DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

#1. THE REGULAR MEETING of the City Council of the City of Danville was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr. at the Robert E. Jones Municipal Building, 17 W. Main Street, Danville, Illinois.

[Due to Coronavirus, COVID-19 the meeting was conducted in a combination of in person and virtual attendance via Zoom audio to maintain social distancing as required per the Governor’s Executive Order 2020-10.]

THE ROLL CALL was answered by Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr. [physically present]. Elected Officials Present via Teleconference were Vice Mayor Bob Iverson, Aldermen Brenda Brown, Steve Foster, Sharon McMahon, Michael O’Kane, Sherry Pickering, James Poshard, Michael Puhr, Tom Stone, Rick Strebing, and Aaron Trogia. Aldermen R.J. Davis, Dan Duncheon, and Robert Williams were absent. A quorum was present.

Staff Members Physically Present: City Clerk Lisa Monson, Information Technology Administrator Agnel D’Silva, and Information Technology Assistant Administrator Aaron Weaver.

Staff Members Present via Teleconference: City Comptroller Ashlyn Massey, City Engineer Sam Cole, Corporation Counsel Charles Mockbee IV, Grants & Planning Manager Logan Cronk, Human Relations Administrator Sandra Finch, Fire Chief Don McMasters, Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith and Public Works Director Carl Carpenter.

Various members of the public and media joined the electronic meeting via YouTube live audio streaming.

#2. INVOCATION was given by Alderman Brenda Brown, followed by
#3. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mayor Williams.

#4. THE MINUTES of the regular meetings held, August 18, 2020 and September 1, 2020, having been published and distributed, were presented. Alderman McMahon moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Trogia. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#5. THE AGENDA for the evening was presented. Mayor Williams announced the removal of Item 12-A-1 City Clerk’s report and Item 12-F Resolution: Approving Contract for Fire Services to VA Illiana Healthcare Facilities. Alderman Puhr moved for approval as amended, seconded by Alderman Brown. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#6. MAYOR’S REPORT
#6-A. Proclamations – None
#6-B. Board/Committee Appointments
#6-B-1) Mayor Williams announced the appointment of Robert D. “Doug” Knapp to the Danville Public Building Commission, to replace William “Bill” Bucher, term to expire 09/2025 and asked for concurrence. Alderman Puhr moved to concur, seconded by Alderman Poshard. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.
#6-C. Reports of Boards, Agencies, Commissions – None
#6-D. Items of Information
Mayor Williams voiced appreciation to the following City employees:
- The municipal pool employees for providing a good recreational opportunity for all of the citizens of Danville
- The Police Division for their support in keeping the citizens safe.
- The Fire Division for their service as they have recently been fighting many fires.
- The Parks Division for all of the work the staff has done in keeping the Danville parks looking good this summer, especially due to all of the things closed. He appreciates all of the efforts they have made to provide some outdoor recreation for our children and families.
- Thanked all of the City workers for everything they have done due to the challenges from COVID-19.

