

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – April 14, 2020

Mayor Gallo called the Council meeting via Zoom Teleconferencing to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - Led by Marco Gallo

ROLL CALL:

Present: Cannon, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica

Absent: 0

With 7 present and 0 absent there is a quorum.

Members of the virtual audience are reminded that these proceedings are being recorded for current and future broadcast.

Staff Members Present Remotely: City Manager Barry Krumstok, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher, Deputy City Clerk Judy Brose, Police Chief John Nowacki, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Moxley, Director Public Works Rob Horne, City Attorney Melissa Wolf

Members of the public will be afforded the opportunity for public comment as long as they provided their contact credentials and the subject matter for which they would like to speak about before the deadline as noted on tonight's agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

The first order of business is to approve the minutes from the *March 24, 2020 City Council Meeting*. Is there a motion to approve the minutes? Alderman O'Brien made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Sanoica. Are there any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye; those opposed say nay. The ayes have it and the minutes are approved.

MOTION TO DEVIATE: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Just a couple of quick items. I would like to remind residents and anybody who is curious or concerned, they should be going to the City's website for the latest updates or resources regarding the issues here, the community and the COVID-19 Pandemic. These resources have also included a spread sheet that Martha Corner and Don Wenzel created that have an active list of businesses who are still operational and it also includes restaurants. I think that's a valuable tool especially when we're looking toward creating some more initiatives to keep shop local up and running. This weekend I was doing some reading and I read some interesting information from the Brookings Institute regarding the impact of COVID-19 and our economy and how we work our way out of this. As a result of that, I had a conversation with Manager Krumstok on liking to see what the COVID-19 impact is going to be on our budget. I do want to start seeing as we go through this next series of months here, some sort of forecast on our budget and a pie chart would be the most simple or effective way of doing this in looking at something that illustrates the different scenarios of our revenues and how they're impacted, from 10% reduction in revenues, 30% or even 80% and how that's going to cause us to adjust our spending. I do want to see something like that come out so we can also help residents understand what steps we're taking as this impact is not just

affecting the community from the City Hall perspective but I know it's also affecting residents and their budgets and what they're doing to be proactive from the inevitable outcome.

WARD REPORTS:

Alderman Sanoica - I would like to begin by stating that many residents have reached out stating that with the better weather they noticed more people spending time in our parks and along our extensive pedestrian and bicycle network which is great. For the most part they said that they've been able to easily maintain the 6 feet away from others in these public spaces but they did mention that there are others not remembering to leash their dogs. While you may have an excellent relationship with your dog you must maintain control over them at all times. Additionally, owners who fail to leash their dogs could face fines up to \$150 for the first offense and up to \$500 for repeat offenders. Chief Nowacki and the Rolling Meadows Police Department increased patrols to enforce leash laws in various areas near Rolling Meadows High School. Chief Nowacki, if you're on this call should residents expect increased patrols in other areas?

John Nowacki, Police Chief – Yes, we will have extra patrols out especially in the areas of the parks. Weather permitting, we will have our police ATV out this weekend. I also did have a conversation with the Park District regarding social distancing at our parks, they put some signage up and they also have some extra staff on hand to monitor the situation.

Alderman Sanoica – If there are residents that encounter owners with dogs that aren't leashed, what should they do in that moment? What are they expected to do?

John Nowacki, Police Chief – The best cause for action would be to call 911. Any time you observe a violation in progress, we would like to be informed and then have an officer respond out to that location to address the situation. Our set up is if you need a police officer to respond for an active in progress, even a dog call, the proper channel would be to dial 911 and we would have an officer dispatched to that area to address the situation.

Alderman Sanoica – While this has been communicated to some residents, they feel that it's an overreaction to call 911 for these types of violations. I've communicated with them that this is data that's important to the police department but this is all compiled and used in order to be able to determine where we can put patrols. Was there any additional information or contacts that you can provide for those residents who are hesitant to report?

John Nowacki, Police Chief – They can always email the Police Department if they observe an offense that happens on a regular basis such as a certain date or time. They can definitely send that to the Police Department anonymously, they can call and leave a message and we will respond. We will have some additional patrols out especially as the weather gets nicer. If there is an incident where a dog is chasing an individual, running at large and they feel it's necessary that it should be address immediately with the owner, definitely call 911.

Alderman Sanoica – Thank you to Public Works for addressing four issues on (*inaudible*) Court in the 7th Ward which included increased lighting for that area, responsibilities for maintaining a right of way, considering concrete epoxy for the sidewalk and some tree trimming. Additionally, Public Works in the process of investigated possible effects of a Schaumburg construction project on internet service. At this time, if WOW internet subscribers are experiencing service disruptions, please reach out to WOW directly to address that issue however you are encouraged to inform the City as well in the event that internet

connectivity issues are more widespread and city staff will investigate alternate solutions. Lastly, no residents have reached out to me personally about the hardships impacting them due to the COVID-19 Pandemic but I have to assume that's either because these individuals are already receiving assistance from city staff or county officials or they don't know whom to contact. I encourage residents who are struggling to reach out to their representatives to make sure the decisions we make at the local level are working for you. We are your voice and we will make decisions to support you and our community during this difficult time if we know which issues are impacting you most. With that I conclude my Ward report and yield my time to the Chair.

Alderman Vinezeano – I have two things. To kind of piggy back off of Alderman Sanoica, I really encourage residents to call the appropriate departments whether that be the Police Department or Public Works if you see something going on in your neighborhood. We had a couple of incidences here in the 4th Ward, some residents seen some stuff going on and they contacted me which I'm more than happy to field those calls but I encourage you to call the Police Department or Public Works to resolve these issues as well and I'm glad that we were able to take care of that. I thank Chief Nowacki for assisting us so quickly. I just learned about two minutes ago that I'm going to do a video in the next couple of days about donning proper PPE, putting on and taking off masks and putting on and taking off gloves properly. I've been around town in the community and Jewel and Walmart and seen a lot of residents wearing their PPE and we just want to make sure that residents are safe and doing it the proper way. In the next couple days I will be doing a video and get it out on social media.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

The next step is to open the meeting to the public. In order to secure the rights of the citizens of the City to a fair and just representation before their elected officials, and to guarantee to the elected officials an order and dignified form in which to conduct the City's business, no person shall be allowed to engage in any activity that will disturb or disrupt the orderly proceedings of the City Council.

