



Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

Civic Center
801 Burlington
Downers Grove, IL 60515
630-434-5500

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

7:00 pm

Council Chambers

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 David Fieldman, 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.

Minutes of Workshop and Council Meetings

Executive Session Minutes for Approval Only - April 14, 2009

Council Meeting - April 21, 2009

Workshop Meeting - April 27, 2009

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mayor Sandack said they would be filed as submitted.

4. Public Comments and Questions

A. Comments and Questions on Active Agenda

There were none.

B. Comments and Questions on General Matters

There were none.

5. Public Hearings**6. Consent Agenda**

COR 00-03765 A. Claim Ordinance: No. 5793, Payroll, April 24, 2009

Sponsors: Accounting

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

Indexes: N/A

BIL 00-03766 B. List of Bills Payable: No. 5768, May 5, 2009

Sponsors: Accounting

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

Indexes: N/A

RES 00-03767 C. Resolution: Authorize a Plan Consultant Agreement with GCG Financial

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PLAN CONSULTANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND GCG FINANCIAL

RESOLUTION 2009-54

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

Indexes: Insurance - Health, Employee

BID 00-03768 D. Bid: Award \$73,900 to Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc., Lake Zurich, IL, for Pavement Patching Services

Sponsors: Public Works

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

Indexes: Streets

RES 00-03770 E. Resolution: Authorize a License Agreement with the Downers Grove Downtown Management Corporation for the 2009 Car Show Season

Sponsors: Community Development

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND THE DOWNERS GROVE DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT CORPORATION FOR THE 2009 CAR SHOW SEASON

RESOLUTION 2009-55

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

Indexes: Downtown Management Corporation

MOT 00-03772 F. Motion: Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

Summary of Item: Library Board - March 25, 2009
Zoning Board of Appeals - February 25, 2009

A motion was made to Note Receipt Of 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 00-03771 A. Ordinance: Amend Liquor License Fees

Sponsors: Liquor Commission

Summary of Item: This will amend liquor license fees.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LIQUOR LICENSE FEES

ORDINANCE NO. 5056

Commissioner Beckman said last week he discussed the possibility of payment options.

Village Manager Dave Fieldman said he and the Village Attorney researched this issue and could look into an installment plan but noted that it would affect the fee amounts, the revenue the Village receives, how the program is administered and Village operations. If Council recommends an installment plan, he asked that it be considered the next time fees are amended.

The Mayor said the license renewals take place in June. This change may not be possible at this time.

Commissioner Beckman said he concurs with the Manager and Mayor. He is concerned about the additional labor and costs involved in an installment plan program.

Commissioner Tully pointed out an error in Section 1.16(i) regarding a difference between the numeral and written dollar amount.

Village Attorney Enza Petrarca said it was corrected to \$1,000.

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: Liquor Ordinance Amendments

Tribute to Commissioner Martin Tully

Mayor Sandack said that this is an abbreviated meeting. He thanked Commissioner Tully for his tireless service over the past eight years serving the Village of Downers Grove. Martin Tully has added a great deal to this Council. The Mayor said he was vexed as to the proper acknowledgment for Commissioner Tully's service, but decided that a proper and fitting salute would be a viewing of DG TV6 showing eight years of service by Commissioner Tully in eight minutes.

The video salute to Commission Tully was then shown.

Mayor Sandack noted that the video tribute was the work of Doug Kozlowski, Dave Fieldman, Donald, Jason and Michelle and everyone at DGTV6. He thanked them for the work put into the tribute.

The Mayor then presented Commissioner Tully with some parting gifts including a plaque celebrating his eight years of selfless service.

Commissioner Neustadt commented that it was an awesome eight-minute tribute. He commented that Commissioner Tully was always prepared for the meetings. He appreciates the in-depth research done by Commissioner Tully. As a resident, Commissioner Neustadt said Commissioner Tully has always been available to answer the needs and questions of the residents. He thanked Commissioner Tully for his friendship and advice which he values very much.

Commissioner Waldack commented that eight years is a long time, the same period of time it takes to start high school and complete college. Council members are elected through a competitive process. There is a sense of competition, but these are volunteer jobs. He said that he was sure Commissioner Tully would keep an eye on the Council. Commissioner Waldack said that Commissioner Tully's reasons for volunteering were good reasons, to provide public service. It involved a sacrifice on his part and his family's part. Many people do not know that when the Council meets, Commissioner Tully volunteers to write down the ideas, review contracts, etc. He made sure to explain to the public the issues that the Council considered during his tenure.

Commissioner Schnell thanked Commissioner Tully and his family for the eight years of service and for their support. She noted that he has had a passion for historical preservation and the community is better served for it. She thanked him, as a resident, for that passion. As a Council member, she said that Commissioner Tully reported on the days until Heritage Festival and took credit for the good weather. He always was present at Heritage Festival. Commissioner Schnell noted that they have not always agreed on issues, but they always allowed each other to voice their concerns respectfully. They could always be friends when they left the dais. Eight years is a long time. She said that it was an honor to serve with Commissioner Tully and thanked him for his service.

