

**CITY OF MARKHAM
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 19, 2020**

Mayor Roger Agpawa called the Regular Meeting of the Markham City Council to order at 7:12 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
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2020** Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald.
Hampton to approve Minutes of the Regular City
Council Meeting held February 5, 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 \$410,386.88 with manual checks in the amount
of \$7,000 totaling \$417,386.88.
Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Agpawa – Patricia Ann Kosobud lives in Markham and was his neighbor. Did a study on Markham, Fostering Unity for the Community and the Transformational Approach to Community Engagement with Sustainability for the City of Markham, Illinois. Attended Roosevelt University, sat with the Lobbyist and Economic Development. Interesting to see someone’s viewpoint and what can be done better.

PATTI KOSBUD

Motion by Ald. Hampton, seconded by Ald. Jones, to open the meeting for special presentation from Patti Kosobud.

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

Patti Kosobud – Did some research, discussed sustainability practices with Economic Development. Reviewed the 2014 Comprehensive Plan. Sought effective community engagement and innovative approaches to foster engagement. Forming deeper relationships and understanding and starting conversations. Read aloud a brief summary of dissertation. Mayor Agpawa stated he’ll post the complete dissertation online with permission.

Motion by Ald. Hampton, seconded by Ald. Jones, to close the meeting for special presentation from Patti Kosobud.

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

RETIRE FIREFIGHTER/BLACK HISTORY SKIT

Motion by Ald. Hampton, seconded by Ald. Jones, to open the floor to Special Presentation for Retired Firefighter and a Black History Skit.

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

Mayor Agpawa - Lieutenant Sharee Barnes recently retired after 27 years at the Fire Department. Read aloud a resolution and plaque to present to Lieutenant Barnes. She the first Black Woman to serve on the department. She’s also originally from Country-Aire subdivision.

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Ald. McDowell – Had students from School District 152 ½ perform a Black History Month Skit/Presentation. Superintendent Spells, Carol Davis and Ms. Austin, 5th grade teacher and Drama Director introduced the students. Ald. McDowell presented the students with certificates for their performance.

Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. Jones, to close the floor to special presentation.
Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT 1 Resolution

WAIVE READING RESOLUTION 20-R-585 Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. Jones to waive the reading of Resolution 20-R-585 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 10-R-422 REGARDING CLASS 6B TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR LOCAL BUSINESS (RLR INVESTMENTS, LLC).
Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

ADOPT RESOLUTION 20-R-585 Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. Jones to adopt Resolution 20-R-585.
Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

CITY CLERK’S REPORT None

MAYOR’S REPORT It’s been a very exciting month. Black History Month has been overwhelming. Was invited to speak at Christ Temple Church. It was like a homework assignment, especially with Mrs. Cannon there. Has been fortunate to have a month to reflect on what becomes history for us. The intent next year is to focus more locally for Black History Month. Was asked to talk about the African American vote. Researched the amendments and times where blacks couldn’t vote and then only men and then finally women up to the passing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965. Governor used a law that hadn’t been used in over 50 years to restore his rights of citizenship.

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Gloria Johnson spoke before him and spoke about poll tax, voter suppression and lynching. He's the 3rd African American mayor for the city. African Americans haven't been in charge that long and as the community changes and is becoming more of a melting pot in Markham. Had success with lights in Ald. Jones ward in the Berkshire area, lights in the Meadowview area. Got approval for 149th St in the spring and streets Cherry Lane, Maple, Sussex and 160th by Ald. Barron specifically in that grant. Working on another capital bill in Springfield. They're releasing funds in May and will be able to do more streets. We're on the move and getting things done.

NEW BUSINESS

ALD JONES

Great job Mayor, encouraging us to tap in to our history but Black History is 365 days a year, we should know our culture. We are a melting pot and all Americans. We need to work together. Commend Public Works for pushing snow and hitting all the streets in his ward. Vehicle stickers double next month. Thanks for the street light repairs.

ALD BARRON

Acknowledge Public Works and the snow removal and cleanup of vacant homes, tree trimming and board ups. It's been a mild winter. Kudos to all departments, they're doing a wonderful job.

ALD. HAMPTON

Kudos to Mayor and Ald. McDowell for representing the city well, Black History continues on. Weather is breaking, will be able to get into the easements. Have some sewers caving in, hasn't seen too much more dumping. Be diligent and keep your eyes open. Vehicle stickers double next month.

ALD. MCDOWELL

Thank you to Public Works for doing an outstanding job throughout the city. On Saturday, 2/29 from 10am to 12pm have coffee with Ald. McDowell. Encourage those in ward 2 to come out. Interim Fire Chief will speak, it'll be at Fire Station 3 on 163rd & Dixie Highway. There will be light refreshments.

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OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC

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

Rosemary Calvert – walks a lot and sees a lot. Sees raccoons, possums, rats, cats, families of cats, cars in backyards, 5 or 6 cars on bricks, some houses don't have addresses, no porch lights on. 162nd from Wood to Park Ave. there's slick ice, particularly on Hermitage there's big trails of ice. Marshfield and Ashland going east as well, cars are driving fast and don't realize the ice is there. Park Avenue, 160th to 167th freezes on the Markham side.

Ald. Hampton – will call Public Works to put more salt down, there are signs on Park Avenue at 167th, 164th and 163rd to be careful of ice. It's IDOT's problem and a backflow issue that needs to be repaired.

Rosemary Calvert – who does the canal belong to? The water is rising on Wood St.

Mayor Agpawa – will look at it and get with CUDD or MWRD.

Rosemary Calvert – Thornton Township is moving back to original building the first weekend in March. There will be more room, more elevators, more space, etc. She will now be the face of the Township. Make sure Senior Freeze is being done every year, it's been extended to April 1st.

Regina Bailey – Update on the rink. What about management, heard you got rid of manager.

Mayor Agpawa – Heard the floor is done. Has to get some other things straightened out. Everyone is still in place and there is no exact date for reopen yet.

Stanley Robinson – Who classifies different pieces of property for zoning. Property has been a farm for 120 years and is zoned vacant land. Went from 2-39 to 2-41. Taxes have increased due to this classification.

Mayor Agpawa – zoned by the city and recognized by the county. Call his office in the morning to connect with people that can sort this out.

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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 8:36pm to discuss 8c – Land Development in accordance with section 2c5 of the Open Meetings Act.
Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

REGULAR SESSION

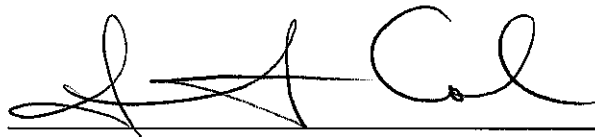
Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. McDowell, to return to regular session at 9:04pm.
Voice Vote: 3 Ayes/0 Nays/1 Absent (Jones)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Hampton, seconded by Ald. Barron, to adjourn at 9:22 p.m.
Voice Vote: 3 Ayes/0 Nays/1 Absent (Jones)

DATED:

3/4/2020



Jennifer Coles, City Clerk