Per Rules of Procedures the public is to address the City Council, and the fact that no member of the City Council responds does not mean that the City Council or any member thereof agrees or disagrees with the comment.

In order to attain this objective the following rules of conduct are hereby established:

1. Any person who seeks to address the City Council at this time for public comments, shall be permitted to speak only upon recognition of the Presiding Officer and such person shall adhere to the following provisions:
 - a. Each person addressing the City Council shall state their name for the record.
 - b. Each person shall be granted no more than 5 minutes of the allotted 20 minutes in order to address the City Council.
 - c. Questions and/or commentary shall be limited to City business. Comments supporting or opposing a nominated person's candidacy for elective office of the City shall be out of order.

- d. Commentary shall be directed to the Presiding Officer unless the Presiding Officer permits the individual to address the Council Members or other City officers present.
- e. Discussion shall take place in a professional manner which displays mutual respect.
- f. Profanity shall not be used in any form or manner.

Sam Mokhtarian – I'm the owner of the small strip center down the street from city hall at 2633-2635 Kirchoff Road where Lulu's restaurant/gaming establishment wants to go. I really haven't prepared anything formal to present but I just thought I'd say a couple of words how detrimental it is for this establishment to open up and add to the vitality of our center. These two individuals who are very experienced restaurant/gaming operators, they have four other operations in different suburbs and they are extremely competent and smart people. In 2018 we looked into their backgrounds and their abilities to run restaurants and gaming. They signed a lease September 2018 and unfortunately they still haven't opened and I understand that there are still debates about if the City will allow them to open the gaming/restaurant even though they have met every ordinance/requirement the City has asked them. They have done their buildout, they're about 85% done. I encourage the City Council and the Honorable Mayor to come and look at the buildout and see what they have done. It's really going to be a top class restaurant. They are going to be serving slider hamburgers which is their specialty. They have a little room in the back where they're going to have gaming. They met with Staff many times and they are in complete compliance (*inaudible*). They really are going to be a good addition to our center, a good addition to the neighborhood especially with Taco Bell closing just down the street from us. We are really in dire need of a little bit of activity and excitement in our center, in that area and in the town. I just hope that the City Council and the Honorable Mayor keep all this in mind. They spent over \$180,000 in build out. I have asked them if they don't get the gaming would they open the restaurant and they said absolutely not. Their game plan is restaurant and video gaming, that's what all the other establishments that they have. I don't know if they're listening to this or not but they have indicated that after tonight if they do not get a positive reading from the City Council they are just going to walk away even though they have a 10 year lease. They're just going to walk away from the premises. It's not going to be really good for them, for us, for the neighborhood. I just wanted to put my two cents in and I appreciate any help the Council and the Mayor could give us to get them over this little hump and seem them open up. These are trying times, they are going to be a good addition. We might lose a couple of other tenants in that center because of this rough time that we are in. Any help that the City Council and Mayor can do would be certainly appreciated. I thank you for the efforts and the vote of confidence. Thank you.

Mayor Gallo closed the floor.

➤ **PENDING:**

A) Ordinance No. 20-15 - Amending the Alcohol Liquor Code to Approve a Class G1 Liquor License for Video Gaming for MJ Hospitality, LLC dba Lulu's at 2633 Kirchoff Road (2nd Reading)

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman D'Astice. Is there any discussion?

Alderman Sanoica – Given our productive conversations at the 3/31 Committee of the Whole I am not in favor of granting a G1 license to a new establishment at this time. The Council agreed informally to zoning caps and implementing a six month waiting period on new establishments operating as bars or restaurants in the City of Rolling Meadows. Members of our business community and our residents have shared their unease due to the lack of regulations and therefore I believe it is in the best interest of our community to clarify our expectations. This would entail the restructure of our G1 license to clarify its use as a competitive economic tool for our existing bars and restaurants or for new bars and restaurants that have operated in the City with a continuance six month timeframe. Furthermore, the Council should create a new G2 license to regulate businesses operating for the primary purpose of video gaming. So if Lulu's would like to operate as a restaurant, I would expect to see at least six months of operation or attempted operation given the current stay-at-home order across the state. If Lulu's business model necessitates video gaming as the owner of the property has stated it does then I would suggest that Lulu's withdraw their G1 application and apply for a G2 license once created. They're not losing out on anything at this time because everything else is closed due to the stay-at-home order per the Governor. Unless an Alderman is willing to make a motion to postpone this item with the belief that Council's efforts to restructure the G1 license will fail, I will be voting no to this license and later this evening request that the Council review G1 and G2 ordinance drafts at next week's Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Gallo – Just to be clear, did I hear any motion to postpone from your end or no?

Alderman Sanoica – No motion from me, if another Alderman wishes to postpone with the belief that any negotiations for restructuring the G1 or G2 will fail then they are free to do so. I will not be making that motion tonight.

Mayor Gallo – Okay, thank you for the clarification.

Alderman Budmats - I concur with Alderman Sanoica's comments. I think that the G1 and the creation of a G2 is required and feel that she adequately summed up the last meetings comments. I think we can vote on this and then if MJ Hospitality cannot operate as a restaurant and they insist that they have to have a gaming license to start their business they will need to apply for a G2 license once it's created. At this point I think that's the road we should go.

Alderman Bisesi - I think Lulu's is in a slightly different situation than anyone else that will be moving forward at this time or being proposed. They've been on our agenda for a fairly long time and we've known about this property since the first time we attempted to make changes to the ordinance. My concern is the signal this sends to businesses in our community. I will be voting yes on this ordinance.

Mayor Gallo - I just want to say after the last Committee of the Whole meeting, I really do think it's appropriate that we bifurcate G1 and G2. I think it's important that we allow those gaming cafés that want to come into the community as a gaming café, to be proud of that and their business model but also we as a City to be cognizant that the residents are not in favor of a super saturation of gaming cafés. That a model such as Schaumburg's where we have a G1 allocated to restaurants whose primary focus is service of food and beverage and entertaining restaurants through food and beverage and then the secondary gaming café/gaming parlor where their primary focus is to entertain patrons through gaming and supplemental with food and beverage. I think they should be proud of those models, I think both models are lucrative and I think we just need to be able to provide a platform that can demonstrate both of those. I do agree that we should exploring the bifurcation of a G1 and G2.

