

Monday, November 1, 2021
City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Council Chambers - First Floor
212 Third Avenue
Zoom Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88613539105>
Meeting ID 886 1353 9105

1. Meeting Opening

Subject : A. Call to Order
Meeting : Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

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Subject : B. Roll Call
Meeting : Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

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Subject : C. Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting : Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

2. Communication from Visitors

Subject : A. Public Comment
Meeting : Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Information

File Attachments

[public comment policy.pdf \(75 KB\)](#)

3. Consent Agenda

Subject : A. Approval of Minutes
Meeting : Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Action (Consent)
Recommended Action : Approval of Minutes as presented

File Attachments

[cc10182021.pdf \(125 KB\)](#)

Consent

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	B. Approval of Bills and Payroll
Meeting :	Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Bills and Payroll as presented

Public Content

File Attachments

[admin_20211028_155445.pdf \(636 KB\)](#)
[Accounts Payable by G_L Distribution Report 10_28_2021 4_09_20 PM_Mary McCormick_3D40886U.pdf \(380 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	C. Proclamation for Small Business Saturday, November 27, 2021
Meeting :	Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Proclamation for Small Business Saturday, November 27, 2021

Public Content

This serves as a reminder to shop local and support the businesses that support our community.

File Attachments

[Proclamation Small Business Saturday 2021 F.pdf \(540 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	D. Pay Request to Strand Associates Inc. for the 2020 Stormwater Projects in the amount of \$37,243.75.
Meeting :	Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends approval of the Pay Request to Strand Associates Inc. for the 2020 Stormwater Projects in the amount of \$37,243.75.

Public Content

Strand is acting as the construction observation engineer for the work at 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue. Paving should start in the very near future pending the weather which slowed progress and plans for the last week. Funds for this engineering come from the Stormwater Fund.

File Attachments

[Council Agenda Item Strand Pay Request Professional Services Stormwater Projects.pdf \(33 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	E. Resolution No. R2021-11-21 providing for the abatement of general real property taxes for General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012.
Meeting :	Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Resolution No. R2021-11-21 abating the 2021 tax levy in the amount of \$3,396,600.00 for the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012.

Public Content

Resolution No. R2021-11-21 provides for the abatement of general real property taxes for the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012. The general real property taxes to be abated for the 2021 tax levy by Resolution No. R2021-11-21 totals \$3,396,600.00. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant revenues on hand to pay for same. These bonds were issued on behalf of CGH Medical Center, which has assured the City that there are sufficient funds available to allow us to abate the levy.

Attached is a copy of Resolution No. R2021-11-21 and a copy of the debt service schedule

File Attachments

[2012 CGH bond schedule.pdf \(52 KB\)](#)

[Res 2021-11-21.pdf \(10 KB\)](#)

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Subject :	F. Resolution No. R2021-11-22 providing for the abatement of general real property taxes for General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017.
Meeting :	Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve Resolution No. R2021-11-22 abating the 2021 tax levy in the amount of \$611,890.00 for the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2017.

Public Content

Resolution No. R2021-11-22 provides for the abatement of general real property taxes for the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017. The general real property taxes to be abated for the 2021 tax levy by Resolution No. R2021-11-22 totals \$611,890.00. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant revenues on hand to pay for same. Sufficient revenues should be available from non-home rule sales taxes, which will allow us to abate the levy.

Attached is a copy of Resolution No. R2021-11-22 and a copy of the debt service schedule.

File Attachments

[2017 bond schedule.pdf \(55 KB\)](#)

[Res 2021-11-22.pdf \(10 KB\)](#)

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Subject :	G. Resolution No. R2021-11-23 providing for the abatement of general real property taxes for General Obligation Refunding (ARS) Bonds, Series 2020A.
Meeting :	Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Resolution No. R2021-11-23 abating the 2021 tax levy in the amount of \$251,600.00 for the General Obligation Refunding (ARS) Bonds, Series 2020A if

Public Content

Resolution No. R2021-11-23 provides for the abatement of general real property taxes for the General Obligation Refunding (ARS) Bonds, Series 2020A. The general real property taxes to be abated for the 2021 tax levy by Resolution No. R2021-11-23 totals \$251,600.00. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant revenues on hand to pay for same. An accounting shows that there will be sufficient revenues available from sales taxes collected (other than the public infrastructure one-half cent sales taxes and the sales taxes related to the Kohls project).