#7…PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIENCE COMMENTS - None

#8…ZONING PETITIONS
#8-A…Mayor Williams presented Zoning Petition #279, ORDINANCE NO. 9282 Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map to Approve Rezoning to property commonly known as 204 Eastgate Drive to rezone the property from I-2 General Industrial to B3 General Business to allow for the use of a casino to be located on the property, for Petitioner, Danville Development, LLC. After hearing testimony during a Public Hearing on September 3, 2020, the Planning & Zoning Commission voted to deny approval of the petition by a vote of 5 to 0 with 1 absent. Alderman Puhr moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Strebing. Mayor Williams stated the City Clerk will call on each Alderman for comments. Alderman Stone stated he has mixed feelings about this knowing the Mervis family, in particular, are against this. He has wrestled with this for a long time. He looks at this as an opportunity that we have to seize and we need to get the application into the Illinois Gaming Board as soon as possible and this would seem to him to be the fastest route. He feels the community needs the facility really badly as it will help us in so many ways such as help with the Police and Fire Pensions and infrastructure. Alderman Poshard stated he concurs with Alderman Stone’s comments and will be supporting the Ordinance. He feels the casino is for the betterment of the City, County and surrounding area. Alderman Brown stated when the Planning & Zoning Commission met, a member of the Commission works for Mervis Industries and she understands that person voted. She feels the chairman of the commission should have asked that member to abstain; however, they did not. This is an opportunity for Danville to advance in many ways with the most being helping the revenue for the City of Danville. Considering the objection from Michael Mervis, her vote is still yes for the Ordinance to get the process rolling. Alderman McMahon stated she read the letters from Mr. Mervis and Mr. O’Malley which stated years ago the property area was all zoned to be industrial and there was not any casino gambling; however, now there is. There is also retail right across the street. There is a marijuana dispensary, a gas station and many hotels that are not industrial and would love to have the casino built there to boost their business. She feels Danville Development has done a wonderful job in putting together a proposal for a casino that will be able to sustain itself. Alderman Foster stated he will pass on comments for now, but his issue is with the location and never the gamers. He wants to see where everyone stands on it because he has had four different contacts since Saturday from gamers and his problem is he has to fill out all of the casino disclosure forms and he does not want to get himself in trouble. He has no financial interest in them whatsoever. If he abstains during the vote, that proves it. Alderman Puhr provided a history of what all has happened with the Casino Steering Committee.
- June 2019 to July 2019: Dave Cocagne with Vermilion Development was asked to come on board as a consultant to help select and send out proposals. He hired a group called the Innovation Group and they did a gaming market assessment which told us what we could expect in revenue and was something we could share with the people that showed interest.
July 2019: Steering Committee set timelines. Nine solicitation of interests (SOI) were sent out with three sent back due to the tax structure in Illinois. There were six possible interested companies. Out of those six, there were three SOI returned. On July 30, 2019, Ciela Gaming Corporation LLC sent back their SOI, then sent an addendum to that on August 23, 2019 to answer more questions from the steering committee. Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, business arm of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Tribe submitted a SOI on August 26, 2019 with Jeff Castillo being their contact. The third SOI from Downtown Danville Casino was received August 21, 2019 and that was from Craig Campbell.

August 2019: Interviews were conducted and the unanimous choice of the steering committee was Ciela Gaming as a partner. It was objected to by Dave Cocagne. He kept telling us to go with Mille Lacs and that was pretty much ended the partnership with Vermilion Development.

September 28, 2019: A Host Community Agreement (HCA) was received on Women United Gaming LLC from Wonderlake, Illinois letterhead. This was the HCA from Ciela Gaming signed from Scott Sypolt.

October 1, 2019: Ciela Gaming changed its name to Haven Gaming LLC and brought on some new investors and partners and that is what was approved by the City Council.

October 3, 2019: Zoning was approved. The petition was filed under Danville Casino Acquisition LLC, which was Dave Cocagne with Vermilion Development affiliate.

October 2019: The application was submitted to the Illinois Gaming Board (IGB) and subsequently we are still waiting. It was originally rejected because you cannot amend an application once it is submitted and some of the investors and partners names had changed.

March 2020: Mayor Williams, Tinisha Shade, and himself went to Chicago to meet and discuss strategy for a meeting that was supposed to happen with the IGB on March 19th. That is when we first met with the Wilmot family (Wilmorite Corporation) in person and they came on board with Haven Gaming LLC.

March 2020: A new location was identified for a temporary casino, 202-204 Eastgate Drive and needed to be rezoned from I-2 to B-3 due to the Lynch Road/I-74 site, which became too expensive. The original appraisal was about 400% less than what the asking price was. It went from about $3 million dollars appraised value to an asking price of $12 million dollars. An offer of $6 million dollars was given by Mayor Williams and Alderman Puhr and it was turned down.

July-August 2020: The application [Haven Gaming LLC] was withdrawn from the IGB for consideration.

August 2020: The Wilmot family exercised their option to buy out Haven Gaming LLC and changed their name to Danville Development LLC.

August 18, 2020: The Danville City Council unanimously approved the resolution to accept Danville Development as their new partner.

September 3, 2020: The Planning & Zoning Commission denied the rezoning of 202-204 Eastgate Drive from I-2 to B-3. That same property was zoned earlier by them as a marijuana growing facility so that was an interesting vote. As Alderman Brown stated, it was disheartening to hear that one of the members of the zoning board voted when they should have abstained.

