

**CITY OF KANKAKEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 2ND, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR WELLS- ARMSTRONG: Good evening everyone, I would like to call the meeting to order. We will start with prayer by Reverend Dave Robinson from Genesis Community Ministries.

REV. DAVE ROBINSON: Good evening Mayor, Alderwoman, Alderman, City Officials, and members of the public. I would like for us to pause for a moment of silence and pay homage to those that lost their lives in the last 24 hours. Let's just bow our heads together. The scripture says God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in times of difficulties. Father, we at least I just don't understand some things that take place in our world today. You placed us in charge; You gave Adam dominion over everything then he messed up and the world appears to be broken and we are trying to fix it. We are asking you dear God to help us to understand through Your son, how we can fix this broken world. So, Lord hear our prayer and help each and every one of us this evening to take a good look at ourselves and see how we can make some adjustments, see how we can unlearn certain things we have learned. And relearn so that we can keep our minds renewed so that we can understand who You are just a little better as we grow older, and we can become a little more compassionate; first with our children, second with our community, and thirdly with the world at large. Teach us to how to love again. Thank you for the opportunity that we have this evening to speak to you, to share with you, and to express our hearts. So again Father, be with our Mayor and all our officials and the safety officials that they will continue to do a good job and to protect and to serve this community in which we live. Again, for all those family members that are grieving this evening, somehow send an angel, send someone to touch and mend their broken hearts. We ask all of this through Christ Jesus. Amen.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Rev. Robinson. The Council will lead the pledge.

IN UNISON:

“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic, for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all”.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Next on the agenda is Public Comments but no one signed up. At this time, I would like to welcome Professor Cini Bretzlaff-Holstein and the students of Trinity Christian College. They are Social Work students I want to give you guys a shout out because I am a Social Worker too. I appreciate you all being here this evening and learning more about civic engagement it's very important. So, thank you for being here. Next, we will move on to Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy. **ABSENT:** O'Brien, (13) Present (1) Absent.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Department Heads Please.

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Dumas, Schuldt, Kubal, Power, Dear, Piggush, Nelson, Cross, Bertrand, Schmitz. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Next, I have a motion to approve the minutes of September 18th, 2017.

ALD OSENGA:

So move.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga.

ALD KENNEDY:

Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Seconded by Alderwoman Kennedy. Any discussion? All in those in favor...

COUNCIL:

Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATION BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TIFFANY DEROCCO FROM UNITED WAY OF KANKAKEE & IROQUOIS COUNTIES

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign, motion carries. The next item on the agenda is petitions and we have no petitions this evening. We will move on to communications. We have a presentation by the Executive Director Tiffany Derocco and pardon me is I mispronounced your name, from the United Way of Kankakee & Iroquois Counties. Thank you, Tiffany.

TIFFANY DEROCCO:

Thank you. Good evening Mayor Wells-Armstrong it is good to be with you tonight as well as the City Aldermen and Alderwomen. It is my pleasure to touch base with you guys and share a little bit of information about early development instrument. So, the early development instrument key came out when our Success by Six Coalition which is cofounded through United Way and the Community Foundation. It's been established since 2008 and but most recently we submitted a grant to the Erickson Institute of Chicago. Are you guy's familiar with them at all? I see a little head shaking. So, you can think of the Erickson Institute as kind of like Harvard for early childhood education. They have written many policies around early childhood education and the importance of it for the White House and have really worked as the leaders I the field of early childhood education. So last year, almost a year ago today in October they put out a RFP for the early development instrument. So, what the EDI is...is a survey that teachers take and it's an assessment of their children within their classroom. Its 103 questions, quite lengthy... So, if you see a Kindergarten teacher or know of one in Kankakee School District, Bradley School District, Bourbonnais School District, Kankakee Trinity Christian Academy or also Kankakee Valley Montessori, please thank them because without them this would not have been possible. They out this RFP we submitted a grant for it. We were only one of two communities in the entire state of Illinois that was awarded this grant which is huge. It's something thing that we can be very proud of. When we spoken to the Erickson Institute on it and we asked what made us stand out, as a community wide, why did you select us out of many, many applicants? They said it was your ability to work together as different entities and cross

