



# Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

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Tuesday, July 17, 2007

7:00 pm

Council Chambers

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## 1. Call to Order

*Mayor Ron Sandack called the regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Downers Grove Village Hall.*

## Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

*Mayor Sandack led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.*

## 2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Marilyn Schnell, Commissioner Martin Tully, Commissioner William Waldack, Commissioner Sean P. Durkin, Commissioner Bruce E. Beckman, Commissioner Geoff Neustadt and Mayor Ron Sandack

Non Voting: Village Manager Cara Pavlicek, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca and Village Clerk April Holden

*The Council meeting is broadcast over the local FM radio station, WDGC. In addition, a tape recording and videotape of the meeting are being made using Village owned equipment. The videotape of the meeting will be used for later rebroadcast of the Council meeting over the Village cable television Channel 6.*

*The Council will follow the rules of conduct for this meeting as provided in Sec. 2.5 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code. These offer the public the opportunity to comment at several points in the meeting. First, immediately following approval of the minutes of the past meetings, an opportunity will be given for public comments and questions on the active agenda items for this evening's meeting. Following this, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions on any subject. Finally, if a public hearing is scheduled for this meeting, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions related to the subject of the hearing.*

*The presiding officer will ask, at the appropriate time, if there are any comments from the public. If anyone wishes to speak, the individual should raise their hand to be recognized and, after acknowledgment from the presiding officer, approach the microphone and state their name and address. Remarks should be limited to five minutes, and asked that individuals refrain from making repetitive statements.*

*Mayor Sandack said there are agendas located on either side of the Council Chambers, and he invited the audience to pick up an agenda and follow the progress of the Council meeting.*

## 3. Minutes of Workshop and Council Meetings

*Council Meeting - July 3, 2007*

*Workshop Meeting - July 10, 2007*

*Commissioner Waldack and Mayor Sandack submitted corrections to the Council minutes of July 3, 2007 and the Workshop minutes of July 10, 2007. Mayor Sandack said they would be filed as corrected.*

## Bi-weekly Update - Fire Station 2 Construction

*Ed Disler, Project Manager, Owner Services Group, depicted the construction of Fire Station 2. He said there is a north, south and center pod. Thirty people were working at the site today. Work is currently on the north pod in terms of foundation walls, backfill, and basement walls*

*connecting the north and south pods. He said the crew had to hand dig a 40 foot trench due to obstructions. Masonry and piping supplies have been delivered.*

*Mayor Sandack asked about the timeline.*

*Mr. Disler said the project is right on target.*

#### **4. Public Comments and Questions**

##### **A. Comments and Questions on Active Agenda**

*Kristin McCann, 442 Austin, asked that the Council vote against the vacation ordinance. She said the Council and the residents have very different opinions as to alley vacations. She said last week's meeting exposed a fatal flaw in that a public park can be opened to the bidding process while an alley is assessed. Her driveway has been used for nothing but a driveway for at least 80 years.*

*Commissioner Tully asked if Ms. McCann was asking that the Council not vacate the land to her.*

*Ms. McCann said she does not want to have to pay for the land with a 14-foot easement. She would be willing to pay a \$1.00 fee with the 14-foot easement or the full fee with no easement. She would like the driveway to be part of her property.*

*The Mayor said it may be a problem when she sells her property that she does not own her driveway.*

*Commissioner Tully said the motion to be presented includes a price and the 14-foot easement.*

*Ms. McCann said she will not pay for the property with the easement.*

*The Mayor noted that what is before the Council adheres to the policy.*

*Bruce Martin, 445 Franklin, said he is a neighbor to the McCann's. He noted that the property will be largely unusable. The neighbors have been maintaining the property and the Village is asking the petitioner to pay to remove a liability from the Village. He referenced a tree in the alley that he and his neighbors have been maintaining. The Village wants residents to pay for the vacation and then will not let them use the land. No one is expanding their houses. He said he does not see how the Village can charge for this.*

*The Mayor noted that the residents have petitioned for the vacations. If people want the property they must follow the policy. The land is an asset.*

*Kirby Eisman, 445 Austin, noted that he has withdrawn his petition for vacation.*

