#1. THE REGULAR MEETING of the City Council of the City of Danville was called to order at 6:01 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 through audio/video access using a virtual meeting platform to maintain social distancing during the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation and Public Act 101-0640. The meeting was streamed live on the City of Danville website’s homepage: www.cityofdanville.org.]

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

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

Staff Members Present via Videoconference: City Comptroller Ashlyn Massey, City Treasurer Stephanie Wilson, Corporation Counsel Charles Mockbee IV, Grants & Planning Manager Logan Cronk, Human Relations Administrator Sandra Finch, Fire Chief Don McMasters, Police Chief Chris Yates, 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 video 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 meeting held, November 03, 2020, having been published and distributed, were presented. Alderman Duncheon moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Brown. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#5. THE AGENDA for the evening was presented. Alderman Pickering moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Stone. 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 Margie Dash to the Danville Public Building Commission, term to expire September, 2024. Alderman Duncheon moved to concur, seconded by Alderman Troglia. There being no questions or discussion, on the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered. Mayor Williams stated that Margie Dash will be replacing Jerry Hawker who was recently elected to the County Board. In talking with him he felt, and I did as well, that it would be a conflict of interest to have him representing the City, since he will be negotiating contracts and agreements on behalf of the County and with
the Public Safety Building as well, but he will now be an elected official for the County and we appreciate his service.

#6-B-2) Mayor Williams announced the appointment of Jeremy Bell to the Danville Public Library Board, to replace Cydney Boyd, term to expire July, 2023. Alderman Troglia moved to concur, seconded by Vice Mayor Iverson. There being no questions or discussion, on the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#6-B-3) Mayor Williams announced the reappointments of Jim Knoblauch and Melissa Rome to The Danville Public Library Board, terms to expire July, 2023, and Roberta Allen and Becky Woodrum to Historic Preservation Commission, terms to expire July, 2023. There being no questions or discussion, 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

#6-D-1) Review and Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Audit

Mayor Williams introduced Sandy Cook, CPA Director with CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, who presented the Financial Statements and Supplemental Information for period May 1, 2019, through April 30, 2020. Mrs. Cook referred the Council to the presentation on their screens and stated she would go through the summary of the audit results. She also stated that as a reminder the terms of our engagement are really to express an opinion over the City's financial statements, to report on the internal controls and compliance under the government auditing standards, as well as then to summarize any audit findings and observations that we come across; and present those to management as well as the Council.

Required Communications – Governance Letter

- No significant accounting policies for fiscal year 2020
- Significant accounting estimates include Net pension liability and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) and allowance for uncollectible sewer and garbage billing
- No uncorrected misstatements identified
- Corrected misstatements include cash to accrual basis adjustments
- No disagreements with management on financial accounting and reporting matters, auditing procedures, or other matters

Required Communications – Management Letter

- Police and Firefighters’ Pension underfunding
- Bank Reconciliations – timely preparation and review process

Opinions

- Page 1 – Audit Report, unmodified (clean) opinion
- Government Auditing Standards Report – No opinion expressed/no instances of noncompliance under GAS. References two findings: Annual financial reporting under accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. and Danville Public Library – Component Unit.

Report Findings

2020-001 – Annual Financial Reporting under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and 2020-002 – Danville Public Library-Component Unit

- The City relies on CLA to prepare the annual financial statements and related footnote disclosures, including any necessary adjustments to accrual basis.
- Response: With respect to the City’s need for an internal control policy over annual financial reporting, the City of Danville is taking measures to continue the recruitment of qualified personnel and the realignment of individual job responsibilities in an effort to assume many of the accrual adjustments, annual financial statements and related footnote disclosure in future fiscal years.
She also issued an opinion of the DMT State grant audit as of June 30, 2020. She stated the focus of that grant for the audit is the expenditures and how that plays into the amount of State grant monies that have been drawn down for the operating portion that could be drawn down. The results of that audit was there was an additional $46,580 based on the audit that could be drawn down. She stated sometimes it is overdrawn and sometimes it is underdrawn so it is going to bounce back and forth like that due to our grant audit being on the accrual basis where typically those drawdowns for the quarterly filings are on a cash basis. The opinion on the DMT audit is a clean, unmodified opinion. Mayor Williams asked for a motion and a second to approve acceptance of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Audit. Alderman Pickering moved to accept the audit and for the placement on file, seconded by Alderman Stone. There being no discussion or questions, on the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

