

2020-007

**EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WHEATON, ILLINOIS: "RECURRING LIBRARY EXPENSES"**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-127 "Emergency Powers and Duties" of Chapter 2 "Administration" of the Wheaton City Code grants authorization to the Mayor of the City of Wheaton to enter executive orders "upon the declaration of a local state of emergency;" and

**WHEREAS**, the authority to declare a state of emergency and to issue local executive orders under Section 2-127 is exclusive to the Mayor; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, I the Mayor of the City of Wheaton, Philip J. Suess, entered a declaration of local state of emergency based on the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Wheaton Public Library, Betsy Adamowski, has requested that I issue an executive order authorizing payment of routine recurring expenses, in such manner as to avoid the interruption of Library services; and

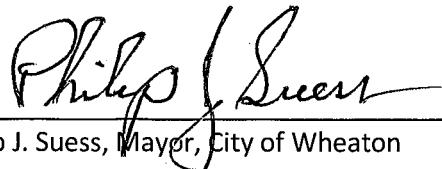
**WHEREAS**, I have concluded that an executive order authorizing the payment of routine recurring expenses of the Wheaton Public Library is consistent with my authority under the law and the declaration of emergency, because it eliminates the need for a public meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Wheaton Public Library; thereby, reducing person-to-person contact during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, I also have concluded that there are sufficient internal controls at the Wheaton Public Library and the City of Wheaton that payment of recurring expenses, pursuant to this order, has a very low probability of abuse.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BASED ON THE FOREGOING RECITALS**, I, Philip J. Suess, as Mayor of the City of Wheaton, hereby order instanter, pursuant to my executive powers granted by law and the declaration of emergency, that:

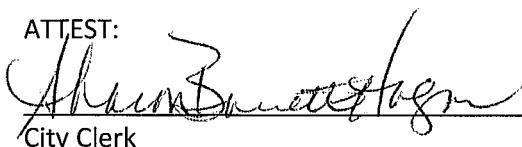
1. The Director of the Wheaton Public Library, Betsy Adamowski, is hereby and instanter granted authority to pay the routine recurring expenses of the Wheaton Public Library incurred up to and including the date of April 30, 2020; and
2. The Director of the Wheaton Public Library, in paying these recurring expenses, shall continue to follow the routine accounting practices implemented by the Wheaton Public Library, prior to the issuance of this executive order; and
3. Any questions of the Director of the Wheaton Public Library regarding the routine accounting practices during the effective period of this order, shall be referred to the City Manager of the City of Wheaton.

**SO ORDERED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.



Philip J. Suess, Mayor, City of Wheaton

ATTEST:



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Date: April 13, 2020  
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Alan Bennett Hogan  
City Clerk