*Linda Clevenger, 1016 Chicago Avenue, urged the Council to vote for the alley vacations as this gives the petitioners the opportunity to turn down the offer.*

##### **B. Comments and Questions on General Matters**

*There were none.*

#### **5. Public Hearings**

#### **6. Consent Agenda**

**COR 00-02890** A. Claim Ordinance: No. 5699, Payroll, July 6, 2007

**Sponsors:** Accounting

**A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.**

**Indexes:** N/A

**BIL 00-02891** B. List of Bills Payable: No. 5682, July 17, 2007

**Sponsors:** Accounting

**A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.**

**Indexes:** N/A

**MOT 00-02892** C. Motion: Award \$32,300 to Beverage Body & Trailer Service, Leesburg, FL, for One 2000 Peterbilt 330 Refurbished Beverage Truck and Retain Existing 1998 Wells Cargo Trailer (Unit 962)

**Sponsors:** Public Works

**A motion was made to Award this file on the Consent Agenda.**

**Indexes:** Fire Equipment, Miscellaneous

**RES 00-02899** D. Resolution: Approve Final Plat of Subdivision for the 5200 & 5220 Thatcher Road Subdivision

**Sponsors:** Community Development

**Summary of Item:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION FOR THE 5200 & 5220 THATCHER ROAD SUBDIVISION

RESOLUTION 2007-76

**A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.**

**Indexes:** Subdivision - Thatcher Road - 5200 & 5220

**MOT 00-02895** E. Motion: Note Receipt of Minutes of Village Boards and Commissions

**Summary of Item:** Library Board - June 27, 2007

**A motion was made to Award this file on the Consent Agenda.**

**Indexes:** Boards and Commissions Minutes

### **Passed The Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Tully, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, that the consent agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

## **7. Active Agenda**

**ORD 00-02638** A. Ordinance: Vacate a Certain Portion of a Public Alley North of 4714 Douglas Road

**Sponsors:** Community Development

**Summary of Item:** This will vacate a fourteen (14) foot portion of a public alley located north of 4714 Douglas Road.

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN PORTION OF A PUBLIC ALLEY NORTH OF 4714 DOUGLAS ROAD IN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

ORDINANCE NO. 4889

*Commissioner Schnell said she will vote no on the next three vacations as the policy gives the Council the option to charge \$1.00.*

*Commissioner Waldack said he will take the blame for a portion of the decision to sell property for \$1.00 in the past. In that case, the homeowner had a leasehold agreement with the Village that was disputed. It was not a special favor. He said he will support these vacations.*

*Commissioner Neustadt said the residents petitioned the Village. He will support these vacations.*

*Commissioner Beckman said it is important to sustain the existing the policy as it is fair and equitable.*

*Commissioner Tully said the land is a public asset and has value. This land will add value to these homes. No one is trying to be unfair. The Council is trying to balance public interest with private interest. He noted that the ordinances are consistent with the policy. He supports these vacations as they are an appropriate exercise of the policy.*

*Mayor Sandack said he has not deviated from the position that the policy is fair. He said he is not sure how the property was divided originally. Everyone has some responsibility when dealing with public assets. The position Commissioner Waldack referenced was an aberration. He noted the need to stick with the policy. If a parcel becomes larger as a result of a vacation of land, there are advantages and value to the increased property size. He noted that the Council has tried to be flexible on the financial side of this. The policy protects the rest of the residents.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Tully, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack  
Nay: Commissioner Schnell

**Indexes:** Vacation, Vacation - Alley, Vacation - 4714 Douglas Road

**ORD 00-02639** B. Ordinance: Vacate a Certain Portion of a Public Alley West of 442 Austin Street and 445 Franklin Street

**Sponsors:** Community Development

**Summary of Item:** This will vacate a fourteen (14) foot portion of a public alley located west of 442 Austin Street and 445 Franklin Street.

