

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2008 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
FY09 Municipal Budget Public Hearing	Resolution Ordinance Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only	David Fieldman Village Manager

SYNOPSIS

A public hearing has been noticed for consideration of the FY09 Municipal Budget.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Five Year Plan and Goals for 2007-2012 identified *Exceptional Municipal Organization*. A supporting objective is *Fiscally Responsible Village Government*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION

N/A.

BACKGROUND

The current fiscal year will end on December 31, 2008. The Village must adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009 in advance of this date. During the budget review period, the Village is required to hold a public hearing, the purpose of which is to provide members the Village Council and the public the opportunity to formally comment on the FY09 budget.

A summary of the procedures for the public hearing is as follows:

1. The Mayor will call the public hearing to order
2. The Village Manager will provide an overview of the proposed budget
3. There will be an opportunity for members of the Village Council to ask questions or make comments
4. There will be an opportunity for members of the public to make statements or comments, or to submit written statements or comments for the record
5. The Mayor will ask again for additional comments or questions from the Village Council. If no further comments are made, the public hearing will adjourn

Detailed information regarding the FY09 Budget is available on the Village website (www.downers.us) and in the Downers Grove Public Library.

The budget review process to date has included extensive opportunity for public comment and informal discussion with the Village Council, as summarized below:

- The FY09 recommended budget was published and made available to the public on September 30, 2008.
- Following the initial review period, a budget workshop was held on October 11, 2008. During this meeting, Village staff provided a comprehensive presentation of the FY09 recommended

budget on a fund-by-fund basis to the Village Council and members of the public. Residents were given their first opportunity to voice their comments regarding the FY09 budget during this meeting.

- The next budget discussion took place during the Village Council Workshop on October 14, 2008. During the Workshop, staff introduced the recommended FY2009 – 2013 Community Investment Program (CIP)
- Based on discussion from the previous budget workshops and closely monitoring how changes in the local economy would impact the FY09 budget, Village staff proposed a series of revenue and expense reductions that appeared on October 28, 2008 Council Workshop Agenda. Further discussion regarding these changes is scheduled to take place during the November 11, 2008 Council Workshop.
- A “Coffee with the Council” event pertaining specifically to the FY09 budget will be held on November 1, 2008. During this event, residents have the opportunity to informally provide comments to the Village Council regarding the FY09 budget.
- Budget adoption is schedule for either November 18, 2008 or December 2, 2008 at the Regular Village Council Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

N/A.

**PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC HEARING
2009 FY BUDGET**

Mayor's Opening Statement:

This public hearing will please come to order. This public hearing has been called by the Village Council to consider the proposed Village Budget.

Notice of this hearing was published in the Downers Grove Reporter and a certificate of publication is made a part of these proceedings.

I would like to summarize the procedures which we will follow for tonight's public hearing.

1. First, Dave Fieldman, Village Manager, will provide an overview of the proposed Budget.
2. Next, there will be an opportunity for members of the Village Council to ask questions or make comments.
3. Next, there will then be an opportunity for members of the public to make statements or comments, or to submit written statements or comments for the record.
4. I will again ask if any member of the Council wishes to make a statement or ask a question.
5. Thereafter, I will ask for a motion to adjourn.

At this hearing, witnesses will not be sworn and a verbatim written transcript of the statements or testimony given at the hearing will not be prepared. However, a recording of the procedures will be made on Village equipment and retained until minutes of the hearing have been prepared and approved by the Village Council.

- 1. Staff Presentation.**
- 2. Questions or comments from the Village Council.**
- 3. Comments or statements from the public.**
- 4. Final questions or comments from the Village Council.**
- 5. Adjournment.**