

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
JANUARY 9, 2007 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Request for Special Meeting on Affordable Housing	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">✓</div> <div> Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only </div> </div>	Cara Pavlicek Village Manager

SYNOPSIS

A motion has been prepared to direct staff to publicly notice a special meeting of the Village Council to hear a report on affordable housing that would be presented by a citizen group.

The following options are proposed for the special meeting:

- Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers
- Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 5:15 p.m. in Council Chambers
- Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 5:15 p.m. in Council Chambers
- A to be determined, following the strategic planning sessions should the topic be identified as a priority.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

This issue was not identified on the Five Year Plan and Goals for 2006-2011. The Council will be asked by staff to hold 2007 Strategic Planning sessions starting in May 2007 to update the existing plan. Staff believes that the Strategic Plan process is the most appropriate time for Council to determine the relative priority of Affordable Housing needs in the Village as compared to other Village responsibilities.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION

A motion to select one of the above options on the January 16, 2007 consent agenda is recommended. The Village Manager specifically recommends holding the meeting in the future subject to the strategic planning sessions.

BACKGROUND

On November 14, 2006, the Village Council as well as several staff members received an invitation from John Hazard, 1029 Blanchard Street to attend a privately offered public program on Friday, December 1, 2006, to hear a presentation about affordable housing issues.

Subsequent to that meeting, a number of residents have spoken at a Village Council meeting requesting the Council hold a dialogue on the topic. Most recently, a citizen based organization that has named itself the Downers Grove Housing Team has made a request to the Mayor and Village Council via Tim Meaney, 420 Franklin, asking for an opportunity present a 30 minute presentation to the Council at a meeting in Council Chambers and specifically requested that Susannah Levine of the *Business and Professional People in the Public Interest*, speak on their behalf. Ms. Levine is available on the dates listed above.

Should the Council wish to participate collectively at this time, the Village Manager has recommended that Council select either the 5th Tuesday in January (as this time will not conflict with the regularly scheduled business of the Village Council) or a Council meeting date in February (as opposed to a workshop meeting) due to the fact that workshop meetings tend to be more lengthy due to the business that is anticipated to be before the Council based upon the direction established with the recent adoption of the FY07 budget. Should Council select one of the February alternatives, a start time of 5:15 is recommended to allow for the most efficient use of Village resources.

ATTACHMENTS

N/A.