September 11, 2020: Council members received an e-mail from Jeff Castillo with a new proposal from Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures (MLCV) as a proposal for consideration.

September 15, 2020: Council members received an e-mail from Michael Mervis encouraging the Council to drop the current partner and go with MLCV and sent another letter with that dispelling rumors and myths about Wilmorite and Danville Development versus Mille Lacs proposal. Another e-mail was received late in the afternoon from Christopher O’Malley with King & Spalding Law firm out of Chicago telling us we could not zone this property for a casino which he can go through all of the myths of the proposal from Wilmorite versus the proposal
from Mille Lacs and can dispel every one of those on what they are saying. We did in fact, when interviewing the Mille Lacs Tribe, asked them what they would give to the City, the community benefit package. Their response was we need money for the Tribe. The professionalism showed by Ciela versus the professionalism shown by Mille Lac Tribe was arms apart. We felt that our choice was a much better choice for the community.

Chairman Puhr stated the original timeline for approval from the IGB was October 28, 2020, the first occupancy permit for a temporary casino of February 21, 2022 and an occupancy permit for Phase 1 of the permanent casino would have been August, 2023, so we’re not really that far off from our timeline that was originally laid out. It is important that we get the zoning approved so that the applicant can submit their application to the IGB so we can hit this timeline of October 2020. He will be supporting to overturn the zoning recommendation and voting in favor of the Ordinance as written. Alderman Strebing stated he read the various e-mails. We have been fighting for this for many years and does not want to see us lose it. He did not like the way the zoning vote went. The one individual should have abstained. He will be voting to overturn the denial from the zoning board. Vice Mayor Iverson voiced appreciation to Chairman Puhr for the history as there are many important ideas in there that the public may not have been aware of such as the negotiations, etc. It is important for them to understand why we came to where we are today. The zoning people talked about the uses at that property and use of that building. Well, it would be used for a casino and now it is just an empty building just wasting away. This would be a money maker and not a money loser. The casino proposal we have now was not what we originally hoped for. The original one was bigger and much more grandiose, but this may be exactly what we need right now, especially due to COVID-19. He will be voting “yes”. Alderman O’Kane thanked the Mervis family as they have always been a great advocate of Danville, but the Danville economy needs a jump start and he hopes this will be it. We need this now; not down the road so he will be voting “yes”. He realizes it is just a temporary site and we can still discuss and approve a nice big one in the future, but we need to get this going now. Alderman Pickering stated the area out there is declining, the industries in that area are declining. This would give our economy a boost and she agrees with Alderman Iverson, let’s put something in the building and make some money. She will be voting to approve the zoning to B-3. Alderman Troglia agrees with Alderman Iverson about that being an empty building and might be the right size for Danville. This is the second time there has been a gigantic conflict of interest in the Mervis family’s favor regarding the casino and trying to get it on their land. The first is when Dave Cocagne, a former Mervis employee was appointed an advisor of the original casino steering committee and having a Mervis employee on the zoning board giving his opinion and voting making it harder for us to get this passed. He should have abstained. The casino operator chose this site assuming they think it is most profitable and in turn will bring in the most revenue to Danville. His vote will be “yes” also. Alderman Foster stated it appears we have the votes in favor of it so he prefers to abstain, but he asked to call Alderman O’Kane for the first vote, then he will know what to do when we get there. He also added the Mervis employee should probably have abstained, but there still would have been four votes in the majority. He is not worried about the gaming companies and stated the Coronavirus has changed everything regarding economics. He prefers the location be downtown. Alderman Puhr asked Counsel Mockbee if casino disclosure forms are necessary for the e-mail communications received from pertaining to the casino and Counsel Mockbee responded “yes”. Alderman Troglia asked if ten votes are necessary for passage of the Ordinance and Mayor Williams stated “yes” and if there are nine votes in the affirmative at the end of the roll call, the Mayor may vote to cast the tenth vote according to Section 150.173 of the Code. Alderman McMahon questioned if the Council is voting to approve the Ordinance as is or in concurrence with the denial from Planning & Zoning. Mayor Williams clarified a yes vote is in favor of rezoning to allow Danville Development to proceed and a no vote is against the rezoning. Mayor Williams stated the late Vicki Haugen said to him when he was discouraged about something. Nothing good comes without sacrifice and #2 no matter how good or how hard you work there are some people that are going to be controversial and some people only
looking out for their own interests. He asked everyone to support the rezoning because he believes it is truly in the best interests of the citizens moving forward as we are looking at hundreds of jobs. The impact that COVID-19 has had on the community, we went from the lowest unemployment we have had in over 30 years to now some of the highest we have had in a long time. We are still working to rebound and our citizens can use the jobs. We can also use the revenue to provide services that are much needed in the community and to address pensions and infrastructure. It brings good things to Danville and we have a trusted partner, Wilmorite, Inc., who have completed developments all over the country and licensed in other states. Wilmorite will also see the entire process through. The revenue projections are $2.5 million dollars if we build on a green site and $6.2 million dollars a year if we build using this existing site. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, McMahon, Brown, Poshard, Stone, Troglia, Pickering
Nays: None
Abstention: Alderman Foster
Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon, Williams
Motion carried 10 to 0 with 3 absent and 1 abstention.