Commissioner Beckman commented that there's a big difference between being a member of the audience and sitting at the dais. He said that originally he thought he would have difficulty seeing eye to eye with Commissioner Tully; however, Commissioner Tully made sure that he became part of the team from the beginning. Commissioner Beckman said he started to agree with Mr. Tully more than he disagreed. Commissioner Beckman said that Commissioner Tully used one tool that has to be remembered. The Council is a policy driven body, and that was a key element that Commissioner Tully passed on to him. He said that Commissioner Tully is a consensus builder, and because of that there has been a better Council and a better community. In addition, he has been a creative problem solver. Commissioner Beckman noted that while no one is irreplaceable, he is finding it difficult to see how we will continue without his intellectual contributions.

Commissioner Durkin commented that he first met Martin Tully in Springfield, when he was an alderman in Darien. Commissioner Tully is a true professional. He said that he didn't always agree with Commissioner Tully, but his intellectual capabilities were always apparent. Commissioner Durkin said he looks at things differently, now, because of Commissioner Tully. He thanked Commissioner Tully for his years of service, and for the support of his family.

Mayor Sandack noted that Commissioner Tully's mother and father were in the audience.

Laura Crawford thanked him for all the support he has shown to her, and to the Chamber of Commerce. He has shared his knowledge and was always accessible. She said she represented three business entities in the Village, and on behalf of the Chamber, the EDC, and the Downtown Management Corporation she read a Resolution from the business community expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the business community.

Greg Bedalov of the EDC echoed the comments of Ms. Crawford. He thanked Commissioner Tully for his service as liaison on the EDC, and presented him with a memento from the EDC.

Marta Cullen of Downtown Management expressed their appreciation and presented him with a banner.

Commissioner Tully said he is truly humbled and moved by the comments, phone calls and e-mails he has received. He said he has occasionally been accused of being a bit loquacious; yet, in the waning moments of service he is finding it difficult to find the words adequate to express his bittersweet feelings on departing from public office. Tonight they are celebrating swearing in three Commissioners who are giving their service to the community. Commissioner Tully said he was privileged to serve alongside the Council members, and he has enjoyed the camaraderie. They benefited from each other. He advised the Council to never lose its focus and always maintain its perspective.

Commissioner Tully then thanked the Village staff including Public Works, Police Department and Fire Department for the work they have done. They make Downers Grove one of the finest municipalities, and they always find a way to do more with less. That is always appreciated. He said that he values the friendships he has made, and thanked the residents and friends for the support and faith they have shown to him over the years. He has met many amazing people.

The Commissioner then thanked his family for their considerable patience and unyielding support, without which he could not have begun this journey. He noted that this is not "good-bye." He will not detach himself from the community. The Village's organizational chart shows the community at the top of the chart. Being a resident again is a promotion. He thanked everyone again for the video, for the kind words, and for making him feel very special.

8. Motion to Adjourn Sine Die (Without Date)

Commissioner Tully moved to adjourn sine die. Commissioner Durkin seconded.

VOTE: YEA: Commissioner Tully, Durkin, Beckman, Neustadt, Waldack, Schnell, Mayor Sandack

The Mayor declared the motion carried and this portion of the meeting ended at 7:38 p.m.

9. Swearing-In Ceremony of Commissioners

Associate Judge Daniel P. Guerin of the 18th Judicial Circuit Court in DuPage County, Illinois presided over the swearing in of Commissioners Schnell, Waldack and Barnett.

The Mayor thanked Judge Guerin for being present for the swearing in ceremony.

10. Roll Call

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

Non Voting: Village Manager David Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca and Village Clerk April Holden

Mayor Sandack called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

11. Mayor's Report

New Business

RES 00-03773 Resolution: Appoint Members to Boards and Commissions

Sponsors: Mayor

Summary of Item: This confirms the following appointments:

MAYOR PRO TEM

Appoint Commissioner Schnell as Mayor Pro Tem

DEPUTY LIQUOR COMMISSIONER

Appoint Commissioner Schnell as Deputy Liquor Commissioner

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Appoint Commissioner Neustadt to the Public Safety Committee as Chair

Appoint Commissioner Waldack to the Public Safety Committee

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Appoint Commissioner Durkin to the Finance and Administrative Committee as Chair

Appoint Commissioner Schnell to the Finance and Administrative Committee

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Appoint Commissioner Beckman to the Public Services Committee as Chair

Appoint Commissioner Barnett to the Public Services Committee

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Appoint Commissioner Beckman as Ex-Officio Council Representative to the Economic Development Corporation

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMISSION

Appoint Gregory Hose to the Environmental Concerns Commission to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2012

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO VILLAGE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

RESOLUTION 2009-56

The Mayor asked the Village Clerk to read the resolution.

