



# Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

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Tuesday, December 18, 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

*Commissioner Tully arrived at 7:15 p.m.*

*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 - December 4, 2007*

*Workshop Meeting - December 11, 2007*

*Mayor Sandack had a correction to the December 4 Council meeting minutes, which he gave to the Village Clerk.*

### Bi-Weekly Update - Fire Station 2 Construction

*Ed Disler, Owner's Representative, presented a report on the status of the Fire Station 2*

construction. He said the south pod now has windows, and the center pod has bays. He noted that the interior is ahead of schedule, and he showed slides of the progress to date. The interior masonry is completed, while the exterior masonry is not. Mr. Disler said that the roofing is scheduled for next week, and right now everything is on schedule.

Mayor Sandack commented that the building looks great.

#### 4. Public Comments and Questions

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

Mark Thoman, 1109 61st Street, said he was happy to see the sunset clause in the Home Rule Sales Tax Ordinance, but was disappointed that it is not included in the telecommunications tax language. He urged the Council to consider a sunset clause in future ordinances.

Mr. Thoman then commented on the Downtown Management agreement regarding the dumpster. He said that might be a good opportunity to look at downtown recycling.

Mr. Thoman said he attended a meeting last week with the Village Forester who made a presentation regarding the potential Emerald Ash Borer infestation, saying that this will wipe out most of our ash trees. He said the Village needs an aggressive plan for tree replacement. Trouble will come with the installation of sidewalks. He reviewed the process for installing sidewalks, saying that the retention of trees is a higher priority than ruler-straight sidewalks. His area is scheduled for sidewalk installation, which will mean removing a number of trees and shrubs. Installing a meandering sidewalk, rather than ruler-straight, would allow some trees to be saved.

Commissioner Schnell said she has attended several neighborhood meetings, and staff has been amenable to moving sidewalks around the trees.

Linda Kunze of the Downtown Management Corporation said she appreciated Mr. Thoman's comments regarding the dumpsters. She informed the Council that they have gone out for bids to include both a compactor and a recycler.

John Schofield, 1125 Jefferson, commented on Bid 00-03106 to Kramer Tree Specialists. He said there is nothing controversial about this, and it puts the tree pruning back on a good schedule. He pointed out that the first step in eliminating the Emerald Ash Borer is containment. The ash trees will probably come down. He expects to see a bid for removal of trees. Mr. Schofield said he hoped there would be an opportunity for public education and public discussion. There has not been much public information and no workshop regarding this issue. He urged the Council to discuss this publicly. He said that the Village Forester did an excellent job in her presentation. He would hate to see the Council save the ash trees by cutting them down prematurely.

Mr. Schofield then addressed Item Ord. 00-03112 for a liquor license for a performing arts event. He sent three e-mails to the Council on this. A landlord has unoccupied space and he wants to lease it. Mr. Schofield said he was shocked by the wording of the ordinance and how it unnecessarily constrains what the business can do to the point of dictating what can be placed on the walls, and what kind of classes can be offered. He noted that it is very customary in the teaching of art to have a life drawing class at some point with undraped figures, and he would hate to see a situation arise where the business would be restricted because of the liquor license wording.

The Mayor explained the difference, saying it involves whether the event is open to the general public. If you were serving to the general public there would be restrictions, as opposed to having a private class or group. Village Attorney Petrarca agreed. Mr. Schofield asked hypothetically, if the College of DuPage operated a class in conjunction with the business,

would the liquor license be in jeopardy, and Village Attorney Petrarca said that the alcohol could not be made available to the general public.

Frank Falesch, 820 Prairie, said he was surprised to see the number of bids that were received with respect to Fire Station 2 that were not awarded to the lowest bidder, which seems very odd to him. He said the differences in some cases were very great.

Mayor Sandack said that the Village looks for the lowest responsive bidder. Mr. Falesch said he was aware of that but it seems odd that there would be so many unresponsive bidders.

Commissioner Beckman said he expressed the same concern. He spoke with Deputy Village Manager Dave Fieldman about those concerns. He was told that in most cases the responses were incomplete, and it was explicit in the bid documents that all areas must be addressed.