sectors in the community. Just to give you a snap shot, we had a two week turn around to get this grant and submit to the Erickson Institute and at the same time at United Way we had a Women United event going on. We had multiple things, but we got it done. We had addressed over ten different key stakeholders that included all those schools that I had just mentioned, as well as both hospitals, as well as, multiple childhood providers. As well, we had the YWCA, YMCA and the Helen Wheeler Center just to name a few additional ones. So, what is the EDI? As I kind of mentioned it's a survey of 103 questions that are implemented in the first half of the school year. What it does is it provides us with a snapshot of how well our children are doing before they enter into Kindergarten. The five developmental domains that the survey questions align with you will see on the next page...physical health and well-being, social confidence, emotional maturity, language and cognitive development and communications skills and general knowledge. Underneath that you will see a couple examples of what that looks like. Social confidence is... Do the children show respect and responsibility? Do they approach...learning, overall social confidence, ready to explore new things, and you can think if this as soft social skills, right? Do they get along with others? Do they show respect to their elders or authority figures? What is the EDI? What is it not? So, we talked about what it is, it's a survey given back to the kindergarten teachers and we receive 10-12 different maps at the neighborhood level how well our children are faring. What is it not? It is not a report on an individual child. It doesn't identify specific learning disabilities. It's not a recommendation for special education or being held back or recommending teaching approached or forms instruction. It doesn't reflect the schools ability or performance or the quality of the teachers. It is really important when we start having these conversations getting schools on board with this. I think it's a little bit of hesitancy when you say you want to come in and take data from your school and how it is going to be implemented in the community and if it is going to be a reflection on your school, your teachers and even yourself

as the leader within your school district. That wasn't the true intent or purpose of the EDI. The purpose of the EDI is the ability for us to look back and forward. So, we want to look back and assess how the community can better support early childhood development and prepare children for school and then look forward to inform how to adjust the needs of the incoming class as Kindergarten students progress through school. If you think about this too from even a funding standpoint through us the United Way, the Community Foundation. It is really important when we are allocating funds out into the community we want to make sure that we are putting them to the best use possible that we are providing services and programs that are needed to address the community the community needs. Not only for...everybody across the spectrum; not only for our little one because I think you all would agree with me, children are the foundation of our future. It's really important that we get it right the first time because of the trajectory of their life and our community as a whole. Just some things I have been learning through this partnership of the EDI. I don't know if you guys are aware of this but in kindergarten if a child misses 30 days or more of school...if they miss...right in Kindergarten right, so they are 6 years old they are young, they are held responsible by their parents. If they miss school it is a great indication of their high school graduation rate. It decreases it to 30-40 percent. That's significant very significant. We need to stop and ask ourselves, why? That is the biggest thing about the EDI getting the data back. It allows us to have population data as a community, come together, and sit down have these conversations of what is going on in our neighborhoods. What are the critical issues that are happening? What are the barriers our families are facing to success? We need to be challenging ourselves with that. For the first time we have the data to back it up, to host those conversations and invite community feedback and then also community participation. The second thing I wanted to show you is the data. I didn't want to provide or overwhelm you with 10-15 different maps that we received back but I wanted to provide you with a glimpse. The