Commissioner Schnell moved to adopt "A Resolution Appointing Members to Boards and

Commissions," as presented. Commissioner Beckman seconded the Motion.

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Hose and thanked him for his service to the Village.

Commissioner Waldack said it was his honor to interview Mr. Hose. Mr. Hose's family has a history of community involvement. He will be a fine addition to the Environmental Concerns Commission.

VOTE: YEA: Commissioner Schnell, Beckman, Barnett, Neustadt, Durkin, Waldack, Mayor Sandack

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

A motion was made to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried.

Indexes: Boards and Commissions

12. Manager's Report

13. Attorney's Report

Future Active Agenda

Public Comments

- 1. Dave Humphreys, 4221 Saratoga, thanked Martin Tully for his dedication to the people of Downers Grove. He served on a number of boards with Mr. Tully. He has rarely seen a public servant as thoughtful, intelligent, thorough and as much fun as Martin Tully.*
- 2. Gregory Hose thanked the Mayor and Commissioner Waldack for the kind words introducing him. He looks forward to serving the people of Downers Grove.*
- 3. Dr. Gordon Goodman, 5834 Middaugh, stated that he appreciated working with Martin Tully over the years, particularly in relation to his achievements in bringing heritage back into the Heritage Festival. In addition, Mr. Tully helped move the Blodgett House in the right direction. He looks forward to continuing to work with him.*
- 4. Chris Fregeau, 1918 Elmore, welcomed the newly sworn Commissioners and thanked Martin Tully for his service. He has always been a gentleman, and he can be trusted and respected. She noted that the Council and staff are very accessible to the public, which is unbelievable. Mr. Tully will be very missed, and she thanked him for his service, congratulating him on his promotion.*

14. Council Member Reports and New Business

Commissioner Waldack thanked the voters of Downers Grove for allowing him to serve again. He thanked his family and wife. He is honored to serve the Village as it is a great community.

Commissioner Barnett noted that this is a celebratory evening. He thanked his wife and children and the people who helped with his campaign. He is mindful of the duties he has. Commissioner Barnett said Downers Grove is a great community, and he hopes to contribute to that. He met Martin Tully when Mr. Tully was campaigning for Council. Commissioner Barnett said that Mr. Tully has always been agreeable and he hopes to carry on that demeanor as a new Councilman. He is eager to get started.

Commissioner Schnell said that it is an honor and a privilege to be able to serve the residents of Downers Grove. She is in awe that people want her to do this again, and she loves what she does. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve, and thanked the staff for their work as

well as her colleagues. She commented that the staff is one of the best she's worked with. Commissioner Schnell also thanked her husband for his constant support especially in her years as Commissioner when she's had to make the decision as to campaign or not. She is blessed to have that support.

Commissioner Neustadt welcomed everyone to the dais, and congratulated them all. He then announced that Diveheart is having a benefit for the handicapped on May 31 at Ballydoyle. He also announced the annual Barth Ceremony will be held May 11 at 1:00 p.m. at Barth Pond.,

Commissioner Durkin added his welcome to the Commissioners. He served on the Liquor Commission with Commissioner Barnett. Commissioner Durkin said that last week he attended a SEASPAR concert featuring Buddy Holly & Friends. He said over 1,050 people were in attendance at the Tivoli. He said they raised over \$16,000 for the Organization. He thanked Shirley and Willis Johnson, and their son, for their commitment to the community.

Commissioner Beckman welcomed Commissioner Barnett and congratulated the returning Commissioners. He said he is looking forward to working with Commissioner Barnett, and knows that he will bring a great deal to the community. Commissioner Beckman then announced that beginning May 9, through October 17, the Downtown Downers Grove Market will be held at the Main Street Train Station. It will be bigger and better this year.

Mayor Sandack reported that while in Springfield, the Council met with IDOT representatives and elected officials, and sought funding for the Village's projects. Ogden Avenue construction is underway at this time, and Butterfield Road is next. He said a Town Hall meeting will be held at the Recreation Center on Monday with Illinois State Representatives Pihos and Bellock.

The Mayor noted that the Barth Memorial Ceremony will take place on Monday, May 11 as will the Police Awards Ceremony. May 10 to 16 is Police Week in the Village.

Mayor Sandack then Proclaimed May 10-16 as Police Week, and encouraged citizens to attend the ceremonies in honor of Police personnel.

15. Adjournment

Commissioner Schnell moved to adjourn. Commissioner Beckman seconded.

VOTE: YEA: Commissioner Schnell, Beckman, Barnett, Neustadt, Durkin, Waldack, Mayor Sandack

Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.