#9...PAYROLL
Mayor Williams presented the Payrolls, having been published, posted, and distributed, for run of September 4, 2020, of $85,969.32, and for run of September 11, 2020, of $563,114.60. Alderman Strebing moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Stone. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster, McMahon, Brown, Poshard, Stone, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane
Nays: None
Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon, Williams
Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

#10...SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS PAYABLE
Mayor Williams presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable, having been published, posted, and distributed, for special run of September 3, 2020, of $2,880.00, for run of September 8, 2020, of $337,497.26, and for run of September 15, 2020, of $786,335.58. Alderman Brown moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Vice Mayor Iverson. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Strebing, Puhr, Foster, McMahon, Brown, Poshard, Stone, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson
Nays: None
Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon, Williams
Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

#11...PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT
#11-A...Mayor Williams presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-70 awarding Bid 653 to CRIS Rural Mass Transit for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023, which includes the two 1-year options, for Purchase of ADA Paratransit Service. Alderman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Puhr. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Puhr, Foster, McMahon, Brown, Poshard, Stone, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing
Nays: None

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Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon, Williams
Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

#11-B...Mayor Williams presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-71 awarding Bid 654 to Hudson Insurance Company, the sole bidder, for Fleet Liability Insurance, in the amount of $71,723.00 for the year October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Alderman Pickering moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Strebing. Mayor Williams stated Danville Mass Transit saved $8,000.00 to $9,000.00 this year and thanked all of bus drivers for being safe and keeping the rates down. There being no questions or further discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Foster, McMahon, Brown, Poshard, Stone, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr
Nays: None
Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon, Williams
Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

#11-C...Mayor Williams presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-72 approving the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP). Alderman Stone moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Puhr. There being no questions or further discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen McMahon, Brown, Poshard, Stone, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster
Nays: None
Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon, Williams
Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

#11-D...Mayor Williams presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-73 authorizing Disposal of Automated Garbage Truck, a 2009 International Workstar 7400, VIN-1HTWGAZT19J082310, to allow Danville Fire Department to use the inoperable automated truck for training purposes and authorizes the Public Works Department to dispose of automated unit for scrap when training is complete with funds from the scrap sale to be returned to Solid Waste-Other Capital Equipment Fund 405-55016. Alderman Stone moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Pickering. Director Carpenter stated the motor is shot, the pump has been removed and every good piece has been salvaged. The truck will be used for training for the Fire Division. Chief McMasters stated the truck will only be used for extrication training and will not be burned. There being no questions or further discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Brown, Poshard, Stone, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster, McMahon
Nays: None
Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon, Williams
Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

Mayor Williams presented Items E and F together. There being no objections to taking Items E and F together, Alderman Puhr moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Strebing. Those items being:
#11-E...RESOLUTION NO. 2020-74 authorizing Budget Amendment to Storm and Sanitary Sewer (Fund 402) and Awarding Bid 658 to the lowest responsible bidder Stark Excavating, Inc., in the amount of $6,355,316.00 for Northwest Sanitary Sewer Service Area Reconstruction. The FY20-21 Fund 402 Budget shall be amended by creating line item 402-402-00-55088 (Northwest Sanitary Sewer Project) and funding it in the amount of $1,000,000.00 through a transfer from the Fund 402
reserves. The loan eligible improvements shall be paid for from Fund 402 (Storm and Sanitary Sewer Fund) budget line item 402-402-00-55068 (Northwest Sanitary Sewer Project) which shall be reimbursed with funding from the IEPA loan. The items of work ineligible for payment through the IEPA loan shall be paid from Fund 107 (Infrastructure Development) budget line item 107-107-00-52058 (Infrastructure Development); and

