

**CITY OF MARKHAM  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 4, 2020**

Mayor Roger Agpawa called the Regular Meeting of the Markham City Council to order at 7:31 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  
  Aldерwoman Brenna Hampton  
  Aldерwoman Wanda McDowell

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney, Steven Miller  
                          Treasurer, Belinda Richardson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR   Motion by Ald. McDowell, seconded by Ald.  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING   Barron to approve Minutes of the Regular City  
FEBRUARY 19, 2020           Council Meeting held February 19, 2020 with  
  necessary corrections and/or deletions.  
  Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR   Motion by Ald. Hampton, seconded by Ald.  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING   McDowell to approve Minutes of the Special City  
FEBRUARY 19, 2020           Council Meeting held February 19, 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 \$682,767.47 with manual checks in the amount  
  of \$141,161.91 totaling \$823,929.38  
  Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rancho 57, LLC; Census 2020

RANCHO 57, LLC

Motion by Ald. Hampton, seconded by Ald. McDowell, to open the meeting for special presentation from Rancho 57, LLC.

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

**Rancho 57, LLC** – David Delgado – representing them and Lade (sp) Perez- owner of Rancho 57, LLC. – understands concerns regarding capacity, parking, traffic, etc. Efforts are being made to address those issues. They weren't expecting five thousand people to attend a concert. Can do something maybe like Evanston. Evanston likes to have a safety plan at least 3 to 5 days in advance but could do 7 days. The plan is typically done with police and fire. The plan to increase the parking includes a proposed interest in some real estate which will give them enough parking because all of real estate is vacant. Most is currently owned by Vasquez.

Ald. Barron – Access for fire equipment and emergency equipment would have to be considered. The vacant pieces would mean there would be parking on grass, sand, etc and that's not allowed. Definitely going to need all that space. 151<sup>st</sup> street can't sustain parking, Sacramento is just a path, the property can't be treated like a fairground, there's some places where there's no sewer and water, neighbors complain about the smell, the music can be heard as far as Clifton Park. They need to look at ordinances to know what's allowed and start at the Mayor's office and the Building Department. We need to come up with something everyone can live with.

Lade Perez – PowerPoint presentation showing the Business concept. Their business profile and operational layout was presented. Been in business since 2013. Multi use event venue, designed for rodeo and equestrian. They have an indoor and outdoor season. Indoor arena is north of Rancho 57 at 15401 Sacramento.

Ald Jones – How much paid per year for license?

Lade Perez – Thinks it's \$500. Wants everyone to

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- understand the rise of Latin music and its relevance. There's a similar venue in Joliet at 1825 S. Bragg Street.

Mayor Agpawa – issues needing to be addressed. Maybe put together a package.

Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. Hampton, to close the meeting for special presentation to Rancho 57, LLC.

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

**CENSUS 2020**

Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. McDowell, to open the floor to Special Presentation for Census 2020.

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

**Vicki Brown** – Expressed how important it is for Markham to make sure everyone is counted and all those living with you. How much is lost if everyone isn't counted. We get \$1400 to \$1800 per person for 10 years. This is money used for lights, infrastructure, roads, schools, jobs, grants, park districts, etc. No one is knocking on doors, everything is electronic. You'll have the option to complete online, by phone or by mail. Mailers will come out by middle of March and due back by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The IRS, government, etc will not use this to come after people for anything. Each person is a walking \$18,000. Don't come looking for resources if you didn't complete the form.

Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. McDowell, to close the floor to Census 2020.

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

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CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT      1 Resolution, 4 Ordinances

WAIVE READING ORDINANCE      Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. Jones  
20-O-2250      to waive the reading of Ordinance 20-O-2250 – AN  
ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF  
THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE;  
2015 INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE;  
2018 INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE AND  
2017 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE.  
Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

ADOPT ORDINANCE      Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. Jones  
20-O-2250      to adopt Ordinance 20-O-2250.  
Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

WAIVE READING ORDINANCE      Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. McDowell  
20-O-2251      to waive the reading of Ordinance 20-O-2251 – AN  
ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT  
OF THE PROPERTY ACQUISITION  
AGREEMENT FROM INTERSTATE CROSSINGS  
LLC TO SCANNELL PROPERTIES #425, LLC,  
SCANNELL PROPERTIES #430, LLC, AND  
SCANNELL PROPERTIES #431, LLC, AS  
TENANTS-IN-COMMON AND TO SOUTH  
SUBURBAN INVESTMENTS, L.L.C., FOR THE  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 159<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO  
THE NORTH, I-294 TO THE WEST; DIXIE  
HIGHWAY TO THE EAST, 162<sup>ND</sup> STREET  
BETWEEN I-294 AND WESTERN AND 161<sup>ST</sup>  
STREET BETWEEN WESTERN AND DIXIE  
HIGHWAY TO THE SOUTH.  
Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