Alderman Budmats - If we're going to talk about the merits of Lulu's as an organization and not just talking about the G1 and G2 bifurcation that I do want to address that based on Alderman Bisesi's

comments. The truth is last year we passed chickens and none of the citizens stood before us and said they already built a coop and I expect you to pass my license through because I want chickens really bad. The truth of the matter is that Lulu's may have put the horse before the cart. I read Mr. Mokhtarian's letter where he says that we as a village board approved this in advance. We approved them to have a liquor license and they can if they wish to open a restaurant and can serve alcohol so we're not limiting their ability to operate as a restaurant which is what this law was created to give restaurants an advantage. It was not originally created to provide an opportunity for gaming parlors to exist or come into our town. If they can't open up a restaurant without having gaming then literally gaming is their business. I will not be voting for them based on the merits of their particular application. I have watched as individual City Council members have supported or opposed different G1 applicants based on what they thought their merits were for whatever their particular reason and some opposed existing city businesses and others supported unknown quantities and as a result we have gaming cafés in Rolling Meadows. I don't think it was our original intention to have them but now we do. The fact that we have made the mistake in the past does not give us the right to continue to make the mistake over and over again. It just means that it's time to say no, no more gaming cafés. If Lulu's is really restaurant than it shouldn't be an issue for them to open up as a restaurant for six months and operate without gaming. If they're a restaurant and my wife and I go there and have dinner and it's a restaurant and everybody else on the Council gets a chance in those six months and have dinner at this restaurant and they come back and say they really need gaming to keep the restaurant viable and I don't think it would be a problem to get it passed if they're a restaurant. If they're a gaming parlor then they're going to have an issue because we're looking for restaurants not additional gaming parlors if we could avoid it especially when it's in close proximity to another gaming parlor less than 250 yards away. I will be voting no based on the merits of or the lack thereof for Lulu's.

Mayor Gallo – We did hear from tonight's speaker that if they do not get the gaming they will not open.

Alderman Vinezeano - I'm a little concerned that we're putting the best interest of a business before the concerns of our residents. We're placed on the City Council by our residents and I know that I have spoken to many residents in our Ward where this establishment will be coming and the concern is that it's another gaming café with one being right across the street. My first allegiance is to our residents. I am definitely in favor the establishing the G1 and G2 and getting this ordinance correct and then establishing businesses that can apply for the licenses appropriately if they apply to them. I will be voting no in light of this license and then implore Lulu's to apply for a G2 once we get our ordinances established the proper way.

Alderman O'Brien - I do honor the great discussion that we had but I do want to say that I did receive very favorable feedback from a handful residents from the 3rd Ward over the last six or eight months that we've been looking at this. Based on our meeting last time where we did put in the potential and we did have some of the discussions around limiting the gaming within a certain area as well as the six months waiting period. The residents I spoke to were in favor of that so I am still in support. If we do move this for a vote this evening I will be voting in support of that based on resident feedback that I've received. They felt it was very well done when we specked it out as this would be the third and it should help us limit but I also do wholeheartedly going forward it would be great to get the parameters so we're not this situation again. If this does move forward tonight I will continue with my vote in the affirmative based on resident feedback and that they felt that this discussion as Alderman Sanoica did point out that we had some tentative agreements in place for limiting within a certain area as well as overall gaming parlors versus restaurants was making progress at the last Committee of the Whole. This would put the third one in that area and that was the draft recommendation at the Committee of the Whole so I will be voting the affirmative moving forward.

Alderman Sanoica - I wanted to address the comment that Alderman Bisesi had brought up about his desire of having consistent messaging to the business community or not necessarily consistent, but he

wanted to send a message to the business community and I just want to remind the Council that during the Committee of the Whole we received a letter from various business owners that were not in favor of expanding G1 licensing, they felt that the market was saturated. What Alderman Bisesi is talking about how he would like to not necessarily appease the business community but act in their favor, I think that it's not necessarily anomalous of stakeholders that he's considering and that there are multiple interests at play. When he states that he's referring to new business owners making sure that the rules are consistent across-the-board this is one of those incidences where we can actually, as Alderman Vinezeano and Alderman Budmats have stated, demonstrate that we are very consistent in clarifying what our expectations are by bifurcating our G1 license to a G1 and a G2. Also continue along with what Alderman O'Brien brought up about ensuring that we have limits and that our residents are in favor of limits, we would most likely consider limits for G2 and perhaps have different limits for G1. That way the business community, all the segments, are very clear about what the Council expects going forward. I hope that Alderman Bisesi considers that in his vote tonight.

Alderman Bisesi - I think some of what I was saying may have been slightly misinterpreted. I am in favor of a lot of the things we spoke about at the Committee of the Whole. I really like the limitations in the various zones and separation of G1 and G2. However, this particular business is in a situation that none of the other potential businesses applying for this license are in. They've been strung along by our city staff for the last year, they've been told to do this and to do that, put in the hood and all the different things. Now at the last minute we're looking at potentially saying no at this time. I would just ask that this one should be an exception. I think if we vote this down, it is a signal to businesses in two ways some positive and some negative. It's a signal to not listen to city staff, don't listen to what our Business Advocate says, don't listen to any of them, don't do a single thing or put a single penny in until you've come to City Council. We kind of hamstring our staff from giving any direction.

Mayor Gallo - That is a point to be clarified but maybe not at this moment in time but it is the Council's decision for this and I think that's where there was miscommunication from the start. Going back to this entity MJ Hospitality d/b/a Lulu's, they are prepared to walk away from this site. I have been able to see past some of the crepe paper and I know they're okay with walking away that the level of construction is not significant to date so I don't want you to feel as though they have sunken in and exorbitant amount of money. They've obviously invested but with our Community Development Department and the rate of site readiness is not that significant because again this was purely contingent on receiving the G1 and this is for restaurants. If they don't get the G1 they're not interested opening. If there isn't any further comment from the other two Aldermen who have not spoken yet then I will ask for the Clerk to call the Roll.

