

## AD HOC CITY COMMITTEE REPORT ON RETURNING TO IN-PERSON COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Ad Hoc City Council Committee consisting of Chairperson and Alderman Wendy Morgan-Adams and Alderman Matthew Dolick met on June 22, 2021 at 5pm via Zoom to review the return of live Prospect Heights City Council Meetings. The prior Gubernatorial Disaster Declaration was set to expire on June 29, 2021. On June 25, 2021 Governor JB Pritzker signed an extension of the Gubernatorial Disaster Declaration making clear that it is the last extension of said Declaration which is set to expire on July 24, 2021.

The Committees has assessed what safeguards might be needed for the return to live meetings to better ensure the safety and comfort of our council members and staff, as well as the safety of our residents.

The Committees recommendations are based on the above as well as input from participants at the June 22, 2021 meeting, discussions with the City attorney, various aldermen, the mayor, city staff and residents. These recommendations are as follows:

1. Seating on the dais will be limited to 10 council members which includes the five aldermen, the mayor, city administrator, city attorney, city clerk, and the deputy clerk. This would provide approximately 3.5 feet spacing between people on the dias.
2. The staff would be seated at tables on the floor of the council chambers facing the audience and they would be spaced apart as well.
3. The number of residents in the chambers would be limited to 15-20, with the conference room serving as an overflow room, when necessary, with video viewing in the conference room. The residents would also have the alternative to participate via zoom which would hopefully eliminate the need for the overflow room
4. Individuals who are vaccinated do not need to wear masks but those not vaccinated will need to wear masks. The "Honor System" to be invoked for this purpose and no proof of vaccination will be required.
5. With regard to the air ventilation issue, the investigation reveals that the current air system meets code and is a very good ventilation system. To further ease council members concerns the committee recommends that three air purifiers be added and spaced on the dias and three more added and spaced by the tables on the floor. The cost to purchase these air purifiers should not exceed the total of \$1,000.00.

Dated: July 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

  
Alderman Wendy Morgan-Adams  
Chairperson