## B. Comments and Questions on General Matters

*There were none.*

## 5. Public Hearings

## 6. Consent Agenda

**COR 00-03102** A. Claim Ordinance: No. 5721, Payroll, December 7, 2007

**Sponsors:** Accounting

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

**Indexes:** N/A

**BIL 00-03103** B. List of Bills Payable: No. 5702, December 18, 2007

**Sponsors:** Accounting

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

**Indexes:** N/A

**MOT 00-03086** C. Motion: Renew Class A Scavenger License to Allied Waste, Inc. through March 31, 2008

**Sponsors:** Manager's Office

**Summary of Item:** Application has been made by Allied Waste for a Class "A" Scavenger License. Finding that Allied Waste complies with the applicable requirements of the Municipal Code, adoption of this motion will approve and authorize issuance of a Class A Scavenger License to Allied Waste for 2008. This license allows Allied Waste to serve all premises within the Village. Allied Waste is currently under contract with the Village to provide single-family scavenger, recycling and yard waste services through March 31, 2008.

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

**Indexes:** Scavenger-Garbage Collection

**MOT 00-03091** D. Motion: Accept the Community Investment Program (CIP) for 2008-2012

**Sponsors:** Manager's Office

**Summary of Item:** This accepts the Community Investment Program (CIP) for 2008-2012 which provides a summary of all major capital projects planned over the next five-year period.

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

**Indexes:** Community Investment Program

**BID 00-03106** E. Bid: Award \$154,914.80 to Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc., West Chicago, IL, for 2008 Parkway Tree Pruning Services

**Sponsors:** Public Works

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

**Indexes:** Tree Pruning

**MOT 00-03108** F. Motion: Authorize a Contract with Elevator Inspection Services, Inc., Indian Head Park, IL, to Conduct Elevator and Escalator Inspection Services Beginning January 1, 2008

**Sponsors:** Community Development

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

**Indexes:** Elevator Inspections

**RES 00-03109** G. Resolution: Authorize Grant Application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program re: Washington Park Detention Basin Project (SJM-E)

**Sponsors:** Manager's Office and Finance

**Summary of Item:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR THE PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION (PDM) PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 2007-131

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

**Indexes:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**RES 00-03110** H. Resolution: Authorize Grant Application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program re: McCollum Park Detention Pond Project (PR614)

**Sponsors:** Manager's Office and Finance

**Summary of Item:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR THE PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION (PDM) PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 2007-132

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

**Indexes:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**RES 00-03111** I. Resolution: Opt-Out of Compliance with the Provisions of the Federal and Illinois Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Acts for the Village Health Plan Year 2008

**Sponsors:** Human Resources

**Summary of Item:** A RESOLUTION TO OPT-OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL AND ILLINOIS HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACTS FOR THE VILLAGE HEALTH PLAN YEAR 2008

RESOLUTION 2007-133

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

**Indexes:** HIPAA

**MOT 00-03120** J. Motion: Approve a Police Equipment Contract with ProTAC Police and Fire Equipment, Bolingbrook, IL

**Sponsors:** Police Department

**Summary of Item:** This will be effective between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008.

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

**Indexes:** Police Equipment

**MOT 00-03121** K. Motion: Approve a Police Uniform Contract with Kale Uniform, Wheaton, IL

**Sponsors:** Police Department

**Summary of Item:** This will be effective between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008.

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

**Indexes:** Police Uniforms

**MOT 00-03122** L. Motion: Approve a Mapping Software Contract with Group 1 Solutions, Inc., Glen Ellyn, IL for \$36,091.00

**Sponsors:** Fire Department

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

**Indexes:** Fire Equipment, Miscellaneous

**BID 00-03127** M. Bid: Award \$151,385.97 to Integrated Systems, Elgin, IL, for Low Voltage Audio Visual Equipment for Fire Station 2

**Sponsors:** Deputy Village Manager

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

**Indexes:** Fire Equipment, Miscellaneous, Planned Development #43-Fire Station No. 2

**BID 00-03128** N. Bid: Award \$98,493.00 to Geary Electric, Northbrook, IL, for Low Voltage Cabling and Paging Equipment for Fire Station 2

