



VILLAGE OF PALATINE
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SPECIAL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

MAY 18, 2020

3:00 PM

Note: This Special Village Council Meeting is being conducted virtually through Webex. If you would like to listen to, or participate in, the meeting please call (312) 535-8110 and enter meeting access code 962065692 when prompted to.

I. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jim Schwantz	Mayor	Present	
Tim Millar	District 1 Councilman	Present	
Scott Lamerand	District 2 Councilman	Present	
Doug Myslinski	District 3 Councilman	Present	
Greg Solberg	District 4 Councilman	Absent	
Kollin Kozlowski	District 5 Councilman	Present	
Brad Helms	District 6 Councilman	Late	3:07 PM

Also Present:

Village Clerk Marg Duer, Village Manager Reid Ottesen, Village Attorney Patrick Brankin, IT Director Larry Schroth, Director of Human Resources Pam Jackson

II. AGENDA ITEM

1. Consider a Resolution Seeking Immediate Modifications to the Restore Illinois Plan to Reopen Businesses and Resume Civic Activity

Mayor Schwantz introduced the topic of the proposed 3-part Resolution, from Palatine to Illinois Governor Pritzker regarding modifications to RESTORE ILLINOIS, the plan to reopen the economy after COVID-19 closings. Mayor Schwantz made it clear that this is not a political statement; it is coming from a nonpartisan Council. Eight Northwest municipalities are preparing similar Resolutions.

Village Manager Reid Ottesen outlined three issues:

1. The Governor has identified 4 regions in Illinois for RESTORE ILLINOIS. Historically, the state is divided into 11 medical regions. Palatine is asking that the Governor use the 11 medical regions for RESTORE ILLINOIS, rather than the proposed regions which combine the Northwest suburbs with the City of Chicago.

2. Palatine is requesting that restaurants, bars and food establishments be allowed to open in Phase III, May 29, with requirements of occupancy restrictions and precautions in place, based on recommendations from the Illinois Department of Public Health and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

3. Palatine is requesting a reduction from a 28-day to a 14-day interim between Phases.

Ottesen stated the Northwest Municipal Conference and 8 suburban municipalities are preparing resolutions this week, in compliance with the guidelines of the rest of the country, for consideration by Governor Pritzker.

In response to Richard Mayer, Journal and Topics, who asked if Palatine would go against the Governor if he denies the request, Mayor Schwantz stated it is not our intent to go head to head. Palatine will follow the Executive Order.

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kollin Kozlowski, District 5 Councilman
SECONDER:	Scott Lamerand, District 2 Councilman
AYES:	Millar, Lamerand, Myslinski, Kozlowski, Helms
ABSENT:	Solberg

III. AS SUBMITTED

Nothing was submitted.

IV. ADJOURNMENT – TIME: 3:31 PM

Adjourn the Special Meeting of the Village Council

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Millar, District 1 Councilman
SECONDER:	Kollin Kozlowski, District 5 Councilman
AYES:	Millar, Lamerand, Myslinski, Kozlowski, Helms
ABSENT:	Solberg

SUBMITTED BY:

Margaret R. Duer
Village Clerk

Consider a Resolution Seeking Immediate Modifications to the Restore Illinois Plan to Reopen Businesses and Resume Civic Activity

BACKGROUND:

Since March 21st, all residents and businesses within the State have been subject to the “Stay at Home” Executive Order of Governor Pritzker. This order has been extended through the end of May. Last week, the Restore Illinois Plan was released by the Governor providing a road map of sorts to begin the reopening of the economy. Restore Illinois provides a series of metrics that must be met in order to move to through the different phases of the plan.

KEY ISSUES:

The planned reopening of business and relaxing of movement for the residents is something that everyone has been anxiously awaiting. After a review of the Plan, there are several issues that Staff believes could be modified without jeopardizing the underlying intentions of the plan and still respect the metrics developed by the Governor. Specifically, we would like to see the following adjustments:

- Utilization of the 11 Emergency Medical Services regions of the State of Illinois that have long been in existence rather than creating the four regions of the State.
- Move restaurant openings to Phase 3 instead of Phase 4 with additional guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.
- Reduce the progression between phases from 28 days to 14 days as is the standard in many other states.

