

MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING
ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNEX, 404 NORTH MAIN STREET
October 27, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cannon called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chris Cannon, Mayor
Jessica Bega, Mayor Pro Tem
Mary Penson, Council Member
Juan Gonzalez, Council Member
Susie Arreaga, Council Member
Sue Brashar, Council Member
Forest Dennis, Council Member

Mayor Canon certified there was a quorum, and that Council Member Lopez had notified him that he would not be in attendance.

Council Member Penson moved to excuse Council Member Lopez. Council Member Dennis seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Staff: Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager
Charles Cunningham, Finance Director
Michael Gonzalez, Parks Director
Amy Miller, Community

INVOCATION

Council Member Penson gave the invocation.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

1. Update on current plans for Traditional City Holiday Events and Programs
City Manager Thomas Mattis stated that there had been a couple of questions regarding upcoming holiday events and as everyone knew this had been a rough year. He stated that this year some of the traditional events would not be held and that the organizers of these events had made the decision to cancel them and not the city. He stated that in every case it had been a situation where even if the city could find a way to accommodate them locally everyone struggles with finding a way to conform to the current mandates from the governor's office. He stated Amy Miller had been working with a group from the Fire Department and had gotten an email from them cancelling

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this year's Elgin Volunteer Fire Department Lighted Christmas Parade due to the current COVID-19 issues. He stated there had been questions about the downtown nativity scene and asked Amy Miller to speak about what she had been working on but that this was mainly to make sure no one had any questions about any of this or any feedback. Amy Miller stated that the live nativity performance was held on the first Saturday which is December 5th at St. Peters and that Pastor San Brandon had been in touch with her and they were considering what some options might be but they had not made a decision on what that might be. She stated that the organizers and participants of the Halloween safe trick or treat that is traditionally held downtown, had determined that it was not feasible in the current circumstances was also being cancelled. Mrs. Miller stated that there were a whole range of activities in some of the neighborhoods

2. General Activity Report and/or Project Update

Mr. Mattis stated that the next meeting would be on November 10th and possibly on the 24th but that would be the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, but that beginning with the December 1st meeting the Council meetings should be back on schedule.

Council Member Brashar asked about the canvassing and if that would be done at one of these meetings. Mr. Mattis stated that he was anticipating doing the canvass on the November 10th meeting if we got the final results but could possibly have a special meeting to do that.

Mayor Cannon stated that they would recess and then adjourn into Executive Session but that they would need to come out and go back into regular session to act.

Mayor Cannon adjourned the regular meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Mayor Cannon convened into Executive Session at 6:17 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Adjourn into Executive Session Pursuant to Section §551.074 Personnel Matters: To Deliberate the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, or Duties of a Public Officer or Employee, To-Wit: The City Manager.

RECONVENE

1. Reconvene from Executive Session. The City Council is authorized take Action, Including the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, or Duties of the City Manager.

Mayor Cannon reconvened the regular meeting at 7:07 p.m. and stated that he would entertain a motion based on their discussions in Executive Session to increase the position of City Manager pay to \$170,000 base pay per year all other things being constant.

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Council Member Gonzalez moved to approve the motion. Council Member Brashar seconds the motion. Motion carried 6-1 with Council Member Penson voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cannon adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:08 pm.

Chris Cannon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amelia Sanchez, City Secretary