AYES: Bisesi, D'Astice, Cannon, O'Brien
NAYS: Vinezeano, Sanoica, Budmats
ABSENT: 0

With 4 in favor and 3 opposed this Ordinance is adopted.

➤ **ORDINANCES:**

The next item on the agenda are the Ordinances. It consists of one (1) item, item B.

Staff is requesting a waiver of 1st reading for item B so this Ordinance can be approved immediately. Is there an Alderman willing to make a motion to waive the 1st reading for the Ordinance? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien.

B) Ordinance No. 20-16 – Approve the Extension of the State of Emergency within the City of Rolling Meadows Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (1st Reading)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall the Ordinance be moved forward for 2nd reading? Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Bisesi, D’Astice, Sanoica, Cannon, Budmats, O’Brien, Vinezeano
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, this Ordinance does move forward.

Ordinance No. 20-16 is now back for final approval. Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman Cannon has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O’Brien. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: D’Astice, Sanoica, Cannon, Budmats, O’Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. This Ordinance is adopted.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

C) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 4/14/2020

The next item of business is a motion to approve the Warrant from April 14, 2020 as presented by the Finance Department. Is there a motion to approve the warrant? Alderman Sanoica made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Bisesi. Is there any discussion? See none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Sanoica, Cannon, Budmats, O’Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D’Astice
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. This Warrant is approved is approved.

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

The next items on the agenda are the Consent Resolutions. It consists of four (4) items, items D through G. Does any Alderman wish to remove any other item from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions?

Alderman Budmats – Items E and G.

Mayor Gallo – Any others? Seeing none, the Chair declares it in order for one motion to consider the remaining two (2) Resolutions, items D and F in one motion without debate. Is there such a motion? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Cannon. The question is, shall the remaining two (2) Resolutions be adopted?

D) Resolution No. 20-R-39 – Award Contract for 2020 Street Reconstruction Project – Construction Engineering Services

F) Resolution No. 20-R-41 – Authorize a Contract for the Purchase of Two (2) Police Patrol Vehicles and One (1) Administrative Police Vehicle

Again, the question is shall the two (2) Resolutions be adopted? Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, the Resolutions are adopted.

Item E was pulled by Alderman Budmats.

E) Resolution No. 20-R-40 – Award Contract for 2020 Street Reconstruction Project

Is there a Motion to adopt this Resolution? Alderman Budmats has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman D'Astice.

Alderman Budmats you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman Budmats – The Governor this week said that two weeks ago in the one week time period they received more first time claims for unemployment than they had in all of last year. I have no idea how many of those claims came from Rolling Meadows but it seems to me for this Council to spend \$800,000 on roads and not have an idea how many of our citizens are in serious financial trouble. To say, in some respects, it's in the Budget and we're going to spend it because if we don't it won't be there versus saying before we spend anything we really need to see if our citizens can even afford. We have no idea what our economy is going to look like for the next three, four weeks until the stay-at-home order is lifted. It could be that everything goes back to normal, people get hired and everything is hunky dory or it could not be that. For us to spend this kind of money to fix some roads which is always necessary and there's plenty of roads in Rolling Meadows that need to be fixed but there also may be plenty of citizens who are going to need help getting their water bills paid or even how many of our citizens are even out of work. To just spend money like there's nothing going on outside the walls of City Hall is, to me, a little bit difficult. It's difficult for me to make that decision knowing that others might be in financial trouble in our own City. Last year, we did not spend money on streets until the May meeting, so if we wait two meetings and start our street construction program, we'll start exactly when we started it when we approved it in May last year. This time it's the first meeting in April that we're approving it so I don't see the harm in taking a motion to table this item which is the most expensive and tabling it until such time as the COVID-19 order is lifted and we have a report from Staff as to the anticipated financial impact and, if they can provide it for us, the number of citizens in Rolling Meadows who are presently been placed out of work as a result of the COVID-19 virus. I'm actually looking to make a motion to postpone until the COVID-19 virus stay-at-home order is lifted and we know the impact of the financial ramifications of this stay-at-home order.

Mayor Gallo - Is there a second to Alderman Budmats motion? Thank you Alderman Vinezeano for the second. We do have the request to table the motion. Alderman Budmats made a motion to postpone this Resolution and it has been seconded by Alderman Vinezeano. Is there additional conversation?

Alderman O'Brien – This might be for Melissa Gallagher. Alderman Budmats made a valid point. This money has been allocated in the fund, would we be able to use that to assist, like to offset other funds within the City, if there were residents that were having problems with water bills, utility bills, something like that? The setup of the account, I'm not sure of the state statutes, but from a financial perspective the money that's been allocated to the roads project, could that be leveraged for use as Alderman Budmats proposed?

Melissa Gallagher, Finance Director – No.

Alderman O'Brien – Would it take an action of City Council if we had residents in that type of situation? Would it be a determination that the Council can make? Or is that not even an option?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager – When Melissa and I look at the overall Budget, each one has its own funds, the fund that you're talking about now is street and MFT. The Council can always switch and change money from funds, it does take a Resolution. These are very good prices, there is a \$200,000 savings and it does keep us on schedule. When Council asked to keep projects going even during a recession we did it. When we come back to recovery, it does keep projects going and it does secure pricing now as opposed to pricing later as it might be higher. It is money that we have allocated and it is money that we do have in the Budget. We're not doing everything that's not in the Budget, we're being very cautious overall. We've had these discussions and the Council can at a later date move some fund balances from one location to another to help out when you have some of our overall numbers. We are looking and evaluating continuously and we're making sure the high services continue for the community.

Melissa Gallagher, Finance Director – It is a good point that City Council is bringing up. The unknown is out there, we know that but at the same time we are closely monitoring the Budget and the items that are coming through right now. Right now we're wrapping up the City's audit with the City's auditors for the next two weeks and we're working on the draft for 2019 and that will be presented at June. As City Manager Krumstok mentioned as well, the pricing is good right now in terms of the reconstruction pricing in this item for this resolution and that may change if we postpone it. We are fine-tuning just like we do every single month in terms of fine-tuning and looking at everything that we do. We will come back to the City Council with revenue and expenditure estimates as we move along. Since its very fluid and just taking place we won't know the picture until we get into the month of May how April fares because we're just getting results right now for March. We're balancing and reconciling for March right now but that's something we do all the time. Getting back to the Local Road Fund, I'll just remind the Council that a levy exists in this Local Road Fund for \$1 million. When the City Council levy's for that Local Road Fund that amount goes right into the Local Road Fund. There are other revenues in that fund and as City Manager Krumstok mentioned, should the City Council decide to transfer funds just be aware of the fact that one of the major revenues and this fund is \$1 million towards the roads as a property tax levy. Just letting Council understand those items and we'll get back to you with more information as well as the overall picture.