ALTERNATIVES:

- Approve the resolution requesting consideration of the modifications.
- Develop an alternative request.
- Do nothing and follow existing plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of a Resolution requesting reconsideration of limited items

in the Restore Illinois plan.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Consider a motion approving a Resolution related to Restore Illinois Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

- COVID Resolution Palatine May 18 2020

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kollin Kozlowski, District 5 Councilman
SECONDER:	Scott Lamerand, District 2 Councilman
AYES:	Millar, Lamerand, Myslinski, Kozlowski, Helms
ABSENT:	Greg Solberg

RESOLUTION R-____-20**A RESOLUTION SEEKING IMMEDIATE MODIFICATIONS TO THE RESTORE ILLINOIS PLAN TO REOPEN BUSINESSES AND RESUME CIVIC ACTIVITY**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions and present with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19, including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, state of Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker issued a disaster proclamation on March 9, 2020, declaring all counties in the State of Illinois a disaster area under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Palatine and its officials and residents recognize that the Illinois Emergency Management Act, 2 ILCS 3305/1, *et seq.* (the “Act”) authorizes the Governor of the State of Illinois to issue emergency disaster proclamations and confers upon the Governor certain enumerated emergency powers after a disaster has been proclaimed, that he or she may exercise for a period of not to exceed 30 days (20 ILCS 3305/7);

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020 Governor J.B. Pritzker issued Executive Order No. 8 which *inter alia* ordered: (1) residents to stay at home or place of residence; (2) “non-essential” businesses and operations must “cease”; (3) certain activity is “prohibited” in any form, except for “essential activities” which include, among other things (a) “outdoor activity” so long as “social distancing” is adhered to; (b) essential travel, as well as (c) food, medical, day care and professional services; and (5) citizens must engage in “social distancing” which specifically requires citizens to maintain a six (6) foot social distance from others; (b) citizens must wash hands with soap “for at least twenty seconds” as frequently as possible, (c) must cover coughs or sneezes, and may not shake hands (the “Stay at Home Order”); and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued a second Proclamation continuing the same COVID-19 disaster and issued an Executive Order extending the Stay at Home Order until April 30, 2020; and

Attachment: COVID Resolution Palatine May 18 2020 (Resolution to Modify Restore IL Plan)

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 30 easing certain restrictions in the Stay at Home Order and modifying some restrictions until May 30, 2020 (the “Amended Stay at Home Order”); and

WHEREAS, while it is undeniable that the Stay at Home Order has had a positive effect on reducing the number of cases of individuals contracting COVID-19 and deaths in Illinois, it is equally undeniable that the Stay at Home Order has had a devastating financial impact on the businesses and residents in the State of Illinois and of the Village of Palatine; and

WHEREAS, the Village is continuing its efforts to prepare for any eventuality given that this is a novel illness and given the known health risks it poses for the elderly and those with serious chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has developed a Restore Illinois Plan breaking the State into four geographic regions for reopening; and

WHEREAS, for some of the regions there are more dissimilarities between communities than there are similarities as it relates to COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Village Council of the Village of Palatine, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: The Village of Palatine commends the Governor for developing a written plan known as Restore Illinois to provide a path forward so that the public has something to respond to.

SECTION TWO: The Village of Palatine immediately requests the Governor to modify the Restore Illinois Plan to base the State on the 11 Emergency Medical Services Regions that have traditionally guided its statewide public health work rather than four newly created Regions.

SECTION THREE: The Village of Palatine immediately requests the Governor to modify the timeline for stability or a decrease in COVID-19-like hospital admissions from 28 days to 14 days to allow Emergency Medical Services Regions to move to the next phase sooner, but still with an adequate period of time for data study and patient observation.

SECTION FOUR: The Village of Palatine urges the Governor to work with the Illinois Department of Public Health and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to develop workable precautions, operational restrictions and reasonable guidelines and controls for the opening of restaurants, bars and other businesses in Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan.

SECTION FIVE: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

Village Clerk