power of what this tool can do for us as we move forward into the future. So, the first one is the EDI profile summary. For us it's just kind of easier to see this so the darker the green equals the higher vulnerability. The lighter the green the less vulnerability within those five subdomains that I we just kind of reviewed, social & emotional confidences, physical health and well-being, items such as that. So, on the maps you will see the neighborhood names. The N1 will show you how many children were surveyed within that neighborhood and then it goes across and lists those domains and shows you the percentage of children that fall in vulnerabilities. Then underneath it goes in further detail for understanding that. So just looking at this what kind of stands out to you? Do any two domains stand out to you significantly? Social confidence I heard and emotional maturity...you nailed it. So those are the two domains as a coalition we sit down, and we start kind of going through to see, where are the areas of greatest needs? I think a lot of times when we want to face big challenges we want to face the entire problem but sometimes you have to chip away at it one piece at a time. For us we have been kind of having these conversations of where is the greatest need across the whole community. Because this is changing our perspective remember? It's going from, this is the city of Kankakee to this is the Village of Bradley, Bourbonnais etc...this is our children, our community, and our change. We need to start looking at it in that way if we are really going to drive momentum and movement we want to see. Moving over flip over the map...you will see the first map which provides you with a snap shot of overall. So, all of our data that was collected, we had over 600 I believe and 91 surveys that came back to us that were tested viable for the information and, so you will see this map here...Children vulnerable in more than one development domains in Kankakee. Now remember, the darker the green is the higher vulnerability the lighter green equals less vulnerability. On the left you have that data field of the neighborhoods and the percentage of the children. I apologize, this is something that when we go to do this

again which is administered every three years it is tri-annually. We are going to be addressing the map, so they are more readable. That was something that people were discussing is challenging. But just right off the back when you look at this, what jumps out to you or comes to your attention? Are you shocked? Are you like yeah, I kind of knew that, it seems about right? Don't be shy...does anything stand out to you? I will tell you what stood out to me. So, I had the opportunity to go up to Erickson to review the maps before we even brought them back to the community. I got to go up there with the Superintendents for each school district that participated in this. Erickson presented the maps to us and I sat their quietly just kind of taken in what the school Superintendents would say. As you know, early childhood education and education I general is not a background at all. So, I want to hear from them because these are their children in their school districts. One of the things that I noticed, that was said was that, the city of Kankakee was fairly-light. The children were not as high on the vulnerability skill as one might think or one might hear about in the newspaper. I know for me, I was kind of take back and I wanted to say what is going on? These children are doing fairly-well. Then you will see in Bradley and Bourbonnais though, there are more levels of vulnerability. So, then you start asking yourself, well what's going on in the city if Kankakee that is not going on in Bradley and Bourbonnais with our children. What this tool does is it starts breaking assumption... assumptions that we make of different school districts; of different communities; of different neighborhoods. And it starts having a conversation of what's really happening and what role we each play in it and how can we help the little ones of our community. So, I wanted to provide an extra map for you guys because that is just the big overview one. We were allowed to overlay all our data points to our maps and one of the ones that we chose is we wanted to know single parent families within our County and how that fared in levels of vulnerability. So, the bigger the blue circle the more single parent families are within that neighborhood. The smaller the blue circle les single parents. They will

have dual households and parents that are still together. Does anything stand out to you?

ALD BARON:

There is not a direct relationship between single family households and poor performance. It falls in the...it's weird...

TIFFANY DEROCCO:

It is weird. It makes you stop and think right? And question it and wonder why that is. That is what I am talking about, the power of the EDI the power of this tool. It really helps us for once to have population data that helps us start breaking assumptions and start the conversations on what's going on, what's good, what's happening in these communities and what's going on in the other areas of vulnerability that we can work together and to address the needs. I wanted to show you guys a glimpse of this because I truly believe this is the first step for starting a movement not only in the city of Kankakee but across our community for early childhood education and the importance of helping our little ones to put them on the right path before they even enter school. So, what we are requesting from you guys and encouraging you as City Aldermen and women and the Mayor of Kankakee is to come with us on this journey. Because what we want to do next, we want to have these conversations with the families in your neighborhoods. I think a lot of times we make these decisions at the top level without even going to the ground level, without even asking families within your neighborhoods and these children that are represented, what's going on in your household? What's going on in your neighborhood? What barriers to success that you see and how can we help you? So, that's what we want you guys to do. We want to challenge you to come up with a couple family names because we want to start hosting focus groups as well going out with you. When you are going out and you are speaking to the constituents that you represent, we want to draw you into that conversation and we want to draw them into that conversation because I don't know their neighborhoods like they do. I don't know the barriers that they face but, I want to get to know them. It is really important, not only for me as the Director of

United Way and the Community Foundation and everybody else that's represented in the coalition. It's important for us as a community to get involved and to care and to start taking the time to ask yourselves these tough questions, and to have open and honest conversations with one another and not have these assumptions. But, it is really important to have the data to back it up and to start the conversations. Any questions? Alright, well thank you.