- Mayor Williams announced that Pastor Miller will be released from the hospital tomorrow [11/18/20] so we are thankful for his recovery and it's a big blessing for our community. Mayor Williams announced that we lost our 28th Vermilion County resident due to Coronavirus, COVID-19 and he would like to offer condolences and prayers for the family of that individual and others that have passed, and wants to encourage everyone to continue to stay safe and to wear masks when in public unless eating or drinking. It is the very least thing we can do to show consideration, concern, and respect for the people we live with and love in our community.
- Mayor Williams stated to avoid unnecessary large gatherings at all costs and to sanitize hands on a regular basis to keep safe. Chairman Puhr asked about the newest mitigations from the Governor's office. Mayor Williams replied the new mitigations issued from the Governor will go into effect on Friday, November 20th, but he has not had a chance to review them so he does not have any comments to offer at this time. However, he will be meeting with other county and city leaders tomorrow to discuss how this impacts us and how we can move forward.

**#7…PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIENCE COMMENTS** – None
[Alderman Foster left the meeting at 6:32 p.m. during discussion of the next item.]

**#8…ZONING PETITIONS**

#8-A…Mayor Williams presented Zoning Petition #281, ORDINANCE NO. 9292 Amending Zoning Ordinance and Map to Approve Rezoning Petition for The Dwelling Place, Petitioner by requesting the property of 100 North Franklin Street, also known as First Presbyterian Church, be rezoned from R3-Mixed Residential–Medium Density to B3-General Business to allow for a continuation of use and to bring signage into conformity. After hearing testimony during a hearing on November 5, 2020, the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the petition by a vote of 6-0. Alderman Troglia moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Pickering. Mayor Williams stated he was contacted by the President of the West Downtown Neighborhood Association and although they love First Presbyterian Church and the Dwelling Place and all the things they do and accomplish for our community, a number of them did express concern about the proposed rezoning change. However, The Dwelling Place and First Presbyterian do wonderful things for our community. Mrs. Donna Edington, president of The Dwelling Place is on the teleconference if anyone has any questions. Vice Mayor Iverson, who is a member and active in leadership at First Presbyterian Church, stated there was some concern if the church was ever to change and we have been there for more than 100 years and thinks individuals can count on the church being there for a long time to come, so that shouldn't really be a concern. A sign is being installed and the church is not trying to change the look of the neighborhood. He does not see it as a future threat and it should be an improvement. Alderman Stone stated he is a member of the Board of Directors for The...
Dwelling Place and will be recusing himself from both the debate and the vote on the issue. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Poshard, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O'Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Brown, Davis, Duncheon

Nays: None

Abstention: Alderman Stone

Absent: Aldermen Foster, McMahon

Motion carried 11 to 0 with 1 abstention and 2 absent.

[Alderman Foster returned to the meeting during discussion of the next item.]