**Sponsors:** Deputy Village Manager

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

**Indexes:** Fire Equipment, Miscellaneous, Planned Development #43-Fire Station No. 2

**BID 00-03129** O. Bid: Award \$234,994.43 to Henricksen, Itasca, IL, for Furniture for Fire Station 2

**Sponsors:** Deputy Village Manager

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

**Indexes:** Fire Equipment, Miscellaneous, Planned Development #43-Fire Station No. 2

**BID 00-03130** P. Bid: Award \$84,714.00 to Advent System, Elmhurst, IL, for Low Voltage Security Equipment for Fire Station 2

**Sponsors:** Deputy Village Manager

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

**Indexes:** Fire Equipment, Miscellaneous, Planned Development #43-Fire Station No. 2

**MOT 00-03104** Q. Motion: Note Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

**Summary of Item:** Human Service Commission - October 3, 2007 & November 7, 2007

Parking & Traffic Commission - November 14, 2007

Plan Commission - November 5, 2007

Public Services Standing Committee - September 24, 2007

Zoning Board of Appeals - November 14, 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 00-03073** A. Ordinance: Amend Accessory Structure Provisions

**Sponsors:** Community Development

**Summary of Item:** This adopts provisions in the Zoning Ordinance regarding accessory structures.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ACCESSORY STRUCTURE PROVISIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 4935

*Commissioner Tully asked whether the information provided to him in response to his concerns can be made available to the public so that a petitioner is aware of the regulations before getting into the application procedure. The Manager said that staff would make that information available.*

*Commissioner Waldack questioned what would happen with this if there were new owners.*

*Manager Pavlicek said that the intent is if there is a tandem sale of both properties to one owner, the special use would not have to come before the Council again. The special use would show up on the title search and would run with the land. If the owner were to sell off one parcel, then the new owner would have to come before the Council for a special use again.*

*The Mayor said this is an example of being facilitators rather than regulators.*

**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:** Zoning Ordinance - Structures

**ORD 00-03126** B. Ordinance: Amend Home Rule Sales Tax

**Sponsors:** Manager's Office

**Summary of Item:** This amends the home rule sales tax at the rate of three-fourths of one percent.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING HOME RULE SALES TAX

ORDINANCE NO. 4936

*Commissioner Durkin thanked the Downtown Management Board, EDC and the Chamber for coming before the Council and endorsing this important tax. That made his vote easier tonight. As to the sunset clause, he said that it is in the ordinance.*

*Commissioner Tully commented that this ordinance increases the existing home rule sales tax from 1/2% to 3/4% with the 1/4% increase dedicated to the stormwater improvement fund. There is a sunset clause. If the Village creates a stormwater utility at some point, he asked that the Council reconsider altering some of the tax increases.*

*The Mayor explained that the Council is adding 1/4% to the Sales Tax for funding stormwater projects. He added that it is a discreet fund. If new funds were to become available, he agrees that the tax increases would have to be revisited. Mayor Sandack said he tipped his hat to the EDC, the Downtown Management Corporation and the Chamber for their participation in this issue.*

**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:** Home Rule Municipal Retailers Occupation Tax, Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax

**ORD 00-03125** C. Ordinance: Provide for an Amendment to Ordinance #4866 and the Village of Downers Grove Budget for Fiscal Year 2007

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Summary of Item:** This adopts certain amendments to the 2007 budget.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #4866 AND THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

ORDINANCE NO. 4937

**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 Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

**Indexes:** Budget Amendment - 2007

**ORD 00-03107** D. Ordinance: Establish the Transportation & Parking Commission

**Sponsors:** Deputy Village Manager

**Summary of Item:** This establishes the Transportation and Parking Commission.

#### AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION

ORDINANCE NO. 4938

*Commissioner Schnell moved to adopt an ordinance establishing the Transportation & Parking Commission and to include a youth member to be added at a time yet to be determined.*

*Commissioner Neustadt said as a former member of the TAC he knows of the overlap that exists between the TAC and P&T, and believes this will expedite the matters before the Commission. He thanked the Council for adding a youth member for consideration.*