**ESTABLISHING CITY OF KANKAKEE
HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS FROM 5:00 P.M. UNTIL 7:00P.M.
ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017
KANKAKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTING PERMISSION TO HOST
A "COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE" BEGINNING AT PIONEER PARK
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017
FROM 12:00 P.M. UNTIL 3:00 P.M.**

MAYOR WELLS –ARMSTRONG: Thank you Tiffany. The next item on the agenda is information only. A thank you card to the Mayor and City Council from the Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce. I believe that was thanking us for our membership and Barbie Brewer-Watson is here the Executive Director of the Chamber. So that was information. If there are no objections, I would like to combine C and D. C is establishing Halloween trick-or-treat hours and D is the Police Department requesting permission to host a community bike ride. If there are no objections, May I have a motion to approve?

ALD BARON: So move.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:Motioned by Alderman Baron

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any discussion? All those in favor, aye

COUNCIL: Aye.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS
APPROVAL OF BILLS - \$376,159.66**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Oppose same sign, motion carries. There are no standing committee reports. We will move on to report of officers. May I have a motion to approve payment of the bills?

ALD FAFORD: Yes, I move that we approve the report of officers, place the money in the proper accounts and pay the bills in the amount of \$376,159.66.

ALD TALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderman Faford seconded by Alderman Tall. Any discussion?

ALD CRAWFORD: I have a question on one of the bills...number 72530.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Would you like for me to address that?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Sure.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Okay, I would be happy to. That is for some Human Resource Consulting that we have used here for the City of Kankakee as a source of direction since the month of May and that is all time inclusive since that time.

ALD CRAWFORD: Is that an employee if the City?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: No, it is and independent Contractor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Alderman Crawford. Any other questions or discussion? Okay, Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron (abstain #72526, #72739, #72740), Lewis, Tall (abstain #72530), Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, Gall (abstain #72526, #72739 and #72740), Malone Marshall, Kennedy.
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

FIRST READING
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, SECTION 172
ENTITLED "NO PARKING ZONES ON STREETS AND ALLEYS DESIGNATED" OF
THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS NO PARKING IN THE
FIRST ALLEY TO THE WEST OF SCHUYLER AVENUE
BETWEEN EAST COURT STREET AND EAST MERCHANT STREET

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: The next item is unfinished business. There is no unfinished business. We will move on to new business We have an Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Section 172 entitled no parking zones on streets and alleys designated of the City Code of the City of Kankakee, Illinois no parking in the first alley to the west of Schuyler Avenue between East Court Street and East Merchant Street. Do I have a motion to suspend the rules?

ALD GALL: So move.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderwoman Gall.

ALD SWANSON: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson. Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy (13) Ayes (0) Nays

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MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

ALD GALL: So move Mayor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderwoman Gall.

ALD SWANSON: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson. Any discussion?

ALD FAFORD: *(microphone not on)*

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Is that all Alderman Faford? Alright, Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS:

AYES: Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy (13) Ayes (0) Nays

FIRST READING

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, SECTION 231
ENTITLED "HANDICAPPED PARKING" OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY
OF KANKAKEE HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGN(S) ESTABLISHED
AT 1161 NORTH CHICAGO AVENUE**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, SECTION 231
ENTITLED "HANDICAPPED PARKING" OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY
OF KANKAKEE HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGN(S) ESTABLISHED
AT 394 SOUTH LINCOLN AVENUE**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. If there are no objections, I will combine items B and C pertaining to Ordinances entitled handicapped parking to establish one at 1161 North Chicago Avenue and the other is to establish at 394 South Lincoln. If there are no objections, I will take a motion to suspend the rules.