#11-F...RESOLUTION NO. 2020-75 approving Professional Services Agreement for Construction Engineering Services to Hanson Professional Services Inc. in the amount of $735,000.00 for the Northwest Sanitary Sewer Service Area Reconstruction. The services related to IEPA loan eligible activities shall be paid from Fund 402 (Storm and Sanitary Sewer Fund) budget line item 402-402-00-55068 (Northwest Sanitary Sewer Project) which shall be reimbursed with funding from the IEPA loan and services related to activities that are ineligible for payment through the IEPA loan shall be paid from Fund 107 (Infrastructure Development) budget line item 107-107-00-52058 (Infrastructure Development).

Engineer Cole explained the project will be for the large sanitary sewer reconstruction which includes Denmark Road, Chateau Estates, and also impacts Denvale West and Denvale sewers serving them. The project has been in the works for many years. The Council approved to proceed with application for the IEPA loan to fund this project in January and at this point we have gone out for bids for construction of the project and negotiated the engineering services. The good news is the bids and the construction engineering costs are below what were originally estimated so things are looking good on that front. IEPA is finalizing the loan agreement so we are expecting the loan amount to be less than what was authorized and the prior resolution in January allowed the Mayor to execute that loan as part of the standard language in that agreement. Once the loan document comes through, Mayor Williams would be executing that and we would be proceeding with the project. Vice Mayor Iverson asked for a time frame for the sewer work and after the sewer work is completed, the time frame for the road and bridge construction. Engineer Cole stated the time frame for the sanitary sewer project is 340 calendar days from the date of execution of contract which could be another couple of weeks out so we would expect it to start this year and should wrap up completely by early fall 2021. The road piece of the project is still yet to come and we expect to bid that in January with construction hopefully finishing in 2021, but depends on how quickly everything gets off the ground. Vice Mayor Iverson asked if the amount of money agreed to by Hanson Engineering services for sewer and road or just for the sewer. Engineer Cole responded the agreement is for the sewer piece and for oversight of the bridge work. We might need some consulting assistance on the road piece, but we would like to use in-house staff to some degree as well. To address Alderman Stone’s question about the road closure, Engineer Cole stated the goal is to keep the road open the entire time. There will be a period of a couple of days where that is not feasible, but there will be at least one lane open and there will be temporary signals to stage traffic at each end. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Poshard, Stone, Trogli, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster, McMahon, Brown

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon, Williams

Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

#11-G... Items of Information
- Chairman Puhr stated Administrator DSilva and IT Intern Travis set up his computer equipment at his home and did a very good job. He feels the equipment was a good investment for the City and it has worked out very well for him as he was one of the first Aldermen to receive the equipment.
- Alderman O’Kane asked who is doing the striping down Main Street and Director Carpenter responded the work is being done in-house by Public Works personnel.
• Alderman Pickering voiced concern of individuals leaving their garbage toters out and asked what the ordinance states about leaving garbage toters out. Director Carpenter the ordinance states the toters should be removed by the end of each garbage collection day. If someone is in violation, it would have to be reported to the inspection department so they could enforce it.
• Alderman Puhr voiced appreciation to Ribbe Trucking for the good work on the sealcoat project.
• Vice Mayor Iverson also voiced appreciation to Ribbe Trucking for their efficient work as they worked in his ward as well.
• Alderman Brown voiced concern of high weeds as she has been receiving complaints and feels the contracted mowing should be more than every six weeks. She would like see discussion in the next budget for intervals between mowing less than every six weeks.

[The next Public Works Committee meeting will occur by videoconference on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.]