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN PORTION OF A PUBLIC ALLEY WEST OF 442 AUSTIN STREET AND 445 FRANKLIN STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

ORDINANCE NO. 4890

*Commissioner Tully said that with regard to the 14 foot easement, it is required to do work and for vehicular traffic. He said he understands this puts limits on the use of the property.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Durkin, seconded by Commissioner Beckman, to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack  
Nay: Commissioner Schnell

**Indexes:** Vacation, Vacation - Alley, Vacation - Austin & Franklin

**ORD 00-02900** C. Ordinance: Vacate a Certain Portion of a Public Alley West of 445 Austin Street  
**Sponsors:** Community Development

**Summary of Item:** This will vacate a 14 foot portion of a public alley located west of 445 Austin Street

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN PORTION OF A PUBLIC ALLEY WEST OF 445 AUSTIN STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

*Mr. Eisman, 445 Austin, has withdrawn this petition.*

**Indexes:** Vacation - Alley, Vacation - 445 Austin

**ORD 00-02901** D. Ordinance: Vacate a Certain Portion of a Public Alley South of Ogden Avenue and East of Stanley Avenue

**Sponsors:** Community Development

**Summary of Item:** This will vacate a certain portion of a public alley located south of Ogden Avenue and east of Stanley Avenue.

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN PORTION OF A PUBLIC ALLEY SOUTH OF OGDEN AVENUE AND EAST OF STANLEY AVENUE IN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

ORDINANCE NO. 4891

*Commissioner Schnell she would vote in favor of this ordinance as it commercial land and has commercial value.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Beckman, seconded by Commissioner Waldack, to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

**Indexes:** Vacation - Alley, Vacation - Ogden & Stanley, Rezone 621- 639 Ogden - R-4 to B-3

**ORD 00-02903** E. Ordinance: Rezone Property Located South of 621-639 Ogden Avenue from R-4, Single Family Residence, to B-3, General Services and Highway Business

**Sponsors:** Community Development

**Summary of Item:** This rezones the property south of 621-639 Ogden Avenue from Village R-4, Single Family Residential, to Village B-3, General Services and Highway Business.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS, PASSED AND APPROVED APRIL 19, 1965, AS AMENDED, TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTH OF 621-639 OGDEN AVENUE

ORDINANCE NO. 4892

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schnell, seconded by Commissioner Waldack, to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

**Indexes:** Vacation - Alley, Vacation - Ogden & Stanley, Rezone 621- 639 Ogden - R-4 to B-3

**ORD 00-02898** F. Ordinance: Provide for the Conveyance of Certain Property Owned by the Village of Downers Grove (Georgian Courts Park Land)

**Sponsors:** Deputy Village Manager

**Summary of Item:** This conveys certain property owned by the Village of Downers Grove (Gilbert Avenue park) to Georgian Courts Residential Association.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

**A motion was made by Commissioner Tully, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to Table Indefinitely this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

**Indexes:** Planned Development #35 - Georgian Court (see Parker's Place)

**ORD 00-02896** G. Ordinance: Create a Wine Boutique License

**Sponsors:** Village Attorney

**Summary of Item:** This will create a Wine Boutique liquor license classification.

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A WINE BOUTIQUE LICENSE

ORDINANCE NO. 4893

*Commissioner Schnell asked for a report within six months to one year as to how this is working.*

*Commissioner Waldack said he had reservations about this last week. That said, it is worth trying, although it needs to be monitored and he would also like a report.*

*Commissioner Neustadt said this is an excellent ordinance that will bring Downers Grove to the same level as our competition.*

*Commissioner Durkin thanked the DG Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Management Corporation for their comments.*

*Commissioner Tully noted that this goes into effect upon passage; however, applicants need to come before the Liquor Commission before a wine boutique license will be issued.*

*Mayor Sandack said this adds a nice touch to our downtown. There are three potential licensees who all currently handle liquor in a responsible manner. He agreed this should be monitored as we do all other liquor establishments.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Waldack, seconded by Commissioner Neustadt, to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

**Indexes:** Liquor Ordinance Amendments

**MOT 00-02906** H. Motion: Authorize Proceeding with the Issuance of a Private Activity Bond for \$4,172,990 for Real Property Improvements and Personal Property Acquisition for Versatile Card Technology, 5200 Thatcher Road

**Sponsors:** Deputy Village Manager

**Summary of Item:** This will direct staff to initiate the necessary actions for the issuance of private activity bonds in the amount of \$4,172,990 to Versatile Card Technology (VCT) located at 5200 Thatcher Road for real property improvements and personal property acquisition.