*Commissioner Waldack said that he expressed his opposition last week to combining these committees at this time. Parking and Traffic has many challenges facing it, and they do not need more on their schedule. He referred to his previous comments on the challenges that the Transportation Commission faces. As for the circulator system, the task force will be delayed. He thinks there is work to be done, and this will delay the process and overburden the new committee. It will double their workload at least. Commissioner Waldack does not support having a student on the Commission. Similar to the Plan Commission and Liquor Commission, the Transportation and Parking Commission will have technical and complex issues to learn and it would not be appropriate for a student member. A student will not have the expertise and the knowledge in terms of their driving experience. Their term will only be for 8 or 9 months. Parking and Traffic's responsibilities do not support having a youth member on this Commission. Regarding the public transportation portion of the Commission, Commissioner Waldack stated that many students are not familiar with public transportation issues other than riding the school bus.*

*Given the workload, he suggested modifying the Commission to allow 11-13 members. By doing so it would provide the possibility for subcommittees and co-chairs, resulting in possibly shorter meetings and more focus on areas of specialization. He asked the Council to consider expanding the number of members. Commissioner Waldack said that he would vote against this ordinance.*

*Commissioner Schnell said that this item came before the Public Services Committee twice. Letters were sent out to members of TAC and the Parking and Traffic Commission, and no one came to the meetings. The assumption was that, since no one showed up, there were no comments. She said one of the advantages of combining the committees is that it allows the members to review all transportation issues in one committee. There are many issues to be addressed, and she thinks this consolidation is a good thing. Commissioner Schnell said that the Village also needs to thank the present Commission members. She will support this ordinance.*

*Commissioner Beckman said he was also a member of the Public Services Committee, and they sought the advice of the two boards regarding merging. They received no response. A comprehensive analysis was received from staff regarding the potential outcome, and he was comfortable with that analysis. As to including students, he had deep concerns about this; however, he has discussed the matter with staff and now feels comfortable that past practices will be applied effectively here.*

*Commissioner Durkin said that he supports having a student member in that they will bring a different perspective.*

*Commissioner Tully stated that he doesn't have a problem with combining the two Commissions. The real question to him is what is it what they are supposed to be doing. He said staff apparently is comfortable with the merger or they would not recommend it. He agrees that the*



*Council needs to provide direction. Commissioner Tully said he thought Commissioner Waldack's questions are legitimate and should be considered. He said more members could be added if necessary. Council needs to consider the charge and associated burden on the Commission. He agrees with Commissioner Waldack that they need to decide the charge of the board. He can support the majority, and he can support the inclusion of a youth member. The issues include more than just driving cars.*

*Mayor Sandack commented that there were no objections from members of the current TAC and Parking and Traffic Commissions. He said that Chairman Kress called him to say that it made sense to combine the boards, thereby enabling them to look at the transportation issue on a macro level. Without policy, however, the Council will not know if the members are overtaxed. The Council has policy decisions to make, and if the Council finds that the Commission has been overtaxed or understaffed, members can be added. The combining of the boards was always contemplated, and he thinks they should move forward. He also supports having a youth member on the Commission to provide a unique perspective. He noted that an additional benefit of youth involvement is building leadership in the community.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schnell, 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 Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack  
Nay: Commissioner Waldack

**Indexes:** Transportation and Parking Commission

**ORD 00-03112** E. Ordinance: Establish a Liquor License for a Cultural/Performing Arts Facility

**Sponsors:** Village Attorney

**Summary of Item:** This will create a Cultural/Performing Arts Facility liquor license classification.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A CULTURAL/PERFORMING ARTS FACILITY

ORDINANCE NO. 4939

*Commissioner Tully said he thought some good improvements were made to the ordinance and he thanked staff. The Mayor agreed with Commissioner Tully's statement.*

**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

**ORD 00-03114** F. Ordinance: Amend the Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax Rate

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Summary of Item:** This amends the simplified municipal telecommunications tax at the rate of six percent (6%) of the gross charge for telecommunications purchased at retail from the retailer.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SIMPLIFIED MUNICIPAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX RATE

ORDINANCE NO. 4940

*Mayor Sandack said that this is the highest amount that can be taxed. Neighboring communities have been at the cap for years. The 1% will go for capital improvements. This is a dedicated amount going to a discreet source.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Neustadt, seconded by Commissioner Tully, 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:** Telecommunications Tax

**ORD 00-03124**

G. Ordinance: Approve a Redevelopment and License Agreement with Downtown Downers Grove, Inc.

**Sponsors:** Deputy Village Manager

**Summary of Item:** This will authorize a redevelopment and license agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Downtown Downers Grove, Inc. for the installation and use of a refuse enclosure on Village property.