#8-B...Mayor Williams presented Special Use Permit #246, ORDINANCE NO. 9293 Amending Zoning Ordinance and Map to Approve Special Use Permit for Tiara Taylor-Moore, Petitioner at 50 E. Liberty Lane for use as a daycare center. After hearing testimony during a hearing on November 5, 2020, the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the petition by a vote of 6-0. Alderman Troglia moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Poshard. Mayor Williams stated Mrs. Moore is on the teleconference if anyone has any questions or comments for her. Chairman Puhr stated that he noticed on the finding of fact and determination page number 11 of the packet it has 50 E. Lane, not 50 E. Liberty Lane, so that probably needs to be corrected. Mayor Williams stated that will be corrected. Alderman Brown asked for clarification of the location and Mrs. Moore stated it is by Liberty School and is the building that used to be a bank on Liberty Lane. Alderman Brown asked if the daycare will be fenced off because it is a busy street. Mrs. Moore replied the playground will be fenced off and they will be on the side of the building not facing the street. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Stone, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O'Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster, Brown, Davis, Duncheon, Poshard

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman McMahon

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#9....PAYROLL

Mayor Williams presented the Payrolls, having been published, posted, and distributed, for run of November 6, 2020, of $571,496.27, and for run of November 13, 2020, of $74,560.24. Alderman Stone moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Pickering. Alderman Troglia stated the overtime for the Fire Department is $38,500 of only recall manning. None of the other departments are having this problem with COVID except for them and he just find it ridiculous. Mayor Williams stated he understands his concern but their situation is slightly different since they live together so that makes them a little more susceptible. Alderman Troglia asked if they wear masks the whole time while they are in the Fire Stations. Mayor Williams stated yes they do, that is what Chief McMasters has told him. Alderman O'Kane asked if we can get a brief statement from the Fire Department, on how many have had COVID and how long they have had it. Chief McMasters stated he has currently no one off due to COVID and everyone has returned back and with the City's policy being changed recently about family members having it and still needing to attend work. He currently has no one off work and recall manning covers anything we need overtime to cover the manning requirements on a daily basis. All of that overtime is not just because of COVID. For instance $25,952.00 of it over the last two paychecks has been due to overtime to fill people while they were off on COVID leave but we have none currently, but he also has, over the last two pay periods, $15,038.00, of overtime is getting reimbursed to the City because that was required training that individuals have to take per their contract as part of their probationary period that is actually paid for by MABAS, so we are getting that money back. He also expects to get
a little over $3,900.00 back from the SAFER Grant as well in relation to that overtime and training. He still has one person off on a long time injury so overtime manning covers that as well. He also has three individuals that he is down on manning right now because people are still in training, and of course their training has gotten slowed down due to COVID. The Fire Academy has been shut down on two different times for two weeks because of that. Those two individuals will start on shift next week, one per each of two shifts. The third individual gets done with his training about the last week of December and he will go onto the other shift. That is the reason for all of the Fire overtime.

Alderman Troglias asked out of the $25,900.00 for COVID overtime, does the City get reimbursed for any of that from the CARES Act. Chief McMaster replied no, the individuals who are off for 80 hours that fall under that FFCRA federal money but the backfill to cover those people while they’re off is not covered by that. Comptroller Massey stated that out of our $1.3 million dollar allotment around $900,000 we are claiming with Public Safety related payroll. She stated she mentioned about a month ago they put out a carte blanche statement that said all public safety straight time payroll is eligible as a reimbursable expense due to the critical role the public safety personnel play in the COVID response, so she is submitting police and fire straight time for reimbursement from the CARES Act. However, although it is not overtime we will be using our full allotment and around $900,000 of that is to reimburse payroll costs. Vice Mayor Iverson stated COVID is happening in all fire departments throughout the country right now and not just in Danville. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Williams, Troglias, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster, Brown, Davis, Duncheon, Poshard, Stone

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman McMahon

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#10... SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Mayor Williams presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable, having been published, posted, and distributed for run of November 10, 2020, of $1,402,983.50, for November 17, 2020, of $468,456.47, and special run of November 13, 2020, of $320.00. Alderman Pickering moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Troglias. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Troglias, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster, Brown, Davis, Duncheon, Poshard, Stone, Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman McMahon

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

[Alderman Foster left the meeting prior to the vote of next item.]

