

**CITY OF MARKHAM
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 3, 2020**

Mayor Roger Agpawa called the Regular Meeting of the Markham City Council to order at 7:14 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. McDowell, seconded by Ald.
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Barron to approve Minutes of the Regular City
MAY 20, 2020 Council Meeting held May 20, 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 Barron to approve Minutes of the Special City
MAY 26, 2020 Council Meeting held May 26, 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 \$461,942.90 with manual checks \$538,920.00
 totaling \$1,000,862.90.
 Q. Ald. Barron – Concerned about roller rink not
 being used but on page 4 at the bottom we're
 spending \$6,758.52.
 A. Treasurer Richardson – Was behind on some
 things and once they received the bills, they paid
 them.
 Q. Ald. Hampton – So after this everything will be
 caught up?
 A. Treasurer Richardson – Yes.
 Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION None

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT 2 Resolutions, 1 Executive Order

ADOPT RESOLUTION
20-R-599 Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. Hampton to adopt Resolution 20-R-599 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENSION AND RENEWAL OF RE-PROCLAMATION AND DECLARARTION OF CONTINUED LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF MARKHAM IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.
Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

ADOPT RESOLUTION
20-R-600 Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. McDowell to adopt Resolution 20-R-600 – A RESOLUTION CONTINUING AND RENEWING AUTHORIZED MODIFICATIONS TO CITY OF MARKHAM CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS OCCURRING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.
Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

C. PACE PROGRAM

Attorney Miller provided an information pamphlet provided to him earlier in the day that provides an explanation. This had been prepared a while ago. There’s a need to get clarity with respect to how this works and if it affects us financially or if this is like a 6b.

Ald. Jones – It’s a clean energy act, Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) that gives them tax incentives for installing things like solar panels or certain windows. Doesn’t affect the tax revenue. We could’ve invited them to explain this. Page 4, Section 5, XI, it explains what the city’s obligation is.

Attorney Miller – Page 18 of the pamphlet says it’s of no risk for the city, but bottom says creates additional revenue stream for municipalities. Not sure how that part works.

Ald. McDowell – Is there anyway we can get someone to come and give more information on this?

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Ald. Jones – Could've told them to come tonight

Ald. Hampton – Can we hold off on this until we can get some clarity on what's the responsibility of the city and what's not?

Ald. Jones – It's an energy saving program that won't cost us anything so I don't mind.

Attorney Ross Secler – Explained the Declaration of Local State of Emergency and Implementing a Temporary Curfew due to the rioting that started after protests over the weekend, and in neighborhoods nearby to the City of Markham. Similar to the state of emergency declared for COVID-19. It says the duration of 30 days but has to be reapproved at each meeting.

Ald. Jones – had some businesses call and were concerned about being forced to close. Main concern is people trying to conduct business.

Mayor Agpawa – Tried to consider all things and wanting to work in a way that doesn't spread resources any thinner than they already are. We want to protect the businesses and residents.

APPROVE TEMPORARY
CURFEW

Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. McDowell to approve Executive Order 2020 – 02 MAYORAL EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPLEMENTING AND CONTINUING A TEMPORARY CURFEW.

Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

APPROVE DECLARATION OF
LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

Motion by Ald. Barron, seconded by Ald. McDowell to approve RE-PROCLAMATION AND DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.

Roll Call: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

None

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Right in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, as we're trying to get to some places of restoration, here comes civil unrest. Think we're holding the line with the resources we have. Was on the phone last night with the Governor's Office trying to deal with some things we've been challenged with. Trying to get things back up so people can reasonably live and live safe where there is no vaccine. We'll continue to hold the line around the community. Hoping we can get back to normal next week. City Hall is open with regular business hours and things in place for social distancing, checkpoints, mask requirements and hand sanitizer. Public Works, Fire and Police have been pulled on. Public Works has been doing dual duty. They are cleaning up and catching up. It's getting better, still wet in places. We'll get through this. Had them work on the holidays to get caught up.

NEW BUSINESS

ALD JONES

Great job Chief Terry White and first responders for their dedication to protection and safety for the City of Markham and residents. No vandalism and no windows broken out. Hats off to Ed for getting the grass cut and the dedication getting things cut before Memorial Day. We're going in the right direction. It's not about politics, it's about the people. Are we doing anything with the streets soon? Are we still on target?

Mayor Agpawa – Yes. Was on Sussex trying to get walkways clear and trees cut back. The issue is the County. They are back in the building next week. There's nothing to do but to release the funds.

Ald. Jones – Has the 4 streets that need repair. June 12th from 10:30am to 12:30pm for free produce and masks at Bremen Township.

Mayor Agpawa – Would like to go out to look at the streets with each Alderman.

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ALD BARRON

Was in Fairplay and there were about 6 people in there without masks on. Would like the Mayor's Office to get something to the businesses to turn people around at the door if they don't have a mask. Saw the civil unrest and people without masks on and worried about the numbers later. See people are getting relaxed since reopening. Compliment Police, Fire and Public Works and the Mayor for being out there with the best interest of the City

Mayor Agpawa – Will do some enforcement with the businesses

ALD. HAMPTON

Kudos to Police, Fire and Public Works. Proud of the City of Markham. Thinks things were handled well. Appreciate the Mayor very much. Would like to meet regarding the 4 streets needing repairs and address some concerns throughout Ward 1. Everyone please be safe, wear a mask.

ALD. MCDOWELL

Thank the Mayor, Police Chief Terry White, Fire Department and Public Works. They are doing an outstanding job keeping our city safe. Have received numerous phone calls and texts from residents in Ward 2 about how our city is staying so safe and keeping the looters out. Had an issue with traffic down one of our main street, the Deputy Chief took care of it. Drove through some other towns and talked to other Trustees and thank God for the leadership for what we're doing here. Unsure if we have another meeting before Father's Day, Happy Father's Day.

OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC

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

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

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. McDowell, seconded by Ald. Barron, to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays

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DATED: 6/20/2020



Jennifer Coles, City Clerk