ADOPT ORDINANCE      Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. McDowell  
20-O-2251      to adopt Ordinance 20-O-2251.  
Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

Mayor Agpawa – Regarding upcoming proposed fee  
waiver ordinance, wanted to choose what would be  
the better way to go. Didn't waive the first fees  
because council approval hadn't been received.  
Whole project is approximately \$250 million project.  
Doing the math at about 1.6% is about \$400,000 in

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fees, third party consulting we'd be responsible for is at \$300,000 with more to come. This is the better option.

Ald. Barron – This is in the best interest of the City?

Ald. Jones – concerned about setting precedence.

Will we open pandora's box?

Mayor Agpawa – Yes this is in the best interest of the City. Not concerned about setting precedence.

Would want to entertain this if the math holds up.

We'd be hard pressed to come up with \$500,000 to pay for some of these things, but we want the project to move along, so this is best to do economically.

Ald. Jones – I thought we chose a bid?

Mayor Agpawa - That was one phase. We have more engineering, plan review, etc. and we're already at \$300,000.

**WAIVE READING ORDINANCE  
20-O-2252**

Motion by Ald. McDowell, seconded by Ald. Barron to waive the reading of Ordinance 20-O-2252 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 159<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO THE NORTH, I-294 TO THE WEST; DIXIE HIGHWAY TO THE EAST, 162<sup>ND</sup> STREET BETWEEN I-294 AND WESTERN AND 161<sup>ST</sup> STREET BETWEEN WESTERN AND DIXIE HIGHWAY TO THE SOUTH ON BEHALF OF INTERSTATE CROSSINGS LLC AND SCANNELL PROPERTIES #425, LLC.

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

**ADOPT ORDINANCE  
20-O-2252**

Motion by Ald. McDowell, seconded by Ald. Barron to adopt Ordinance 20-O-2252.

Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

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**WAIVE READING ORDINANCE** Motion by Ald. McDowell, seconded by Ald. Barron  
20-O-2253 to waive the reading of Ordinance 20-O-2253 – AN  
ORDINANCE APPROVING THE GRANTING OF  
AN EASEMENT BY THE CITY OF MARKHAM  
TO COMMONWEALTH EDISON FOR THE  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 159<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO  
THE NORTH, I-294 TO THE WEST; DIXIE  
HIGHWAY TO THE EAST, 162<sup>ND</sup> STREET  
BETWEEN I-294 AND WESTERN AND 161<sup>ST</sup>  
STREET BETWEEN WESTERN AND DIXIE  
HIGHWAY TO THE SOUTH.  
Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

**ADOPT ORDINANCE** Motion by Ald. McDowell, seconded by Ald. Barron  
20-O-2253 to adopt Ordinance 20-O-2253  
Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

**WAIVE READING RESOLUTION** Motion by Ald. Jones, seconded by Ald. Hampton  
20-R-586 to waive the reading of Resolution 20-R-586 – A  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
APPLICATION FOR THE 2020 COOK COUNTY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
PROGRAM (Project Street Resurfacing and Green  
Sustainable Infrastructure Program: Location  
Sussex: Kedzie to Richmond; Location Country  
Aire: Entrances; Location Homan: 162<sup>nd</sup> to 164<sup>th</sup>;  
Location Sawyer: 159<sup>th</sup> to 157<sup>th</sup>).  
Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

**ADOPT RESOLUTION** Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. Jones  
20-R-586 to adopt Resolution 20-R-586.  
Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT** 1 Business License

**MARKHAM BEFORE & AFTER** Motion by Ald. Jones, seconded by Ald. Hampton  
**SCHOOL ZONE** to open the floor to Markham Before & After School  
Zone.  
Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

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Ms. Harrison is the owner. Will be located in the Canterbury Shopping Center. Not open yet. This is her first childcare facility. Chose Markham because there's a need. Has worked in education for 14 years. Left the school system about 1 year ago. Has services for special needs children and adult children.

Ald. Hampton – What's the capacity? Has she partnered or spoken with the Park District? Thinks that's a good partnership since there seems to be similar focus. Was an additional bathroom added?

Ms. Harrison – No she hasn't partnered with the Park District, but her the park so she is familiar. Yes, an additional bathroom was added.

Ald. Jones – Will there be transportation services?

Ms. Harrison – Yes

Ald. McDowell – Will food be provided? Noticed food certification.

Ms. Harrison – No, they will bring their own food. The certification was needed elsewhere but not necessary since she won't be supplying food. Also has three gaming systems connected to three TVs mounted on the wall.

Mayor Agpawa – Has to say glad she could field the questions from the Council. Is one of her biggest cheerleaders. We took her through a lot in areas he couldn't help, but she made it. Wishing her nothing but the best and she's had a good spirit through it all.

Motion by Ald. Jones, seconded by Ald. McDowell to close the floor to Markham Before & After School Zone.

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

**GRANT LICENSE**

Motion by Ald. Jones, seconded by Ald. Hampton to grant a business license to Markham Before & After School Zone to do business in the City of Markham.

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

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**MAYOR'S REPORT**

It's been a busy evening. We're hoping not to get a blizzard and weather stays the way it is, we have the lawnmowers out. Public Works had the big trailer out, that's how we know spring is coming and we will be ready. Council check your email, Council reports should be there. What's happening with the state and cannabis, calls have been received inquiring about growers and cultivators. The Council will have to make some decisions regarding intent for that matter. Zoning ordinance is to put something in place to deal with it if wanting to accept it. Will have to make a determination. Dispensaries with lines has gone away and are either town's woes. Apologies to the public for running behind schedule. We're dealing with legal things and other issues that may be happening and want to make sure we're doing it right. We should do it before we get here, but we're making good progress.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ALD JONES**

Thank everyone for coming out. Love how we can work together bringing business into town and work arm in arm with Interstate Crossings for years. It's always about the betterment of the community, but there's another project that's been going on just as long as Interstate Crossings, Plum Creek. There was one appraisal for the property. Would like to call a special meeting to move this along, don't think it's fair to keep dragging this along and they possibly lose funding.

Mayor Agpawa – there's still some issues. Attorney Fountain can speak to but a special meeting can be called once all things are resolved.

Motion by Ald. Jones, seconded by Ald. Hampton, to open the floor to Attorney Fountain.

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays



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Attorney Fountain- Had a meeting to get three appraisals and survey of the property. Found that some of the lots added to survey were not supposed to be there. Some were part of the existing Senior Building parking lot. Engineer from Robinson Engineering disagreed on how the survey should read and what could and couldn't be changed based on what's on file with the county and what's been approved by Council. Couldn't get on same page with engineer, so went with another engineering firm that said they would provide what's needed and still had some issue with the number of PINs. Received one appraisal, but the other two stated they needed the survey to complete the appraisals.

Atty Miller – Can the appraisers look at the square footage without the survey to get a jumpstart until the survey is done even though one appraiser was able to do it without it.

Motion by Ald. Jones, seconded by Ald. Hampton to close the meeting to Attorney Fountain.

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

Daylight savings is on 3/8. Bremen Township on 3/13 produce mobile. On 3/17 please go vote. No right to complain if you don't vote or complete the census and pay attention to the judges.

ALD BARRON

Echo what Ald. Jones said. The weather has been unbelievable. Saw Public Works out patching potholes but don't think winter is over.

ALD. HAMPTON

Ditto to what Ald. Jones and Barron said. Residents of Ward 1 or any residents can attend Brunch with Bre on Saturday 3/14. Talk about the city, census and address concerns. Kudos to Public Works.

ALD. MCDOWELL

Thank you to all who came out to coffee day with long lists of concerns. We're going through them and addressing them. The Field Supervisor was out today to get some things rectified. Working on 2<sup>nd</sup> event for Ward 2.

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OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC

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

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

**Rosemary Calvert** – Is the new building by King Park open to the public with the indoor walking path?

**Mayor Agpawa**- It's open but working on schedule with Park District.

Rosemary Calvert – Sign on 162<sup>nd</sup> and Park Avenue has been knocked down.

Mayor Agpawa- Reported to ComEd but will stay on top of it.

**Rosemary Calvert** – Thornton Township is back open. 333 E 163<sup>rd</sup> St. Still doing construction. Do we know what's going to be on the property at 159<sup>th</sup> and Dixie Highway?

**Mayor Agpawa** – It's going to be a major distribution center.

**Darlene Williams** – 166<sup>th</sup> Honore – had serious problems and has seen great improvement. Street is being repaired, vandalized homes are being boarded up.

CLOSE FLOOR TO PUBLIC

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

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. McDowell to adjourn at 9:36 p.m.

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

DATED: 3/25/2020

  
Jennifer Coles, City Clerk