



Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

Civic Center
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Downers Grove, IL 60515
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Tuesday, June 15, 2010

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 Bob Barnett, Commissioner William Waldack, Commissioner Bruce E. Beckman, Commissioner Geoff Neustadt and Mayor Ron Sandack

Absent: Commissioner Sean P. Durkin and Village Clerk April Holden

Non Voting: Village Manager David Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca and Deputy Village Clerk Linda Brown

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 of a general matter. 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. Finally, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions on items appearing on the Consent Agenda, the Active Agenda and the First Reading.

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 Council Meetings

Strategic Planning Retreat - June 5, 2010

Council Minutes - June 8, 2010

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

Terry Reiter Award for EMS Excellence

Fire Chief Jim Jackson presented the Terry Reiter EMS Award for Excellence. Assistant Fire Chief Reiter joined the Village Fire Department as a Volunteer in 1967, then became a full-time

firefighter, was later promoted to the position of the Department's Emergency Medical Service Coordinator, and in 1982 promoted to the rank of Captain. His work focused on providing advanced life support equipment and training to the Village Fire department personnel. He was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief in 1983. While serving as Duty Chief on June 18, 1990, he suffered a fatal heart attack.

Chief Jackson noted that the first Terry Reiter Award was presented in 2006. This year's 2009 Award for EMS excellence was then presented by Assistant Fire Chief Reiter's wife, Carol, and his two daughters, Dee and Barb, to Firefighter/Paramedic Joe Conway, for his contribution to the welfare of the citizens of Downers Grove, and to the Downers Grove Fire Department. In 2002 Firefighter Conway assumed the responsibility of Quality Assurance Coordinator for emergency medical service record keeping, and was instrumental in the development of the new records system that the Fire Department presently uses. He educated everyone in its use and proper documentation. He has been a strong advocate for setting the highest standards in delivery of EMS services to the Village, and his careful review of each emergency report has provided invaluable information to the Department. Chief Jackson said that Firefighter Conway has set the bar high as an example to his colleagues.

The Mayor extended his appreciation on behalf of the Council and the Village to Firefighter Conway and to the entire Fire Department.

4. Public Comments - General Comments on Matters Not Appearing on Tonight's Agenda

1. Tony Finley, resident of the Cameo complex at 5540 Walnut, said he is looking for an answer as to why their complex is the only location in the Village where AT&T cable is not available. The Mayor said staff would try to obtain an answer. He noted that Peace Memorial residents have expressed concerns with the Comcast service. Mr. Finley said there are many comments being made about why the problem exists, including that the reason they do not have AT&T service is political. Mayor Sandack said there is nothing political about it, and that Communications Director Doug Kozlowski will obtain information for Mr. Finley. The Mayor explained that not everyone has access to AT&T U-Verse at this time. It is not a local franchise, but is a State franchise. Comcast is a local franchise. He further explained that AT&T can choose where they want to put their boxes and what parts of the Village will receive the service.

Commissioner Beckman further added that U-Verse is not available throughout the Village.

2. Violet Lalicon-Radwill, 5410 Grand Avenue, has lived in the Village since 1991 and loves it. She recommended that the Village post information in the train shelters near the train stations, including a map of the Village and emergency numbers, public information, numbers for the taxi companies, etc., that would benefit the general public. An out-of-towner coming to the Village could have a problem calling up a cab, or finding the location they are trying to reach. She said that in downtown Chicago they have this information posted. This could also be used for advertising for local events, etc.

The Mayor said he thought it was a fair and interesting suggestion, and it would be passed along. Ms. Lalicon-Radwill said she is willing to volunteer to post those messages.

3. Linda Kunze, Downtown Manager and Dan Loftus, Chairman of the Downtown Management Board, announced a new event to occur in conjunction with the Rotary Club's upcoming Grove Festival. An historical photo tour will take place from July 1 through July 18, comprised of a walk-through history of the downtown Village area. Photos are provided courtesy of the Historical Museum, the Historical Society, Mochel's private collection (including one of John Mochel as a child on a tricycle) and other collections. These will be available for download to an MP3 player. In addition, they are printing 2 x 3 foot photos, which will be displayed in various business windows in the downtown, including a brief description of the history and

present status of the sites.

Mayor Sandack said that the kick-off is on July 1 at the Tivoli, at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Kunze said there will be a tour around town as part of the kick-off.

5. Public Hearings

6. Consent Agenda

COR 00-04181 A. Claim Ordinance: No. 5851, Payroll, June 4, 2010
Sponsors: Accounting
A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: N/A

BIL 00-04182 B. List of Bills Payable: No. 5834, June 15, 2010
Sponsors: Accounting
A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: N/A

BID 00-04180 C. Bid: Award \$466,552 to Earth Werks Land Improvement & Development Corporation, Batavia, IL, for 8th and Cumnor Stormwater Improvements
Sponsors: Public Works
A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Watershed Infrastructure Improvement Plan, Stormwater Improvements

BID 00-04178 D. Bid: Award \$1,013,093.21 to J. Congdon Sewer Service, Inc., Carol Stream, IL, for the 2010 Water Main Improvements
Sponsors: Public Works
A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Water Main Improvements

MOT 00-04176 E. Motion: Accept the 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
Sponsors: Finance
A motion was made to Note Receipt Of this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Audit