Attached is a copy of Resolution No. R2021-11-23 and a copy of the debt service schedule.

File Attachments

[2020A bond schedule.pdf \(80 KB\)](#)
[Res 2021-11-23.pdf \(65 KB\)](#)

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Subject :	H. Resolution No. R2021-11-24 providing for the abatement of general real property taxes for General Obligation (ARS) Bonds, Series 2020B.
Meeting :	Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Approval of Resolution No. R2021-11-24 abating the 2021

tax levy in the amount of \$285,400.00 for the General Obligation (ARS) Bonds, Series 2020B.

Public Content

Resolution No. R2021-11-24 provides for the abatement of general real property taxes for the General Obligation (ARS) Bonds, Series 2020B. The general real property taxes to be abated for the 2021 tax levy by Resolution No. R2021-11-24 totals \$285,400.00. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant revenues on hand to pay for same. Sufficient revenues should be available from non-home rule sales taxes, which will allow us to abate the levy.

Attached is a copy of Resolution No. R2021-11-24 and a copy of the debt service schedule.

File Attachments

[2020B bond schedule.pdf \(72 KB\)](#)

[Res 2021-11-24.pdf \(10 KB\)](#)

3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	I. Resolution No. R2021-11-25 providing for the abatement of general real property taxes for General Obligation Refunding (ARS) Bonds, Series 2020C.
Meeting :	Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Resolution No. R2021-11-25 abating the 2021 tax levy in the amount of \$431,000.00 for the General Obligation Refunding (ARS) Bonds, Series 2020C.

Public Content

Resolution No. R2021-11-25 provides for the abatement of general real property taxes for the General Obligation Refunding (ARS) Bonds, Series 2020C. The general real property taxes to be abated for the 2021 tax levy by Resolution No. R2021-11-25 totals \$431,000.00. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant revenues on hand to pay for same. Sufficient revenues should be available from the following sources, which will allow us to abate the levy: receipts derived from repayment of the loan by Continental 232 Fund LLC and sales and use taxes collected in connection with the project.

Attached is a copy of Resolution No. R2021-11-25 and a copy of the debt service schedule.

File Attachments

[2020C bond schedule.pdf \(75 KB\)](#)

[Res 2021-11-25.pdf \(10 KB\)](#)

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Subject :	J. Resolution No. R2021-11-26 providing for the abatement of general real property taxes for Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021A.
Meeting :	Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Resolution No. R2021-11-26 abating the 2021 tax levy in the amount of \$1,386,537.50 for the Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021A i

Public Content

Resolution No. R2021-11-26 provides for the abatement of general real property taxes for the Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021A. The general real property taxes to be abated for the 2021 tax levy by Resolution No. R2021-11-26 totals \$1,386,537.50. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant revenues on hand to pay for same. These bonds were issued on behalf of CGH Medical Center, which has assured the City that there are sufficient funds available to allow us to abate the levy.

Attached is a copy of Resolution No. R2021-11-26 and a copy of the debt service schedule.

File Attachments

[2021A CGH bond schedule.pdf \(104 KB\)](#)
[Res 2021-11-26.pdf \(62 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	K. Resolution No. R2021-11-27 providing for the abatement of general real property taxes for General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B.
Meeting :	Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	approve Resolution No. R2021-11-27 abating the 2021 tax levy in the amount of \$747,310.00 for the General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B.

Public Content

Resolution No. R2021-11-27 provides for the abatement of general real property taxes for the General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B. The general real property taxes to be abated for the 2021 tax levy by Resolution No. R2021-11-27 totals \$747,310.00. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant revenues on hand to pay for same. These bonds were issued on behalf of CGH Medical Center, which has assured the City that there are sufficient funds available to allow us to abate the levy.

Attached is a copy of Resolution No. R2021-11-27 and a copy of the debt service schedule.

File Attachments

[2021B CGH bond schedule.pdf \(101 KB\)](#)

[Res 2021-11-27.pdf \(10 KB\)](#)

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5. Recommended Personnel Action

Subject :	A. Appointments and Re-appointments to Boards and Commissions
Meeting :	Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Approve Mayor Lee's Appointment of Carol Corwell to the Plan Commission.