Alderman O'Brien - I was trying to look through the paperwork, usually the bids are good for 30 or 60 days and I don't see that on here. To Alderman Budmats point, if we were to potentially delay it to May, would they honor the bid for 30 or 60 days? I don't see that on any of the paperwork when on some of the other bids we do.

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - I don't have the exact answer but it's generally 30 days or 45 days. Generally, contractors would be willing to hold their pricing but my only concern about this is that this contractor was highly motivated because they were awarded the Road Resurfacing Project so there is a matter of mobilization costs. This contractor obviously plans to take advantage of by starting the projects at similar times.

Alderman Sanoica - I wanted to double check with Director Gallagher regarding some stress testing that we have for our funds. Mayor Gallo had requested some strategy response, if we were to lose 10%, 20%, up to 80% of our revenues in the Mayor report, do we have an ETA on that strategy response? Or that study?

Melissa Gallagher, Finance Director - Given that I just heard this at the top of the meeting, I have already been working with City Manager Krumstok since the closure of City Hall and prior to that as well. Just as an overall picture to address this question, we do resiliency planning and stress testing of all revenues and all funds and that's what we do normally. We have a resiliency policy in terms of looking over all at the entire picture and I think City Manager Krumstok mentioned that as well. Given the fact that and get a little more clarity of what the Mayor had mentioned in the beginning, we can definitely work on that. Obviously, City Manager Krumstok and the Mayor have already provided some general information and that is something that we will be directed to work on and we will get back to the City Council as soon as we can. I would allow just little time as we are finishing up the City's audit which does take priority.

Mayor Gallo - Last week on Friday afternoon I spoke with Manager Krumstok on that and he mentioned that he was going to work with you going forward and as information comes in, in arrears in that we will be able to start feasibly by the end of this month getting the trickle-down effect from what's happening in March and beginning of April. I'm aware that it's going to take time but I did want the Council to be aware that these are the types of forecasts we need to have available at our disposal so when we're talking to residents and they're asking what we're doing about staff, if we're furloughing any of our city employees to help mitigate any potential offsets for budgets then we know the potential impact of this whole issue is and how it plays out holistically within our budget. It's a work that will be in progress and you do of course have time.

Alderman Sanoica - I also wanted to confirm then that because these are stress tests that city staff routinely engage in, do we have the bandwidth in order to be able to make these purchases for roads at this time? Or if we lose 20% of our revenues as of this month going forward, is this something that will require furloughs in order for us to manage our budget going forward?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - Like I said earlier, we are doing stress testing and we are going to provide pie charts and other things. We will discuss this at the June COW. Yes, we do have the revenue and yes, we are monitoring and we are also maintaining the overalls. When you look at some of the positives and negatives it also details some of the other options and conservative looks that we look at. As the Mayor mentioned when I had conversations with him and other Aldermen, this is what we do all the time, we look at the stress and that's why we have a very diverse revenue source. We will have a few that will come down but a few may come up. You've always heard me talk about reserves, when you use them and when you don't use them. Never have I thought we would be talking about a virus but the high quality services, maintaining all the levels that we have plus all the other conversations that we keep on having as staff, maintain all those pieces. We will have a snapshot in June and a better one in December. We are stress testing, we do have the money in place to do this, it maintains the stability, longevity and also the long term look on some of the other pieces. I hope that answers your questions and gives you some confidence.

Mayor Gallo - This is about the tabling of this construction project or at least the discussion of approving this construction project until May as Alderman Budmats suggested. I hope that information is helping the Council form a decision as to whether or not we can table this or you vote down tabling it and then you vote to approve.

Alderman Sanoica - Regarding this item for tabling, Director Horne had mentioned that we're looking at about a savings of \$200,000 and that the quote that we received was about 20% lower than the engineers estimate and Director Horne had mentioned that the timing of this project and the timing of a separate project for resurfacing would be playing into those cost savings. I just want to remind the Council that between \$200,000 - \$350,000 is enough to raise or lower our tax levy for our residents. If we would miss out on those types of savings by delaying I would like to know if that's in the cards if we were to delay?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - I'm not quite confident I understand the question. Could you please repeat the question?

Alderman Sanoica - The contractor that would receive this contract, you had stated that they are very motivated with this project and they might have a cost savings because of the mobility line item and therefore I'm asking that if we were to let delay this by a month, would that impact the significant cost savings that we're receiving through this contractor?

Mayor Gallo - I'm going to pause you both for a moment to clarify, this for Alderman Budmats motion to postpone until the Governor lifts his order. The difference between tabling this now for month or postponing it until the Governor lifts the order is a significant difference in time span because we don't know when the Governors orders are going to lift. But still to Alderman Sanoica's point, if we do not proceed now are we going to lose out on this pricing based on that issue?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - Again, assuming that this would be delayed until the May 12th meeting for approval, if that was beyond the days allowed through the contractors pricing, the contractor could seek additional payment or increase pricing due to any loss that they realized due to mobilization concerns. If it happens that quickly then maybe not but I can't guarantee that. Your point is well taken, a lot of times contractors will distribute their mobilization costs throughout all the line items so if they felt like they weren't going to be able to start the project when they wanted they may increase those line item costs.

Alderman Vinezeano - Director Horne, do you have a date of when that deadline for the contract would be up? I know you said it could be 30 days or 45 days, at this point 15 days could be pretty significant.

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - Yes, it would be beyond 45 days if we waited to approve it until May 12th. I did a quick count and it would be beyond the 45 day time period. I have less concern that the contractor wouldn't grant an extension or extend their pricing beyond the 45 day limit as I do that he would be looking to potentially change unit pricing as a result of lost timing issues. Maybe for May 12 there will be no effect but there's no guarantee that on May 12th it's going to be approved either.