*Commissioner Neustadt moved to authorize proceeding with issuance of the private activity bonds and to include the option of charging a one per cent (1%) processing fee.*

*Commissioner Tully said he supports ceding the bond cap to VCT. He said it was suggested to cede this to affordable housing through IHDA instead of to VCT. In his opinion this was never viewed as a competition. It has been suggested that the petitioner has not followed the rules. Commissioner Tully said the suggestion made by Commissioner Waldack and others regarding affordable housing should be developed.*

*Commissioner Tully then asked about the option of charging a one per cent processing fee.*

*Village Manager Cara Pavlicek said staff discussed the concept with GE Financial and with VCT. If this option creates a problem for them it would come back to Council.*

*The Mayor said this was done in 2006.*

*Commissioner Tully said he is concerned about this coming before Council at this late date. He said he could only support this if the option is that the Council can choose to include the processing fee or not.*

*Commissioner Durkin recommended that the one per cent fee should be reinvested in the community grants program, as this is a community bonding authority.*

*Commissioner Schnell said she has a problem with the timing of the one per cent fee. She said the Village needs to do a better job of getting information out so petitioners are aware of the conditions. She said the money could be used for a number of issues, and suggested that it be used for economic development. She said she supports this motion and views this as a win/win for both ideas that have been generated. The Village has the opportunity to help fund expansion of a business and in January to explore an IHDA proposal. This is a unique opportunity to allow the Village to do both things. Ceding funds to IHDA could benefit many people in the community.*

*Commissioner Waldack said last week it was raised that there was only one application. He now knows that IHDA does not have to complete an application. The Village could consider both VCT and IHDA. VCT has not followed the rules in that their application is incomplete. One area of the application has to do with their financial status. He noted that generally incomplete applications are rejected and the applicant may or may not be able to correct the omissions and resubmit their application. The financials on VCT are non-existent. There is a note on the application that they are "being applied for." He said the civil awareness section was also left blank.*

*Commissioner Waldack said the Village does not operate on a first-in/first-out basis. It is not late in the game to add the one per cent fee as this application was only presented last week. He said last year the bond authority was ceded to IHDA and they were charged the standard fee. It should be no surprise to VCT that there might be a fee. He said it would be advisable to charge VCT the one per cent fee. Council could discuss the using the funds from the one per cent fee for transportation.*

*Commissioner Waldack said he cannot support this motion as written because it only includes an option of the one per cent fee. He said the Village should charge the one per cent fee.*

*Mayor Sandack said the entire process is about public good and public interest. The Village can*

*essentially lend its financial status to private concerns. In March the Council decided not to return the bond cap authority to the State. A company was interested in the bond authority and they went through the process. It is inaccurate that their application is incomplete. VCT is a good corporate citizen. It is in the public good to cede the money to a private company. He noted that economic development is at the top of the strategic plan. Corporations generate property and sales taxes.*

*With respect to ceding the bond authority for affordable housing, a proposal was brought forward, but an application was not submitted. Applicants typically write letters to indicate their interest in the funds. There was no letter of interest regarding affordable housing.*

*The Mayor said that all the Council members have supported the idea to put together an ad hoc committee to investigate the problem of affordable housing. They cannot put together a solution before the problem is defined. Council is moving forward on the ad hoc committee. Mayor Sandack noted there are no "bad guys" here, but that this is a win/win situation as the Village has the opportunity to set next year's priorities in the right way.*

*Regarding the one per cent fee, the Mayor noted there is a precedent for charging this fee. It is not onerous and the optional language affords the Council flexibility.*

*Commissioner Tully said he is disappointed and surprised by the turn of this conversation. IHDA is a good idea whose time has not yet come. There is work that needs to be done and to go forward without knowing the details is reckless although good intentioned. He noted that VCT is a legitimate applicant. There were comments last week about the financials of an individual, not VCT. With respect to economic development, the Village has an aggressive economic development policy to attract and retain good businesses in this community as they help keep the tax base down. Ceding this money to VCT costs the Village nothing. He noted that one idea is not better than the other. The application by VCT was legitimate and valid on its own basis. The affordable housing proposal is a good idea, but not fully developed.*

