

Q/A for November 7, 2023

Agenda #	Title	Requestor Responder
I.1	Approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of October 17, 2023	
	Under L.1. in the 4th paragraph, "Council discussed repealing the ordinance in the absence of constructive options, that the ordinance doesn't address emails, texts, or PAC money, and taking the opportunity to make amendments. Council went on to state that Option 2 solves one rare occurrence, that other municipalities <i>have enacted</i> similar ordinances, and that a financial contribution is just one of many acts that candidates consider valuable." It has been corrected to read: "Council discussed repealing the ordinance in the absence of constructive options, that the ordinance doesn't address emails, texts, or PAC money, and taking the opportunity to make amendments. Council went on to state that Option 2 solves one rare occurrence, that other municipalities <i>have not enacted</i> similar ordinances, and that a financial contribution is just one of many acts that candidates consider valuable."	Bright
I.2	Approve the Community Survey Results and Review of the Conflict Ordinance workshop minutes of October 9, 2023	
Q.	page 2 - Spano comments... shouldn't it be "political action committee?"	Wehrli
A.	The minutes are correct. An Illinois Attorney General binding opinion 23-103 was discussed relative to public participation. The opinion was issued by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) of the AG's Public Access Bureau.	Bright/Spano
I.4	Approve an appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission	
Q.	What situations, if any, would the appointee need to recuse given her position as elected Wheatland Township Trustee?	Longenbaugh
A.	Additional time for analysis of the recusal issue is needed. Staff recommends tabling the approval of the appointment to the December 5, 2023 Council Meeting.	Spano
I.11	Approve the award of RFQ 23-070, Design Build Pollinator and Native Vegetation Program, to V3 Construction Group for an amount not to exceed \$400,000	
Q.	Where is Old Plank Park? What are the plans for the coyotes in Country Commons Park?	Longenbaugh
A.	Old Plank Park is located near Plank Rd and Milton Drive near the train tracks. V3 will be working with the City to evaluate the coyote issue at Country Commons Park and formulate a plan if needed.	Dublinski
I.18	Pass the ordinance approving a Water Purchase and Sale contract between the DuPage Water Commission and contract customers and adopt the resolution approving an extension of the water supply contract between the DuPage Water Commission and the City of Chicago for a period of not less than 15 and not more than 20 years	
Q.	Is DWC still exploring the possibility of building a direct pipeline from Lake Michigan instead of sourcing from Chicago, with Chicago's rising charges? If so, does us approving this current contract extend this possibility another 15-20 years?	Bruzan-Taylor
A.	Yes to both questions. In order to switch water supply away from Chicago a substantial amount of additional investigation is required (permitting, easements, land acquisition, engineering, etc.). This work needs to occur before a new system would be under construction and operational. The selected timeframe fits this purpose. These alternative water supply investigations can continue concurrently with negotiations on securing more favorable terms and conditions with Chicago. The time horizon selected by DWC with Chicago should be sufficient to continue both efforts.	Blenniss
I.20	Waive the first reading and pass the ordinance amending Section 10-4 of the Naperville Municipal Code regarding dangerous dogs and problem pet owners (requires six positive votes)	
Q.	The addition of text about rabies into the definition of "animal" might imply that anytime the word "animal" is used, it could mean the animal has rabies. While that could be a possibility, I think the definition of "animal" should remain generic. Should there be a separate definition of an animal with rabies, or some other section addressing rabies?	Longenbaugh
A.	You are correct. The definition of "animal" should stay the same and not be amended. Since the focus of the amendments was on dangerous dogs and dog bites, the definition of "animal" was inadvertently changed to the definition of "animal" in the Animal Control Act, 510 ILCS 5/1 et. seq., which pertains to only applies to animals who can be affected by rabies. The City's Animal Control ordinance needs a broader definition of animal to cover all of the sections of the ordinance, including those for the care and treatment of animals. One definition of "animal" will suffice for the City's ordinance.	Arres/DiSanto

O.1	Approve the recommendations regarding boards and commissions and direct staff to prepare an ordinance reflecting the changes	
Q.	Under the "Recommendations for boards" section, what does #3 "Create consistent onboarding plans" entail?	Longenbaugh
A.	The recruitment and appointment processes have been standardized for all boards and commissions. Once appointed, new board and commission members receive a standardized welcome letter and notice of required training (Open Meetings Act and Harassment training). After that, new Board and Commission members are onboarded in a variety of ways from very in depth to very informal depending on the commission. Creating onboarding plans will include development of materials that prepare a new commissioner to understand how the commission works to accomplish its duties. This will include typical processes and procedures, annual schedules of activities (where appropriate), department tours/meetings, and more detailed discussion of the scope of work of the commission. The current SECA commission onboarding materials are a model.	Schatz
O.3	Receive the estimated 2023 property tax levies for Special Service Area numbers 23, 25, 30, 31, 33, 34 and 35, and schedule a public hearing for November 21, 2023	
Q.	Brixmoor expressed a willingness to contribute to the cost of a traffic signal at the Jefferson Ave entrance to its soon-to-be improved property, and staff was in discussions with Target as well. One of the ideas on the prior Council was to implement an SSA to cover the rest. Can you provide an update on Target/Brixmoor?	Holzauer
A.	City staff has been communicating with leaders from the local Target store along with Target corporate. Corporate was not aware of the traffic issues that the local store leaders acknowledged. Target corporate has been reviewing the traffic data supplied by the City and is discussing the merits of this project. Corporate hopes to provide an answer to the City by the end of the year. If Target does not support installation of the traffic signal, we could consider a special service area to get this signal installed. There are four benefitting properties who should logically participate. Based on current EAV's Target would fund 44% of the cost, which is less than the half they and Brixmor are discussing. Staff has not discussed a special service area with Target since that option would be less cost to them and more work for the City. We will update the City Council once Target provides us with their answer.	Novack