#11... PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

#11-A...Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-112 approving budget amendment in Parks Division Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget, in order to compensate Playpower LT Farmington, vendor supplying Ambuc playground equipment for installation at Winter Park’s Playground for Everyone. Ambuc donated money to City of Danville for payment of equipment, City of Danville accepted funds in Resolution #2020-1, for $44,920.65 on January 7, 2020 with funds to come from the donation, residing in the General Fund Reserves. Chairman Puhr moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Strebing. Director Carpenter stated the Council passed a resolution in January to approve acceptance of $44,920.65 from AMBUCS, which was money donated to the City in order to pay for new playground equipment at Winter Park. Inadvertently, a purchase order was never processed for that amount and therefore that
amount was rolled over in the budget as a reserve and we were never billed for it. Apparently, the company billed AMBUCS and they made the company aware we were the ones they were supposed to bill and we received the bill a week ago. Therefore, we have to process a budget amendment to use the money that was allocated in resolution number 2020-1 to pay for the playground equipment. There being no questions or further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Brown, Davis, Duncheon, Poshard, Stone, Williams, Troglia

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Foster, McMahon

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#11-B...Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-113 appropriating funds for Ferndale Avenue Pavement Stabilization and Resurfacing, in order to rehabilitate the pavement and drainage systems along Ferndale Avenue, Knight & Associates, LLC is currently finalizing design documents and obtaining construction permits, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Pickering. Engineer Cole stated the project is going to stretch from Liberty Lane to Poland Road and it will consist of ditch cleaning and culvert work, with a cement stabilized base, similar to the Edwards Street project. There being no questions or further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Brown, Davis, Duncheon, Poshard, Stone, Williams, Troglia, Pickering

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Foster, McMahon

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

Chairman Puhr presented Items C through E for a single vote, moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as recommended by Committee. There being no objections, Alderman Strebing seconded. Those items being:

#11-C...RESOLUTION NO. 2020-114 approving a Western Gateway TIF RIP (Redevelopment Incentive Program) Grant Application from Joseph Urbana, LLC for public improvements and re-development of the property located at 1 N. Logan Avenue. The total amount of public improvements to be invested in the Western Gateway TIF District is projected to be $117,099.00, for a 43% reimbursement to not exceed $50,000, to be paid from 119-119-00-54109; and

#11-D...RESOLUTION NO. 2020-115 approving Budget Amendment in FY 2020-2021 Western Gateway TIF District Fund (119) Budget, to increase line item 119-119-00-54109 TIF-RIP Grants by $45,000.00, with funds to come from the Downtown TIF cash reserve account, in order to award the grant funds once project is completed; and

#11-E...RESOLUTION NO. 2020-116 approving Western Gateway TIF Redevelopment Agreement with Joseph Urbana Investments, LLC, providing for the redevelopment of the facility at 1 N. Logan Avenue. Alderman Troglia asked if the redevelopment will included where the old dry cleaning place was or is just the front part of the property. Grants and Planning Manager Cronk stated the two back lots with concrete and gravel on them, where the old dry cleaner space used to be, will not be used. Alderman Duncheon asked what is going to be put there. Mayor Williams stated OSF is putting another Urgent Care facility there. Chairman Puhr asked if Joseph Urbana LLC will be paying property taxes on that since he will be leasing it correct, Mayor Williams replied that is correct. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Brown, Davis, Duncheon, Poshard, Stone, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Foster, McMahon

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Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

[Alderman Foster returned to the meeting at 6:51 p.m.]