ALD KENNEDY: So move Mayor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderwoman Kennedy.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy (13) Ayes (0) Nays

SECOND READING

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AT 394 SOUTH LINCOLN AVENUE**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

ALD KENNEDY: So move.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderwoman Kennedy.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any discussion? Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy (13) Ayes (0) Nays

**RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL
FOR TRANSCRIPTIONAL SERVICE
OF THE KANKAKEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
BY CLARA HALL**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. The next item on the agenda is a recommendation to accept the proposal of transcriptional service of the Kankakee City Council Meeting Minutes by Clara Hall. I have received a number of calls, txt, and correspondence from City Council Members. So pursuant to my authorities under Section 2-44J in the Municipal Code I am going to refer this to the Budget Committee and the Economic Development Committee. I am trying to reach as many City Council Members and I will be more than happy to speak to you all on how this came about.

**APPOINTMENT
GABRIEL SALAZAR – BOARD ALTERNATE FOR THE KANKAKEE RIVER
METROPOLITAN AGENCY COMMITTEE (KRMA)**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Next up we have an appointment Gabriel Salazar. We need an alternate and every Municipality for the KRMA Board is required to provide an alternate. They have been asking for this for several months. As you all know, I have been very intentional regarding our boards to make them more reflective our community in terms of diversity and backgrounds and that sort of thing. Gabe has worked for the Code Department for the City of Kankakee and currently works in our Utility. I did speak with corporate

council and there is no conflict regarding that. Again, he will be the alternate. So, Kankakee has four board members and Gabe Salazar can come to the meetings any time but he will be there as a vote in the case that one of the four designated members from Kankakee could not be there to vote. So, at this time, you all should have his resume that should have been included in the packet and I will take a motion for appointment.

ALD TETTER: So move.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderman Tetter.

ALD KENNEDY: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Seconded by Alderwoman Kennedy. Roll Call.

ALD OSENGA: Mayor, this is a very important board and there are 14 very competent Aldermen here and I am a firm believer that boards like this...the position should be held by one of the Alderman in this room. Gabe is a nice young man I know who he is, but he does not have the experience for a board such as this. I feel like an Alderman should absolutely be in this position.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Alderman Osenga. When we first started making the appointments to the KRMA Board, you all wanted someone who resided in the City of Kankakee. He does, I believe in the 3rd Ward. He is very invested in the city as an employee and a resident. There are no criteria that you speak of in terms of qualifications. There is not even criteria that he has to be a resident of the City of Kankakee. He has a background in utilities and technical knowledge. I think he will be a great fit it will diversify our board in terms of our representation as well and I think he will be a good fit in this position as alternate. There is nothing in the bylaws of KRMA that says that it has to be given to a City Council member.

ALD OSENGA: I understand that but, I feel...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Alderman Osenga.

ALD OSENGA: ...an Alderman should be in the position. There are a lot of educated Aldermen here with many years of experience on

the City Council and I am a firm believer that this should be held by an Alderman

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to approve the appointment? Okay, I apologize. We have a motion by Alderman Tetter and a Second by Alderwoman Kennedy. Any further discussion? Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Baron, Lewis, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy
NAYS: Curtis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, (7) Ayes (6) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Gabe, can you stand up? Thank you for your service for the City of Kankakee. Welcome to the KRMA Board.

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS
RESOLUTION PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LATE
CHESTER O. WILLIAMS**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Next, we have motions and resolutions and I would just want to speak to Alderwoman Kennedy. She lost her father a couple weeks ago. The city did send a plant and I know there were several people that...who went in representation to support you and your family. Is your mother here? Okay, Ms. Nettie...Okay. I will take a motion to approve the resolution honoring the late Chester O. Williams. Alderwoman Kennedy's father.

ALD BROWN: So move.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderman Brown. Seconded by Alderman Crawford. All those in favor?