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AND LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND DOWNTOWN DOWNERS GROVE, INC.

ORDINANCE NO. 4941

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:** Downtown Management Corporation

**ORD 00-03131**

H. Ordinance: 2007 Aggregate Tax Levy

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Summary of Item:** This will establish the 2007 Downers Grove Tax Levy in the amount of \$14,230,548.00 for the Village of Downers Grove and \$4,288,046.00 for the Library.

2007 AGGREGATE TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 4942

*The Mayor said that the Council has talked and has listened, and the process is the winner in this case. There has been an elongated process through several budget meetings. The Council has an obligation to levy an amount to pay for various items. Some, such as Fire and Police Pensions, are out of the Council's control. He stated that some matters will be considered for abatement. He noted that several options were presented by staff to the Council for consideration regarding paying for capital needs. The property tax increase will support part of the capital needs, particularly stormwater. The tax levy was considered in a serious, deliberate manner. The increase will go for discreet capital needs, including stormwater projects.*

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:** Tax Levy - 2007

**ORD 00-03132**

I. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January 2007 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December 2007 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #2 (Downers Grove Downtown Special Service Area)

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Summary of Item:** This will establish the Special Service Area #2 (Downtown Special Service Area) tax levy in the amount of \$234,000.00.

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY 2007 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER 2007 FOR VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #2 (DOWNERS GROVE DOWNTOWN SPECIAL SERVICE AREA)

ORDINANCE NO. 4943

**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 Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

**Indexes:** Special Service Area 2 - Downtown, Tax Levy - 2007

**ORD 00-03133**

J. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January 2007 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December 2007 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #3 (Prince Pond Special Service Area)

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Summary of Item:** This will establish the tax levy for the Prince Pond Special Service Area #3 in the amount of \$8,671.00.

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY 2007 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER 2007 FOR VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #3 (PRINCE POND SPECIAL SERVICE AREA)

ORDINANCE NO. 4944

**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:** Tax Levy - 2007

**ORD 00-03134**

K. Ordinance: Abate a Portion of the 2007 Tax Levy Related to the Fairview Avenue Debt Service

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Summary of Item:** This will abate the 2007 tax levy for the Fairview Avenue debt service in the amount of \$273,160.00.

AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2007 TAX LEVY RELATED TO FAIRVIEW AVENUE DEBT SERVICE

ORDINANCE NO. 4945

*Commissioner Tully said that this ordinance is the first in a series of abatements to reduce the levy that was just passed.*

*Commissioner Schnell commented that when Fairview Avenue was upgraded, there was a one-cent tax and that money was supposed to pay the debt.*

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:** Tax Levy Abatement

**ORD 00-03135** L. Ordinance: Abate a Portion of the 2007 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 1999

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Summary of Item:** This will abate the 2007 tax levy for the General Obligation Bond Series 1999 in the amount of \$269,950.00.

AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2007 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 1999

ORDINANCE NO. 4946

A motion was made by Commissioner Neustadt, seconded by Commissioner Tully, 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:** Tax Levy Abatement

**ORD 00-03136** M. Ordinance: Abate a Portion of the 2007 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2000

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Summary of Item:** This will abate the 2007 tax levy for the General Obligation Bond Series 2000 in the amount of \$208,325.00.

AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2007 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2000

ORDINANCE NO. 4947

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:** Tax Levy Abatement

**ORD 00-03137** N. Ordinance: Abate a Portion of the 2007 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series, 2001

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Summary of Item:** This will abate the 2007 tax levy for the General Obligation Bond Series 2001 in the amount of \$317,163.00.

AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2007 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2001

ORDINANCE NO. 4948

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:** Tax Levy Abatement

**ORD 00-03138** O. Ordinance: Abate a Portion of the 2007 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Water Bonds, 2001A

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Summary of Item:** This will abate the 2007 tax levy for the General Obligation Bond Series 2001A in the amount of \$5,122,210.00.

AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2007 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER BONDS, SERIES 2001A

ORDINANCE NO. 4949

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 Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

**Indexes:** Tax Levy Abatement

**ORD 00-03139** P. Ordinance: Abate a Portion of the 2007 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003A

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Summary of Item:** This will abate \$880,540.00 of the 2007 tax levy for the General Obligation Bond Series 2003A

AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2007 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2003A

ORDINANCE NO. 4950

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:** Tax Levy Abatement

**ORD 00-03140** Q. Ordinance: Abate a Portion of the 2007 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Summary of Item:** This will abate the 2007 tax levy for the General Obligation Bond Series 2007 in the amount of \$731,179.00.

AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2007 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2007

ORDINANCE NO. 4951

*Commissioner Tully said all the abatements represent a total of almost \$3.2 million in taxes not*

*to be collected.*

**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:** Tax Levy Abatement

## **8. Mayor's Report**

### **Materials to be Received**

### **Materials to be Placed on File**

*The Mayor said that at its meeting last Thursday the Liquor Commission recommended approval of a Class O liquor license for D&R Catering Co., d/b/a Shanahan's Food & Spirits, 2009 Ogden Avenue. He further said that at the same Liquor Commission meeting, the Liquor Commission recommended approval of an R-1 liquor license for Foods by M.E. VII, LLC d/b/a The Melting Pot at 1205B Butterfield Road. As Liquor Commissioner he intends to grant those licenses.*

## **9. Manager's and Directors' Reports**

*Communications Director Doug Kozlowski presented an excerpt from a program produced in cooperation with Downtown Management, the Village and Cable 6 to bolster shopping in downtown Downers Grove. The 30-minute program will be aired throughout the remainder of the holiday season. He thanked Linda Kunze for her coordination efforts and Michelle Shultz for her production.*

*Ms. Kunze thanked the Council and staff on behalf of the businesses and the Downtown Management for their work on this project.*

*The Mayor said he hopes the businesses see this as a thank you to them for their patience during some of the construction periods in the downtown area this year.*

## **10. Attorney's Report**

### **Future Active Agenda**

## **11. Council Member Reports and New Business**

*Commissioner Waldack extended his wishes for a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Holidays.*

*Commissioner Neustadt also wished Happy Holidays to everyone and to remain safe.*

*Commissioner Beckman extended his wishes as well, saying he was excited to see two new businesses opening in the downtown area. He encouraged residents to visit all the stores.*

*Commissioner Durkin said that Downtown Management's meeting last week had a contested race for board positions. There are three new board members: 1) Dan McCormick, 2) Dan Loftus, and 3) B. J. Boyd. Stillwater hosted the meeting and did an outstanding job.*

*Commissioner Durkin thanked Greg Bedalov of the EDC for the invitation to their holiday reception. He note that the Sara Lee building is an impressive building.*

*Commissioner Durkin then thanked Public Works for hosting the annual holiday party, which was a great feast. He extended his best wishes for Happy Holidays, and thanked all those who*

*volunteer, the staff, and everyone who helps make Downers Grove a great place.*

*Commissioner Tully wished his colleagues, staff and the residents Happy Holidays.*

*Commissioner Schnell said that the Ad Hoc Housing Commission will meet on January 7, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Committee Room.*

*Commissioner Schnell then thanked Public Works and Village Hall staff for hosting great parties. She wished her colleagues, staff and residents Happy Holidays and reminded everyone, if you drink, do not drive.*

*The Mayor said this is the last Council meeting for 2007. He wished his colleagues, staff and the residents Happy Holidays, saying he looks forward to 2008.*

*Mayor Sandack then said that he owes a "shout out" to the staff at Fire Station 3 who watch the meetings each week. He thanked them for their service, and equally extended thanks to the Police Officers who work to make the community safe.*

## **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 8:20 p.m. The next meeting will be January 8, 2008.*