*Regarding the one per cent fee, Commissioner Tully suggested developing a policy as to whether the Village should have such a fee. This would help manage expectations.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Neustadt, seconded by Commissioner Beckman, to Authorize this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack  
Nay: Commissioner Waldack

**Indexes:** Bond Issue, Industrial Revenue Bond - Versatile Card Technology

**RES 00-02907** I. Resolution: Official Intent Regarding Certain Capital Expenditures to be Reimbursed from Proceeds of Industrial Revenue Bonds

**Sponsors:** Deputy Village Manager

**Summary of Item:** This will express the intent of the Village regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of Industrial Revenue Bonds.

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE REGARDING CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES TO BE REIMBURSED FROM PROCEEDS OF INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS

RESOLUTION 2007-77

**A motion was made by Commissioner Beckman, seconded by Commissioner Schnell, to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:**



**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack  
Nay: Commissioner Waldack

**Indexes:** Bond Issue, Industrial Revenue Bond - Versatile Card Technology

## 8. Mayor's Report

**RES 00-02902** Resolution: Appointments to Boards and Commissions

**Sponsors:** Mayor

**Summary of Item:** HUMAN SERVICE COMMISSION

Appoint Scott Jacaway to a one-year term expiring 8/31/08  
Appoint Jeff Rogers and Lynn Bedalov to two-year terms expiring 8/31/09  
Appoint Diane Johnson and Lisa Stach to three-year terms expiring 8/31/10

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE HUMAN SERVICE COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 2007-78

*Commissioner Neustadt said he is happy to see several of the new appointees in the audience. Each applicant has been through an interview and application process. He thanked them for their service.*

*Mayor Sandack asked about the student appointment.*

*Commissioner Neustadt said that appointment will be coming soon.*

*The Mayor said this is a very dynamic group. He tips his hat to all who serve.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Tully, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

**Indexes:** Boards and Commissions

**INF 00-02911** Refer Items to Public Safety Standing Committee and Public Services Standing Committee

**Indexes:** Standing Committees

*The Mayor reported that the Public Safety Standing Committee will meet on August 20 at 4:00 p.m. The date of the meeting of the Public Services Standing Committee is to be determined. He said the standing committees have met on an irregular basis in the past, but will now have periodic regular meetings.*

## 9. Manager's Report

*Police Chief Bob Porter introduced a program designed for children, Resisting Aggression Defensively, offered in conjunction with the Park District. He noted the importance of the safety of our children. This program teaches strategies to children ages five to eight. It combines verbal and physical strategies. This is a ten-hour program. It has received excellent reviews thus far.*

*Chief Porter referenced the "Chief's Challenge," a program sponsored by IDOT and the Illinois Police Chiefs Association aimed at traffic safety. Downers Grove was selected as Rookie of the Year for a first year entry. The Police Department also received awards for Illinois*

*Pedestrian/Bike Safety and International Pedestrian/Bike Safety.*

## 10. Attorney's Report

### Waive the One-Week Waiting Period to Consider New Business

*Village Attorney Enza Petrarca asked the Council to consider waiving the one-week waiting period to consider new business due to the time-sensitive nature of the matter.*

*Commissioner Tully moved to waive the one-week waiting period to consider new business. Commissioner Durkin seconded the Motion.*

*VOTE: YEA: Commissioners Tully, Durkin, Beckman, Neustadt, Waldack, Schnell; Mayor Sandack*

*NAY: None*

*Mayor Sandack declared the Motion carried.*

### RES 00-02912

Resolution: Authorize a Special Commercial Event License with the Downers Grove Downtown Management Corporation

**Sponsors:** Village Attorney

**Summary of Item:** This authorizes execution of a Special Commercial Event license between the Village and the Downers Grove Downtown Management Corporation.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL COMMERCIAL EVENT LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND THE DOWNERS GROVE DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

RESOLUTION 2007-79

*Mayor Sandack said this is for the Harry Potter book release event.*

*Commissioner Schnell noted that Main Street will be closed part of the evening for this event. She asked if the closing will be publicized.*