#11-F...Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-117 amending Historic Preservation Commission Design Criteria, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Brown. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Foster, Brown, Davis, Duncheon, Poshard, Stone, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr
Nays: None
Absent: Alderman McMahon
Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#11-G...Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-118 authorizing a Two-Year Agreement with AT&T for POTS Lines to supply the City with 36 to 40 POTS lines for $33.00 each per month, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Brown. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Brown, Davis, Duncheon, Poshard, Stone, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster
Nays: None
Absent: Alderman McMahon
Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#11-H...Items of Information
- Director Carpenter stated he spoke with Engineer Cole today and we are looking at a maximum of three weeks before Harrison Street will be re-opened after the reconstruction project. The striping still needs completed and there is brick-in sidewalk work being completed in front of the Fischer Theatre. There are safety reasons to leave it closed until the contractors get most of those items done. Debris should be removed from the old Taekwondo building by next Wednesday so we will see how that goes. Crews are installing Christmas lights, which is working out well. Director Carpenter announced this month alone, in the 12 days worked, we picked up in excess of 60 tons of leaves off the streets. Street crews continue to finish up on patching and are actually in preparation with the trucks for the snow season.
- Director Beith announced the City will receive the Rebuild Illinois Grant in full, which totals $2,255 million dollars. The grant will be used to purchase replacement buses, replace the underground fuel storage tank, which is close to 30 years old and difficult to insure, land acquisition around the DMT administrative facility at 101 N. Jackson St. for additional bus storage and administrative/maintenance upgrade, and engineering services for the upgrades. She has also set aside money from the CARES funding for DMT’s capital projects, which will be included with the grant money to be able to accomplish several items. Mayor Williams congratulated Director Beith for all the work she has done making this possible and it will be great for the City of Danville.
- Alderman Brown asked if the Christmas Craft Bazaar held annually at Harrison Park was going to take place as several people have questioned her and Director Carpenter replied that event has been cancelled.
- Chairman Puhr stated DMT received the Downstate Operating Assistance Grant agreement from IDOT, which will be going to Public Services to be voted on and then to full Council.
[The next Public Works Committee meeting will take place by videoconference on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.]

#12... PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT
#12-A... Items of Information
Chairman Foster stated he was absent during a portion of the meeting due to his headphones breaking. He apologized for his absence.

[The next Public Services Committee meeting will take place by videoconference on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.]

#13... REVIEW AND PLACE ON PUBLIC DISPLAY 2020 TAX LEVY AND FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET
Mayor Williams presented items A through I for review and asked that all items be placed on public display until the December 1, 2020 Council meeting. Alderman Strebing moved to dispense with the readings and asked for all items to be placed on public display, seconded by Alderman Troglia. Those items being:

#13-A... an ordinance approving the 2020 Tax Levy of $6,890,497.00, an increase of 1.02% over last year, assuming an Assessed Value of $304,320.00, for an estimated Tax Rate of $2.2642;

#13-B... an ordinance abating a portion of the 2020 Tax Levy for Sanitary Sewer Fund for Series 2019 General Obligation Bonds in the amount of $43,314.00 from the Sanitary Sewer Fund;

#13-C... an ordinance abating a portion of the 2020 Tax Levy for Series 2019 General Obligation Bonds in the amount of $57,752.00 from the Solid Waste Fund;

#13-D... an ordinance abating a portion of the 2020 Tax Levy for Series 2019 General Obligation Bonds in the amount of $259,884.00 from the Infrastructure Development and Improvement Program Fund;

#13-E... an ordinance abating a portion of the 2020 Tax Levy for Series 2019 General Obligation Bonds in the amount of $166,037.00 from the Community Reinvestment Fund;

#13-F... an ordinance abating a portion of the 2020 Tax Levy for Series 2019 General Obligation Bonds in the amount of $194,913.00 from the Capital Improvements Fund;

#13-G... an ordinance approving Tax Levy and Assessment of Taxes for Special Service Area Number One in the amount of $42,605.00;

#13-H... an ordinance establishing Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 for Special Service Area Number One Beginning January 1, 2021 and Ending December 31, 2021;

#13-I... an ordinance approving Tax Levy and Extending a Special Tax within Special Service Area Number Two Expanded.