Public Content

As set forth in Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Boards, Commissions and Committees of the Sterling City Code; and with the advice and consent of the City Council, it is recommended that the following be reappointed;

File Attachments

[Council Recommendation Plan Commission - Corwell 2021.pdf \(209 KB\)](#)

[Carol Corwell Plan Commission 2021.pdf \(45 KB\)](#)

6. Presentations and Awards

Subject :	A. NLC Service Line Program
Meeting :	Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Information

Public Content

Mike Chambers from NCL Service Linewarranty program by Home Serve

8. Business Items

Subject :	A. Award bid to CPS Construction for removal of the structure at 1802 East 3rd Street in the amount of \$8,700
Meeting :	Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends awarding the bid to CPS Construction for removal of the structure at 1802 East 3rd Street in the amount of \$8,700

Public Content

The City of Sterling acquired the subject property on September 16, 2021 by means of a Judicial Deed. Bids were advertised for the demolition of the structure on October 1, 2021. Two (2) bids were received. The bids were opened on Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

The low bid received was from CPS Demolition Service, Sterling, Illinois, in the amount of \$8,700.00. The bid was found to be in accordance with the Bid Specifications.

The property will be demolished using Strong Communities Program funds. Upon completion of the demolition, the vacant lot will be offered for sale for redevelopment.

File Attachments

[Bid opening minutes - Demo of 1802 E. 3rd St..pdf \(20 KB\)](#)

[IMG_2880.JPG \(3,644 KB\)](#)

[Aerial of 1802 E. 3rd St.pdf \(259 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	B. Waive Bid Process and Approve Splash Pad Fixtures Purchase in the amount of \$65,413.00
Meeting :	Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends Council waive the bid process and approve the purchase of splash pad fixtures in the amount of \$65,413.00

Public Content

As part of the improvements to Central Park, a small splash pad is included on the site, immediately northwest of the gazebo. The controls, manifolds and related equipment will be located in the future concession and restroom building. Prices are going up for the next year and the vendor is holding the current quote for the City pending approval by the Council on November 1st. There are 13 nozzles, 4 directional, 8 vertical and 1 vertical nozzle in the center that blooms outward. The nozzles also come with

LED lighting so they can be used as displays at night. The system can be started and stopped with a timer or with a foot activator. The attachments provide artistic renderings of what the display should look like when installed.

File Attachments

[Splash pad fixture proposal #0018491.pdf \(484 KB\)](#)
[Central Memorial Park_IL_34665-P&E.pdf \(871 KB\)](#)
[Central Memorial Park_IL_34665_VD_3D.pdf \(10.015 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	C. Ordinance 2021-11-28 to sell surplus City property, a Wastewater boat and trailer
Meeting :	Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve Ordinance 2021-11-28 Surplus City property Waste Water Boat

Public Content

The wastewater treatment plant has a 1984 aluminum flat bottom boat that has been used for maintaining the lagoon for several years. Prior to being utilized by the wastewater treatment facility, this boat was a rescue boat for the fire department. This boat was replaced last year and is now considered surplus property.

File Attachments

[Ordinance 2021-11-28 Disposal of Surplus Property Waste water boat.pdf \(75 KB\)](#)

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8. Business Items

Subject :	D. Collective Bargaining Agreement with Sterling Police Department
Meeting :	Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Staff Recommends approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council

Public Content

The proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with the police officers runs four years, ending April 30, 2025. Minor changes were made to the list of equipment and clothing supplies provided to the officers to reflect current practice. The proposed agreement also allows the City to hire experienced officers in at a higher pay level than the previous contract, in an effort to make the department more competitive in recruiting officers given the very limited number of new police officer applicants here and across the country. The last change is the pay structure. Our wages at the top end of the scale were competitive with our comparable departments in northern Illinois. Our entry wages were just slightly below average, but our early-mid career wages were in some cases, thousands of dollars behind the comparable departments. The agreed upon adjustments bring us near the averages of the other departments, particularly our nearest comparable departments. Competitive wages are crucial to keeping a qualified and staffed department given the number of policing jobs available and the lack of candidates available to fill them.

File Attachments

[PD Bargaining Contract 2021-25 Council.pdf \(1,084 KB\)](#)

10. Executive Session

Subject :	A. Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2.06 to review closed session minutes
Meeting :	Nov 1, 2021 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action, Procedural