Alderman Budmats - Mr. Horne, you stated that the contractor, the low bidder, and I'm assuming it's the same bidder that's doing the reconstruction work on the southeast side of town, is that correct?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - Yes, they're doing the resurfacing project.

Alderman Budmats - When are they starting that? Do you have a start date?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - The contractor has been put on notice that we want him to start in the Waverly Park subdivision as soon as the water main is completed and he could mobilize. The original start date was not going to be potentially until June 1 but as Alderman Bisesi can attest our contractor just made the final connection to the water main today and expect to start whatever restoration is required under this contract so the road contractor can get in and start working. My expectation is that he is going to want to start somewhere around the beginning of May. To your point, if it were to wait until May 12th chances are there wouldn't be a drastic concern about the mobilization costs but if it extended beyond that it might.

Alderman Budmats – Okay, then if we could, as of right now, the plan was still to try and have the order lifted by the end of this month and if we're talking about May 12th, the first date of our meeting in May, I don't think it would damage in any way for us to hold this off until the first meeting in May for approval. If they haven't even started on the first project that they need to complete before the start the second project it would not hurt them if we give them the approval to do the second project when they haven't even started the first one yet unless I'm missing something.

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - Generally, when they combine their projects and they're looking to save money on mobilization, just to be clear, they usually try to do the projects in concurrence so they'll do the concrete work at all locations at once and then they'll do the grinding at all locations at once. They're not going to do one project finish it and then move to another one, just so we're clear on the mobilization issue.

Alderman Budmats – Sorry, I wasn't aware of that.

Alderman Bisesi - All of my questions have already been answered by Mr. Horne. I can say that the project is completed, mine was one of the last houses, they have connected the water main and they have started restoring the pavement.

Alderman Sanoica - I just want to check with our parliamentarian, if we were to postpone this would we be able to waive first reading and vote on second reading on May 12th?

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney - Yes, you can choose to do that on May 12th.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - Please remember that this is a resolution not an ordinance, it only requires one reading.

Alderman Sanoica - Good to know, thank you for the clarification. Would staff be able to provide that detailed strategy for COVID-19 by the May 12th meeting? Or with the audit that's impossible to expect?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - Like we said we're going to start trickling more stuff, per the Mayor's request, it's really June that we're going to have more details and know where we're going. Again, we've already levied for it and we already have it in place. Regarding the motion to postpone, my only comment would be as the Manager, it's a great price and it's consistency with this contractor we can do the project without any potential increases. It's a resolution that needs one reading and my recommendation is to keep this moving.

Alderman Sanoica – I just want to emphasize that while we are always reviewing our stress tests and making sure we have enough revenue available specifically with Covid-19 pandemic and the fact that a lot of people are losing their jobs this is something that maybe should be prioritized for us so if we need \$800,000 right now to help our residents just living then that should be where we are putting our money.

Mayor Gallo - Rhetorically. With that, we do come to the time here where we have to make the vote whether or not we postpone this until the Governor lifts the shelter in place as the motion is provided. If there aren't further comments or questions from those who haven't spoken yet, I will have the Clerk call the Roll on postponing.

AYES: Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Sanoica
NAYS: Bisesi, D'Astice, Cannon
ABSENT: 0

With 4 in favor and 3 opposed, this Resolution is postponed until May 12, 2020.

Item G was pulled by Alderman Budmats.

G) Resolution No. 20-R-42 – Authorize the Purchase FY 2020 Asphalt Materials for Public Works Operations

Is there a Motion to approve this Resolution? Alderman Budmats has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien.

Alderman Budmats you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman Budmats – Is this going to keep people who are on staff working now or when is this intended purchase?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - This purchase is an annual purchase, we purchase it at the beginning of the season and it gets used throughout the entire year. Generally, we do most of our asphalt later in the summer but we try to steal days here and there between special events and we also use it for cold patch purchasing. It's a year-long approval for asphalt that gets used by our staff throughout the year.

Mayor Gallo – Is there any other discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall this Resolution be adopted? Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica, Cannon, Budmats
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, this Resolution is adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments: None

Mayor's Proclamations: None

City Clerk's Report: None

City Staff Reports:

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

1) Community Items of Interest:

- 1) Thank you to everyone at the City and in the community who has volunteered their time and efforts for the Mobile Food Pantry. Over the last few weeks, these efforts have provided meals and necessities for hundreds of families. For future Mobile Food Pantry events please see the City's website for information in English and Spanish. In addition, the City would like to thank our business community for donating Rolling Meadows' grocery and restaurant gift cards to families in need. (We also want to thank others from outside of Rolling Meadows, like Christopher Burke Engineering who have supported these food pantry efforts).
- 2) For the safety and protection of the community, the Public Works Department prepared "Refuse and Recycling Guidelines" with guidance from SWANCC, emergency response and health agencies. The "Refuse and Recycling Guidelines" follow the "Topics to Mention" and have been posted throughout the City, via social media pages, electronic signs, the website, on Channel 6 and many other areas.

If you or someone in your household show COVID-19 symptoms, do NOT recycle. Bag all recyclables and place them in your trash/refuse cart (if you have one) or at the curb in closed trash bags. Resume normal recycling when no one in your household shows signs or symptoms of COVID-19. If you do not have signs of COVID-19 then continue to place empty, clean and loose recyclables in your City provided recycle cart.

In addition, for everyone, please bag and tie your garbage for the weekly curbside pick-up. Unclosed or damaged bags will not be picked up. To keep our garbage crews safe – open, untied or damaged bags will NOT be picked up. Some tips on how to help if you have issues with critters: 1) Place garbage at the curb in the morning by 6:00 AM; 2) Double bag smelly waste, and 3) Spray bags with Windex or Ammonia. Please re-bag damaged garbage that is not picked up and save for the next pickup.