Comptroller Massey stated the budget is going on display as well and that everyone should have received an email from her this afternoon with a digital copy of their budget binder. She stated if the Aldermen have any questions looking through the updates to give her a call and schedule a meeting. She will go through a short list of differences between the first and second drafts just so everyone is aware as they are looking through the budget. The first one is we received the commercial insurance quote and so the general liability and worker's compensation amounts have been updated throughout the budget across multiple funds. The next one is in years past we have had a central purchasing line to buy office supplies for the City as a whole, the leadership team discussed it and we think we would all be happier if each individual department was responsible for purchasing their own office supplies, so that's been divided among departments based on past ordering amounts. Also included in the budget binder, and it's reflected in the City budget, the final library budget and levy request, they updated their request based on health insurance quotes we received a month ago. The Harrison Park budget has been amended, in the past budget it had about a $50,000 deficit and
currently it has a $25,000 deficit so we did make progress in the Harrison Park budget. Hotel/Motel tax decreased in revenue, and the telephone and internet line under the Police division has been updated to reflect our community camera costs, the cellular cost to run those cameras. Various revenue projections have been updated. Therefore, this is the good news. State income tax has been increased nominally, state use tax has been increased nominally, local government distributive fund cannabis revenue, so that is not the City's retailers occupation tax. It is going into city wide revenue, specifically local government distributive fund cannabis tax revenue has to be ear marked for certain purposes, which includes law enforcement activity, which is a revenue line that is under the police division. Personal property replacement tax revenue projections have increased as well, so thankfully the Illinois Municipal League put out a few weeks ago updated revenue projections that made our budget look a lot better than it did before. This is not in the budget but she thought it was noteworthy and would share with the Council. Effective January 1, 2021 the “Leveling the Playing Field Retail Act for Illinois” takes effect, which means it requires marketplace facilitators like Amazon to collect both Illinois 6.25% retailers occupation tax and any locally imposed retailers occupation tax instead of just the 6.25% use tax for Illinois. Therefore, this will likely result in significant reductions in our use tax; however, it should increase our local sales tax because we should be getting our local portion, not just the 1% that flows through the State, and the City should be getting home-rule sales tax as well through those Amazon purchases. It’s hard to predict how that will shake out as far as how far our use tax is going to go down and how far our home-rule tax is going to go up, but all indicators suggest that we will come out on the better end of the deal, but since there’s no way to predict that she has left the projections based on what we know on sales historically and projections for COVID. She stated this might be seen next year where use tax is down and home-rule is up so she just wanted to mention that. She stated there will be a Budget Study Session on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Williams stated this does include placing on public display the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget as well. Further discussion ensued. After all questions were answered, and there being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Brown, Davis, Duncheon, Poshard, Stone, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman McMahon

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#14. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
Mayor Williams stated the casino application has been received for review. Chairman Foster, Chairman Puhr, and he have reviewed the application. Economic Development Director Tanisha Spain and he are compiling comments and plan to send those to the Casino Committee tomorrow. He stated the application looks fantastic and they have included everything they promised and thinks we are ready to finally have a great application to submit to the Illinois Gaming Board.

#15. CLOSED SESSION
Alderman Strebing moved to go into Closed Session under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss Specific Employees and under Section 2(c)(11) to discuss Pending Litigation, seconded by Vice Mayor Iverson. The roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon, Poshard, Stone, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster, Brown

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman McMahon

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

TIME: 7:17 p.m.

Mayor Williams announced there will be no action taken after closed session.

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[Alderman Strebing left the meeting at 7:18 p.m. prior to closed session.]

Vice Mayor Iverson moved to return to Open Session, seconded by Alderman Brown. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered. Mayor Williams called the meeting back to order at 8:10 p.m.

#16...ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 8:11 p.m. following a motion by Alderman Duncheon and a second by Alderman Puhr.

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 November 17, 2020, as the same appears on the records of the City now in my custody and keeping.

Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

Approved: 12/1/20
Posted Publicly: 12/2/20