#12... PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT
#12-A...[previously removed.]
#12-B...Mayor Williams presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-76 approving Memorandum of Understanding with Old National Insurance (ONI) Risk Partners for the purpose of providing Employee Navigator On-line Ben-Admin System for the period of August 27, 2020 until August 31, 2021. ONI will cover the cost for the Employee Navigator and will provide open enrollment documents to upload to the Employee Navigator portal. Alderman Stone moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Strebing. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Poshard, Stone, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster, McMahon, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon, Williams
Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

Mayor Williams presented Items C and D together. There being no objections to taking Items C and D together, Alderman Strebing moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Stone. Those items being:
#12-C...RESOLUTION NO. 2020-77 authorizing Budget Amendment to Community Development Block Grant (106) to amend the FY20-21 budget by decreasing the budget line 106-106-20-54184 Public Services to $0; to amend the FY20-21 budget by creating and increasing the budget line 106-106-20-54185 Public Facilities to $130,000.00 per the 2020 Annual Action Plan. The City Comptroller is authorized to amend the FY 20-21 budget by amending the line items below to reflect the appropriate action plan amounts:

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#12-D...RESOLUTION NO. 2020-78 amending Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Plan for Plan Years 2020-2025 to defund the project titled Public Services by $130,000, and create the new project titled Public Facilities and allocate $130,000.00 to the activities. Alderman Puhr questioned if the Housing Authority will need to sign off of the amendment and Mayor Williams responded "no". Alderman O'Kane asked what the public facilities dollars are used for and Mayor Williams responded the funds are used for facilities serving low to moderate income individuals in low to moderate neighborhoods. In the past we have used this to help the Danville Rescue Mission and former YWCA women’s shelter. Mayor Williams acknowledged and voiced appreciation for the members of the Laura Lee Fellowship board for being on the audioconference this evening. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Poshard, Stone, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster, McMahon
Nays: None
Abstention: Alderman Brown
Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon, Williams
Motion carried 10 to 0 with 3 absent and 1 abstention.

[Alderman Brown stated during roll call vote she abstained as she serves as officer on the applicant’s board.]

#12-E...Mayor Williams presented RESOLUTION 2020-79 authorizing Application to Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) for Funds for Securing, Maintaining and Demolishing Abandoned Properties to request up to $250,000.00 in funds through the IHDA Stronger Communities Program. Alderman Pickering moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman McMahon. Vice Mayor Iverson questioned funds designated to buildings like a continuation of the work that was done in Fair Oaks or is it going to be for buildings all around the City. Mayor Williams stated the demolitions would be for buildings around the City; however, a primary target area would be the East Main Corridor as a number of the houses already identified are ready to be torn down there and we would receive higher points if a plan is already in place to address the issue. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Stone, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster, McMahon, Brown, Poshard
Nays: None
Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon, Williams
Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

#12-F...[previously removed.]

#12-G...Items of Information
- Alderman Brown stated today was a historic day for the Danville Fire Department as she attended the walk out ceremony held for firefighter Rory Lester who retired. The walk out ceremony held today was the first one in Danville. She thanked Chief McMasters for the historic day and she was very impressed with the ceremony. She appreciated being invited and would like to see it continue.
- Alderman Pickering also voiced appreciation to Chief McMasters for the impressive walk out ceremony. She attended and it was a very moving ceremony and put together nicely. She hopes it becomes a tradition.

[As previously announced the next Public Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. is cancelled.]

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#13...ITEMS OF INFORMATION
- Alderman Pickering voiced concern with vehicles parking in yards around the City and asked the inspectors to keep their eyes open for this type of ordinance violation.
- Alderman Strebing congratulated his Masonic brother Alderman Puhr for receiving his 33rd Degree. Mayor Williams congratulated Alderman Puhr for all of his work, efforts and commitment to the community and that is a rare thing to be bestowed upon an individual. Alderman Puhr stated receiving the 33rd Degree is an honor. He is the third in the Valley of Danville to receive the honor.
- Mayor Williams stated there will be a need for closed session at the next City Council meeting.

#14...CLOSED SESSION was not needed.

#15...ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:36 p.m. following a motion by Alderman Strebing and a second by Vice Mayor Iverson.

Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

I, Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk of the City of Danville, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held September 15, 2020, as the same appears on the records of the City now in my custody and keeping.

Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

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