- 3) A friendly reminder for safe and proper disposal of gloves and masks – plastic gloves, face masks cannot be placed in recycling bins at home. All gloves and face masks should be placed in a trash bag. When you are out in the community or shopping, please dispose of gloves and masks in a garbage bag and not in shopping carts or on the ground. Let's keep each other safe and healthy! *Please also maintain social distancing.*

- 4) As a friendly reminder, DO NOT flush any type of WIPES down the toilet! Only flush toilet paper down the toilet. Flushing wipes (even ones that say “flushable”) create sewer issues and back-ups. Do not flush: wipes, disposable wipes, cleaning wipes, cleaning related cloths, Kleenex or other items down the toilet. Dispose of these items in your trash receptacles. This is very important to share with your friends, family and neighbors.
- 5) If you have not done so, please take a few minutes out of your day to respond to the U.S. Census Survey. Rolling Meadows is doing a great job at responding at this time. Rolling Meadows response rate is 57.4% and is outpacing the overall state response at 50.4%. Everyone “wins” when you respond to the 2020 Census because when everyone is counted, there are more opportunities for shaping our community’s future. As a reminder, you may respond to the U.S. Census survey online at 2020census.gov or by phone at 844-330-2020 or using your printed U.S. Survey to respond by mail. Please respond today!
- 6) A reminder for the community – the Internal Revenue Service announced that the federal income tax filing due date is automatically extended from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. It is best to file by April 15th. The IRS urges taxpayers who are due to a refund to file as soon as possible. The State of Illinois also extended the Illinois income tax filing to July 15th.
- 7) Just a friendly reminder, yard waste collection started on Monday, March 30th. In addition, please remember that this also marked the end of early refuse set out, which is allowed by ordinance from November 1st to March 31st. Residents should place refuse and recyclables at the curb after 6:00 pm the night before scheduled pick-up. For more information, please contact Public Works at 847-963-0500 or visit www.cityrm.org/PublicWorks
- 8) Another friendly reminder for residents and businesses, if you are having a hard time paying your utility bill or food & beverage payments, please contact Finance at (847) 394-8500 or by email at finance@cityrm.org and they may be able to place you on a payment plan.
- 9) Next Tuesday, April 21st, the City Council will be conducting the April Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Members of the public will be afforded the opportunity for public comment on the conference line printed on the Agenda. We are requiring members of the public who wish to comment at this meeting to email the Deputy City Clerk at BROSEJ@cityrm.org at least one (1) hour before the start of the meeting. We also urge residents to listen to the live or recorded broadcast of the meeting from their homes and to email any communications they want to address to the City Council or Staff to BROSEJ@cityrm.org. The broadcast of the meeting may be found on Channel 6 (audible only) or the following link <https://www.cityrm.org/520/Rolling-Meadows-Broadcasting-Network>.
- 10) Finally, please shop Rolling Meadows (it is more important than ever). During these times, it is significant to remember our big boxes, restaurants and small businesses.

Melissa Gallagher, Finance Director went over the following:

2) City Operations Update – COVID-19 Response

City Hall and Public Works Offices are temporarily closed to the public, based on health guidelines issued in response to the Covid-19 outbreak. All public safety operations will continue, including services provided by the Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works Department. While City Hall is closed to the public, City services continue to be delivered and our Community Development and Finance Departments remain open remotely by phone at (847) 394-8500 or by email at finance@cityrm.org.

The City's Emergency Planning Committee and all City Departments are tracking COVID-19 activities and expenses for future reimbursement. The City Manager and Finance Director are monitoring all City expenses and discussing items with Department Heads.

Please understand that with this rapidly changing environment the most up-to-date information is on the City's website at www.cityrm.org.

- ✓ The Administration, Finance & Community Development Departments continue to operate at this time via phone and email (see www.cityrm.org for various emails).
- ✓ Payments are accepted by the following methods:
 - Online at www.cityrm.org;
 - White Drop Box (City Hall Parking Lot);
 - By mail (City of Rolling Meadows, 3600 Kirchoff Road, IL 60008).
- ✓ There are **NO LATE PENALTIES** for any types of bills.
- ✓ There are **NO WATER SHUT OFFs for Water Bills.**
- ✓ To further assist the public, within days of the shut-down, at the direction of the City Manager, the City immediately created new, online payment options. We added online payment options for Real Estate Transfers, Local Motor Fuel Taxes, Food & Beverage Taxes and Building Permits. In addition, we created a one-page summary for the new procedure for Real Estate Transfers (which has been helpful for sellers, realtors and attorneys).

As a reminder, the City is delaying the launch of the City's new Utility Billing platform. This means that the City continues to bill out the current invoices. No details on when the new launch date will take place.

For our Automatic Bill Pay customers (those who pay with a credit card or a bank account on the 20th of each month.) The City's current auto payment system remains in place for customers already enrolled. There are no changes to your payments at this time.

Be advised, that paper bills will continue to be mailed to residents. When the new platform is available, residents will always have a choice of receiving a paper bill or an electronic bill (there is no cost either way). If you receive a paper bill today, the only way to change it to an electronic bill is through the portal (when it becomes available).

Please see the City's website for information and the [April E-News & Views](https://www.cityrm.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/6462) at <https://www.cityrm.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/6462> for information.

Restaurants, Gas Stations & Hotels (Food & Beverage Tax Payments & Liquor Licenses): Finance is actively working with businesses to help make payments arrangements that fit their needs. The City of Rolling Meadows is following the State's guidelines for payment extensions for Liquor Licenses (license renewals due now may be paid by July 31, 2020). Some businesses are paying for their Liquor License and some need several months.

Businesses who need to speak about payment arrangements should reach out to Finance Director, Melissa Gallagher at gallagherm@cityrm.org or call (847) 870-9041 to request a payment arrangement.