COMMITTEE: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. Motion carries. If you all would come to the center of the floor, I would like to present you with the resolution. Alderman Tetter you as well. First of all, we extend our condolences to your family. Thank you, Alderwoman Kennedy for your service. You have been on City Council for two years and you have been serving the

community longer than that. I wanted to have a resolution drafted and I spoke with the Alderman from the 1st Ward that was supportive of that in addition to the City Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017- 22. THE HONORABLE
CHASITY WELLS-ARMSTRONG, MAYOR:
TRIBUTE TO LATE CHESTER O. WILLIAMS.

WHEREAS, The members of Kankakee City Council were deeply saddened to learn of the death, on September 11, 2017, at age seventy-two of Chester O. Williams, one of Kankakee's most beloved and familiar voices in the community; and WHEREAS, He was born in Biscoe, Arkansas, on November 3, 1944, to Charlie Sr. and Laura Randolph Williams, and served our country with the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1967.; and WHEREAS, He was a member of Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, where he served on the deacon ministry. He enjoyed cooking and counseling. WHEREAS, He was a true leader in his family, his church and his community, Chester O. Williams, will always be remembered as a voice in Kankakee; as a distinguished citizen of Kankakee; and as a truly remarkable human being; and WHEREAS, Chester O. Williams, is the father of a distinguished member of the Kankakee City Council, the Honorable Alderwoman Gloria Kennedy of the First Ward; and WHEREAS, Chester O. Williams, is survived by his wife, the former Nettie Harrell, of Kankakee; sons, Dremier Williams, of Atlanta, Ga., Paul and Felecia Tucker, of Columbus, Miss., and Casey Tucker, of Kankakee; daughters, Gloria and Delector Kennedy, of Kankakee, Darcel and Larry Payton, of Killeen, Texas, Denise and James Wilson, of Milwaukee, Wis., and Dewanda Williams, of Iowa; his sister, Ella Mae Franklin, of Chicago; 33 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; godsons, Nate and Anita Boyd, of Kankakee, and Artis Welch, of Joliet; goddaughters, Sheniece and Jesse Alston, of Suffolk, Va., KaChara Davis, of Kankakee, and Amanda Brooks, of Crawford, Miss.; daughter-in-law, Adreine Tucker; best friend, James and Sharon Johnson, of Glenwood; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.; now, therefore, Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Kankakee, will assemble on the 18th day of September 2017, to thereby honor the life and memory of Chester O. Williams and today extend our heartfelt condolences to his family; and Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution upon its official passage will be presented to

the family of Chester O. Williams as a sign of our sympathy and good wishes.

ALD KENNEDY:

On behalf of my family, my mother, I just want to say thank you to all of those that were there for us. That showed up at the services, came to the house, sent flowers, sent cards, hugs and smiles. I just want to say we really appreciate you all. Thank you very much.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Again, I want to thank the Alderman of the 7th Ward. Alderman Carl Brown and Alderman Fred Tetter on your efforts as well. We do not have an Executive Session Scheduled. Aldermen comments and Alderwomen comments?

ALD BROWN:

We will have a Public Safety Committee meeting tomorrow afternoon at 5:30 P.M. in the regular meeting room. One of the guests will be an officer from the State's Attorney Office. There are new Laws that will take effect as of January 1st, 2018 and has to do with bail. I think you need to hear it because it will affect how the police officers do their duties. I think it is very important and the States Attorney General Jim Rowe as already committed to being somewhere else but if that falls through he will be at the meeting to run that. So, I invite you to be there. As many people that want to be there.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Alderman Brown. Alderwoman Kennedy?

ALD KENNEDY:

Dr. Patricia Polk wanted me to personally thank the Paramedics with our City Fire Department. Cherry and I have been checking on her and trying to get a ramp built for her house. The Paramedics came out and they were so compassionate, and they were so careful, and they were so thoughtful that she wanted to make sure it got mentioned tonight that she appreciate our Paramedics with the Fire Department. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I will take a motion to adjourn.

ALD SWANSON:

So move.

ALD CRAWFORD:

Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and seconded by Alderman Crawford. All in favor, aye.

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS- ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. Motion carries. We are adjourned.