*Linda Kunze, Manager, Downtown Management, said there is a car show on Friday night, the night of this event. It closes at 9:00 p.m. She will circulate flyers in the area noting the closing.*

*Commissioner Tully noted that this event has engendered much activity.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Durkin, seconded by Commissioner Beckman, to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

**Indexes:** Downtown Management Corporation, Special Commercial Event License

## 11. Council Member Reports and New Business

*Commissioner Schnell asked that the Traffic Safety Challenge publication regarding police activities be made available to the public.*

*Regarding affordable housing, Commissioner Schnell urged the Council to use the time before January 2008 to explore this issue as she does not want to see it get lost.*

*Commissioner Waldack said he neglected to compliment Mary Scalzetti and staff last week for the 4th of July parade and Heritage Festival picnic. He thanked Matt and Mark for their help*

*when the car he was riding in broke down and they pushed the car. He is hoping to learn their full names.*

*Commissioner Waldack said the Finance and Administrative Committee met this week on Monday. He along with Commissioner Durkin, Judy Buttny, Cara Pavlicek, and the auditors were in attendance. They reviewed the auditors' comments. Commissioner Waldack noted that some of the items are easily fixed. He said he has a better appreciation for the Finance Director's job as a result of this meeting. He is satisfied with the direction in which the Village is going. He noted there are extremely important items in the budget. This was a very positive meeting. He complimented staff on the job they are doing.*

*Commissioner Waldack said Council will be discussing the ad hoc committee for affordable housing next week. He presented information for the Council's consideration.*

*Commissioner Neustadt extended his congratulations to Chief Porter and staff for a great job on traffic safety. He encouraged residents to thank police/fire/public works employees for their work.*

*Commissioner Beckman complimented the Downers Grove Housing Team for doing a very good job socializing this issue with many different factions in the community. He attended the Downers Grove Garden Club and spoke with various members of the community about many issues including affordable housing. He appreciates everyone's input.*

*Commissioner Beckman said he attended the Heritage Festival picnic with his sister-in-law who was very impressed by the staff.*

*Next, Commissioner Beckman asked as to the progress of the handbook regarding neighborhood construction activities. The Manager said the target date for the handbook is September.*

*Commissioner Beckman also asked as to the progress for a revised code of ethics.*

*Commissioner Durkin said he was a guest at the annual SEASPAR golf outing. Laura Crawford of the Chamber of Commerce was in attendance. He noted it was a great event and that SEASPAR helps those with special needs.*

*Commissioner Durkin said the Art Moo-veau event will take place this Saturday, July 21, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the public library. All of the milk cans on display throughout the Village will be auctioned off to benefit the library.*

*Commissioner Tully said he recommends developing a policy for establishing a fee for private activity bonds ceded to businesses within the Village.*

*Commissioner Tully said the next Coffee With The Council will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 21, 2007 at the Main Street Train Station. He invited the public to attend.*

*Mayor Sandack said many officials promised the community to look into an ethics ordinance. The Mayor said he gave proposed language to the Village Attorney who divided it into three sections: A code of conduct, campaign reform, and a conflict policy. He feels this is more appropriate for Downers Grove. He asked the Village Attorney to make this available to the Council. This matter will also be Workshopped. The Mayor said he also made some suggestions to the home rule policy and asked the Council members to review this once it becomes available. This item will also be Workshopped.*

*The Mayor congratulated the Downers Grove Garden Club on their 80th anniversary.*

*The Annual Fishing Derby will be held on August 4, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at Barth*

*Pond. Peter Babich of Babich & Associates Financial Services is generously donating prizes.*

*The Mayor said the Art Moo-veau event will auction off milk cans to benefit the library.*

*Mayor Sandack noted that former Commissioner Sue McConnell is in attendance at tonight's meeting and welcomed her.*

## **12. Adjournment**

*Commissioner Tully moved to adjourn. Commissioner Durkin seconded.*

*VOTE: YEA - Commissioners Tully, Durkin, Beckman, Neustadt, Waldack, Schnell, Mayor Sandack*

*Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.*