Rob Horne, Director Public Works went over the following:

3) Traffic Review Committee Report

There's not a lot to report this month. Most of the items are a repeat from previous months, we just updated them with the current status. One item to note is Arbor Drive and on-street parking. Parking issues on the roadway have caused the development owner to request the City consider eliminating on-street parking on the roadway. An ordinance will be drafted by the City attorney. Other than that, I have nothing else to report.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

4) April 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole Draft Agenda

- 1) *City Operations Update – COVID-19 Response*
- 2) *2020 Community Events – Updated for 2020*
- 3) *Engineering Cost Comparisons*
- 4) *Chipper Program Survey Questions*
- 5) *G1 Discussion*

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

5) April 28, 2020 City Council Draft Agenda

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

MAYOR'S REPORT:

WARD REPORTS:

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

PENDING:

CONSENT ORDINANCES:

A) Ordinance No. 20-00 – Approve No Parking on Arbor Drive (1st Reading)

NEW BUSINESS:

B) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 4/28/2020

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:

C) Resolution No. 20-R-00 – Adopt the 2020 Zoning Map

D) Resolution No. 20-R-00 – Award a Contract for 2020 Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Pipe Lining

E) Resolution No. 20-R-00 – Award a Contract for the Roof Replacement on Well House #6 Located at 1950 Golf Road

F) Resolution No. 20-R-00 – Award a Contract for 2020 Street Maintenance Program – Pavement Rejuvenator Application (PRA)

G) Resolution No. 20-R-00 – Award a contract for Professional Engineering Services for proposed Drainage Study in the Hicks Road/Kirchoff Road Area

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments: Appointments to Economic Development Committee and Planning & Zoning Commission

Mayor's Proclamations: Municipal Clerks Week

City Clerk's Report:

City Staff Reports: 1) Community Items of Interest
 2) City Operations Update – COVID-19 Response
 3) March 2020 New Businesses

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

CLOSED SESSION:

1) Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act

ADJOURNMENT:

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Alderman Cannon – Many months ago we talked about putting some of our parcels of property that we own up on the market and we've been waiting diligently for proposals and I have not seen or heard anything. I'm getting really concerned because I don't see it on the COW meeting or the next agenda. I don't know how many more months we have to wait but I think it's important that we move on these things especially in light of the fact that we just bought a piece of property.

Alderman Vinezeano - I just wanted to share with the residents that our local hospital NCH is now accepting donations of handmade masks. For anyone that's sitting at home and feeling crafty, they are accepting those donations. You can call (847) 618-0252 or email supplydonation@nch.org. The hospital is also accepting any PPE from any local businesses such as gloves, masks, gowns, etc. I know the high school just made a huge donation and we appreciate that. If you're feeling up to making some masks for our hospital, for our staff we would greatly appreciate it.

Alderman Bisesi - I want to thank Public Works and if they can pass it on to the contractor the speed at which the water connections were all done in the Ward. Will the vote tonight at all move the schedule of actually putting our sidewalks back together?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - No, that won't affect that at all.

Alderman Sanoica - I just wanted to clarify from our discussion earlier this evening about ensuring that we have a couple of different scenarios of the expected scenario and the worst case scenario when it comes to ensuring that our revenue streams are healthy and that we are preparing for our residents that are also being financially impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. What I'm hoping to get to be able to make decisions on all of our projects, all of our capital improvement projects going forward is that we will be able to afford it if we don't really have revenue coming in. Is there something that we could put together with staff that we could get before June in order to be able to make that decision?

Mayor Gallo - That goes back to my point where I'm just looking for forecast, I just want some generalizations developed. We don't have to get too granular or in the weeds but if we could look at the level of impact from a 10%, 30% and 80% impact and I know it's not that simple, I'm aware of that. If we can get that established that illustration will help the rest of us on the Council communicate and connect better with residents and make future decisions. This is the conversation that I will have with Manager Krumstok in detail throughout the rest of this week along with Finance Director Melissa Gallagher. If we could just have some generalizations put together that will be better than nothing. My analogy was if I'm riding out a storm sailing, I don't wait to put down the sails and tighten up the hatchets I do that all now in the storm and I know how I'm going to go through it from there.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - As for the property for sale, I started that with what the Council saw when we did an analysis with some of the firms. We were going to bring them in for interviews but that's not working now. I reached out to two of them and asked them if they were willing to have a phone conversation so I can have a comfort level to give you why their professional services are the best overall. Both of them were working remotely and did not get back to me. That's why you don't see it on the agendas but it is still my things to do and bring back. We're still waiting to hear back from one potential buyer that was interested in the Algonquin Road property, they have still not responded back one way or the other or if they're still working on getting additional property. We've had the conversation with you of what you would like to see on the properties. Mayor Gallo and I had the conversation regarding the two finalists that I'm dealing with. The property use is commercial and they've asked the definition

commercial and when I tell them no car washes and some other things, that's just my interpretation. Alderman Cannon, it is still on my things to do list, with everything else going on I wish it would've been already done. As you know I do vet our professional services to get a comfort level even though both are high quality and they are in the area. The other thing that I do want to mention and reiterate, Mayor Gallo mentioned about having some updates. We are going to give you the updates and some of the scenarios, just know that the best information will be in June. We will start doing some of the pie charts and some of the scenarios. We saw where we were sitting as of March but then on March 16th everything was closed. The will be guesstimates but that's why we have the fund balances and you will start seeing some of that trickle. June will be the bigger picture. We need to look at some of the other items because there's also some concern from other communities if the State of Illinois going to take some of our money, they've already taken from LGDF, it's just conversations, we have not heard any legislatures that would affect us in that way and that's why we also keep a second budget on reimbursements.

Alderman Sanoica - That is helpful Manager Krumstok. As I mentioned in my Ward report, I have not been receiving feedback from residents that describe how much hardship that they're experiencing right now. I understand that many relief resources from the state level and perhaps at the county level are not arriving quickly. Since we're at the local level we potentially have the ability to act faster be more nimble than the state and if that's the case, I would be open to using our reserves and delaying some projects if it means that we're able to provide immediate relief for our residents as well. I'm hoping that we're also taking those factors into account and really going beyond just waiving late fees or preventing shut offs and going beyond to demonstrate that we care about our people because we do. I understand that we're also demonstrating that through all of our great services that we have but this is kind of an unprecedented time as well.

CLOSED SESSION:

1) Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act

Mayor Gallo - There is request to go into closed session. It does require a motion and roll call vote. Is there a motion to go into Closed Session? Alderman Bisesi has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Cannon. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica, Cannon, Budmats, O'Brien
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. We will now enter into Closed Session. The audience and press are advised that we do not anticipate taking any action upon returning to Open Session.

Entered Closed Session at 9:24 pm
Returned to Open Session at 10:43 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the City Council meeting was adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

April 14, 2020 City Council Minutes Approved by Council on April 28, 2020.

Judy Brose

Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk