

**CITY OF MARKHAM  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
April 1, 2020**

Mayor Roger Agpawa called the Regular Meeting of the Markham City Council to order at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Prayer led by Ald. Hampton. 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  
MARCH 18, 2020

Motion by Ald. McDowell, seconded by Ald. Hampton to approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held March 18, 2020 with necessary corrections and/or deletions.  
Q. Ald. Barron – Correction to the motion on page 10  
Roll Call: 3 Ayes/0 Nays/1 Abstain

AUTHORIZATION OF CLAIMS

Motion by Ald. Hampton, seconded by Ald. Barron, to adopt Authorization of Claims and Accounts Bill List \$627,523.61 with manual checks in the amount of \$167,945.15 totaling \$795,468.76.  
Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION           None

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT       1 Ordinance, 3 Resolutions

WAIVE READING ORDINANCE   Motion by Ald. Jones, seconded by Ald. Hampton  
20-O-2255                           to waive the reading of Ordinance 20-O-2255 – AN  
ORDINANCE CONVEYING PROPERTY TO  
PLUM CREEK LP AND TO VACATE AN AREA  
AT APPROXIMATELY 155<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND  
TURNER INSIDE THE CITY OF MARKHAM  
with amendment for the immediate transfer of deeds  
per the March 5, 2014 resolution 14-R-490 with the  
payment of \$413,000.  
Voice Vote: 3 Ayes/1 Nay (McDowell)

ADOPT ORDINANCE               Motion by Ald. Jones, seconded by Ald. Barron  
20-O-2255                           to adopt Ordinance 20-O-2255.  
Q. Ald. McDowell – Are you saying he delivers the  
check to the city and give the deeds instantly?  
A. Ald. Jones – He needs the deeds to get the \$14  
million. We’ll get about \$813,000 for the land and  
permit fees.  
Q. Ald. Hampton/McDowell – Thought he had to  
give the \$413,000 then we give the deeds.  
A. Mayor Agpawa – the amendment read in the  
waving changes that.  
Roll Call: 3 Ayes (includes Mayor Agpawa)/2 Nays  
(Ald. Hampton/Ald. McDowell)

Attorney Fountain – Do we give the deeds to the  
developer and hope to get the money or if payment is  
not made we hope to get the property back? Wanted  
to go on record stating her lack of comfort in this  
decision.

WAIVE READING RESOLUTION   Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. Hampton  
20-R-588                           to waive the reading of Resolution 20-R-588 – A  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF  
AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING  
RESIDENTIAL REFUSE COLLECTION  
SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
MARKHAM AND HOMEWOOD DISPOSAL  
SERVICE INC.  
Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

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**ADOPT RESOLUTION  
20-R-588**

Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. Hampton to adopt Resolution 20-R-588.  
Roll Call: 3 Ayes/0 Nays/1 Abstain (Jones)

**WAIVE READING RESOLUTION  
20-R-589**

Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. McDowell to waive the reading of Resolution 20-R-589 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARKHAM AND MIDWEST COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE, INC.  
Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

**ADOPT RESOLUTION  
20-R-589**

Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. McDowell to adopt Resolution 20-R-589.  
Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

Attorney Ross Secler – Last meeting the Council passed local emergency ordinance. With the extended stay at home order until April 30<sup>th</sup>, every meeting it has to be renewed.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION  
20-R-590**

Motion by Ald. Jones, seconded by Ald. Hampton to adopt Resolution 20-R-590 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL OF RE-PROCLAMATION AND DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF MARKHAM IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.  
Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

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**CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Received several calls regarding the submission of public comment and those did not understand why they aren't to be submitted to the Clerk's Office.

Mayor Agpawa – received a couple comments/questions and wanted to be able to address any potential issue or forward on to the proper parties, but yes it should be going to the Clerk's Office and can be facilitated that way.

Clerk Coles – since the Clerk's Office is also responsible for the minutes, ensuring those comments make it to the minutes and are accurate.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Happy with the media team for pulling this meeting together. Kudos to all for getting signed in tonight. Police, Fire and Public Works are working. Public Works has a skeleton crew. Non-essential workers are doing 4 hours a day. Will need to have Public Works back to full time due to an increase in dumping and littering. Has participated in conference calls with other legislators such as Lori Lightfoot, Governor Pritzker, Dick Durbin, Tammy Duckworth, Robin Kelly and more. Will get information out as soon as possible when made available to him. Mayor's Office open from 10am to 2pm. He's been scaling back due to his own underlying conditions. Advises the Council to be safe.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**ALD JONES**

Prayers to the Goodlow family that is in the hospital. Asking everyone to stay safe, stay home, stay 6ft apart. Take this seriously. Mayor Agpawa, I received calls about the beauty supply being open as an essential business.

**Mayor Agpawa** – Has addressed this and it has been deemed essential, but they have been asked to reduce hours from 10am to 2pm. Sent inspectors in to check thing out and that precautions are being taken.

Liquor stores are still allowed open since they sell food products.

**Ald. Jones** – kudos to the Police Department. Love the change in hours. Terry White, you are my chief. Thank you Ald. Barron and Mayor Agpawa for your support with Plum Creek project.

**ALD BARRON**

Been home 3 weeks, doing better. Has been helping seniors with grocery shopping. Kudos to the city and staff for their work. Hope we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. This will be very hard. There will be no water shut offs and court is closed. Wishing good health to all.

**ALD. HAMPTON**

Wants everyone to be safe out there, this is no joke and everyone needs to take this seriously and follow laws. Prayers to the Goodlow family. Thank you to Ward 1 for brunch attendance before pandemic. Shared good conversation and been working diligently on some of things brought up. Stay safe everyone.

**ALD. MCDOWELL**

Ask that we continue to pray for the entire nation, law enforcement, nurses, government, the people affected and have mercy on our country. Thank you to Public Works. Saw some dumping and thank Ed and his team for going out and getting the stuff. Thank you to the Police Chief. Be safe and pray for one another.

**ALD BARRON**

One more note – more people are home and it's going to get scary. There may be people that come to

your doors or call with scams, burglaries and robberies. Be alert

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OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC

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

**Donna Drake-Davis** – I want to know what assistance Markham is providing for COVID-19? Chicago is providing rental assistance and other assistance for its residents. Is there anything for the south suburbs of Chicago? If so please provide me with this information. Also, what assistance is Markham providing for residents with respect to our water bill and other utilities? We have been affected just like Chicago. Thank you.

**Mayor Agpawa** – there's stimulus money to help and there may be rent forgiveness in some situations. Government has put in place no evictions can take place, should there be any issues with landlords. In regards to water, we'll give people time to catch up. There's approximately \$49,000 in outstanding water bills. Has had some people pay as they should or could. Hope people keep up good spirits in the next 30 days. Working the Finance to see how we're going to carry residents with water and employees depending on how long this could take. Will get info with rental and water information out to residents and posted on website.

**Allen Dent, Jr** – I live in the new housing development east of Kedzie Ave

1. When will street lights be installed? Although lights have been installed on the frontage road south of the housing area, the main streets need to be illuminated.

2. When will the streets be completed (paved)? The sewer lids are protruding above ground creating driving hazards and there are a number of low spots causing rain water to pool.

The other streets involved are Troy and Whipple Ave.

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**Mayor Agpawa** – Ald. Jones area. We've put lights down 150<sup>th</sup> Street. The money is approved and ready to go from Cook County for \$400,000 to complete the streets down there. Talked to Ald. Jones about the lights. Found some lamp post type lights, that weren't costly at about \$800 per pole, looking at putting about three to four per street and there's only four streets. Agrees the streets are horrible, hit sewer so far thought he broke a ball joint. Will stay in touch about progress.

**Mayor Agpawa** – One comment on Facebook Live. Ald. Barron can't smoke at home.

**CLOSE FLOOR TO PUBLIC**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. Hampton, to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.  
Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

DATED: 4/17/2020

  
Jennifer Coles, City Clerk