wants to start but needs to talk to the Treasurer in order to start Friday getting floor done. The roof was fixed and will hold but still wants to get it done, thinks it should be able to get done. Trying to reopen next month, trying to clean the place up because once closed you could see where attention was needed.  
Ald. McDowell – we have been working constantly on the inside.

CLOSE FLOOR TO PUBLIC

Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. McDowell, to close floor to public.  
Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

EXEC SESSION

Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. McDowell, to go into executive session at 7:54pm to discuss 8c and 8f, contract with CB Chicago Properties and litigation respectively in accordance with section 2c5 and 2c11 of the Open Meetings Act.  
Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

REGULAR SESSION

Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. McDowell, to return to regular session at 8:55pm.  
Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

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CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT Cont...

LITIGATION

Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. McDowell, to authorize the city attorney to handle WC Claim matter not to exceed \$22,000.  
Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

CB CHICAGO PROPERTIES

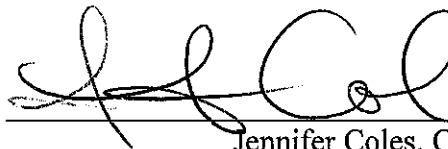
Discussions will continue regarding this matter over the next few days, will keep council posted regarding the agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Hampton, seconded by Ald. McDowell, to adjourn at 8:58 p.m.  
Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

DATED:

2/5/2020



Jennifer Coles, City Clerk