MOT 00-04175 F. Motion: Note Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions
Summary of Item: Liquor Commission - April 1, 2010
Plan Commission - May 3, 2010
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 Schnell, seconded by Commissioner Barnett, that the consent agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

7. Active Agenda

ORD 00-04177 A. Ordinance: Amend Certain Fees Related to Liquor Licensing

Sponsors: Village Attorney and Liquor Commission

Summary of Item: This amends the Liquor Code regarding user fees, licenses and fines.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN FEES RELATED TO LIQUOR LICENSING

ORDINANCE NO. 5141

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

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

Indexes: Liquor Ordinance Amendments

8. First Reading

MOT 00-04188 A. Motion: Approve the FY10-11 Budget for the Downers Grove Downtown Management Corporation

Sponsors: Manager's Office

Village Manager Dave Fieldman said that this Motion considers approval of the Downtown Downers Grove Management Corporation budget. He said that the Village assigns revenues from Special Service taxes from the downtown area to the Corporation's budget. The amount has been about \$246,000 per year for several years.

Commissioner Neustadt commented that Downtown Management has kept their budget trim and lean, and they have done a great job. This year they have undergone a new budget format with extra information and refinements. He is in support of this.

Commissioner Beckman added that he would support this. He appreciates the comparison between this and previous budgets provided by staff. It was helpful, and he has some minor line-item questions that he will discuss with the Village Manager.

Mayor Sandack explained that the Downtown Management Corporation is an autonomous organization and they have some connection with the Village with respect to their budget. They do as much as they can with a fairly fixed number. He sees tangible results for the merchants and landowners in that organization. He gives this Motion his stamp of approval.

Commissioner Barnett pointed out that the revenue side of this is associated with the SSA downtown area and is somewhat self-determined in that sense. The Village has an oversight component.

The Mayor clarified that it is their money.

Indexes: Downtown Management Corporation

ORD 00-04184 B. Ordinance: Amend Parking Restrictions on Hillcrest Road

Sponsors: Public Works and Transportation and Parking Commission

Public Works Director Nan Newlon said that this area is near Hillcrest School and the request was initiated by the area residents. There is a conflict in the parking demand for school functions on a street that is only 19 feet wide. She said that staff proposes to have no parking anytime posted for a portion on the east side of Hillcrest Road, and recommends no parking from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the east side of Hillcrest from 550 feet north of Jefferson Avenue.

Commissioner Schnell said that this is another band-aid placed on a parking problem in a grade school community. She said she hopes that the Village works with District 58 to find creative ways to alleviate parking problems, and to address the problems through an all-school dialogue.

Mr. Fieldman responded that staff will begin that dialogue.

Commissioner Beckman noted that a few months ago the Council changed parking in the area of Grant/Middaugh/Oakwood. He expressed concern that once there is an area opened for parking, it becomes a magnet for student parking. He's pleased there hasn't been any instantaneous misuse of the parking restrictions in that area and hopes they can follow that through the next school year.

The Mayor agreed with the comments made, saying that parking is a challenge and unintended consequences can occur in meeting resident requests. There is a school/church/residential balancing act for staff to analyze. Staff has worked with District 58 and will continue to do so.

Commissioner Schnell then noted that this is a "moving target" which may never be solved. She noted that parking at Doerhofer Park was always a problem. Since diagonal parking was placed off Venard, it has always been full and she recommends doing something similar in the Hillcrest area.

Indexes: Parking Restrictions - Hillcrest

ORD 00-04186

C. Ordinance: Amend Parking Restrictions on Curtiss Street

Sponsors: Public Works and Transportation and Parking Commission

Ms. Newlon said this was brought forth by Acadia on the Green Homeowners Association and the Downtown Management Corporation. There are no restrictions on the sections of Curtiss, from Mochel Drive to the post office, which creates blockage of the driveway at times. The Transportation and Parking Commission (TAP) has reviewed this and made a unanimous recommendation on these restrictions.

Commissioner Beckman said he cannot concur with this recommendation. There are a series of slots in front of the Post Office, and he asked whether the stripes could be realigned to fit another slot or two, without deterring safety measures.

Indexes: Parking Restrictions - Curtiss

BID 00-04185

D. Bid: Award \$68,433.50 to Wellspring Management, Ltd., Oak Park, IL, for Purchase of 35,000 Gallons of Geomelt Liquid Deicer

Sponsors: Public Works

Ms. Newlon said that this is an alternate product to the product, Magic-Minus-0 used last year. This product reduces the corrosive nature of the salt and allows less usage of salt. It remains on the roadway for a longer time. These are all proprietary chemical products. She indicated this is more widely used, is available locally, and provides a more effective mixing with the salt, thereby saving the Village slightly over \$17,000 from last year's costs.

The Mayor said that this can now be used before, during and after a snow event. It is a good use

of modern technology.

Indexes: Public Works - Standard Supplies & Services

9. Mayor's Report

New Business

RES 00-04189 Resolution: Appointment to Boards and Commissions

Sponsors: Mayor

Summary of Item: This appoints Scott Jacaway as Chair of the Human Service Commission.

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCOTT JACAWAY AS CHAIR OF THE HUMAN SERVICE COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 2010-48

The Mayor asked the Clerk to read the resolution.

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

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

Indexes: Boards and Commissions

10. Manager's Report

Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner provided an update on Comprehensive Planning, saying that the Committee worked last month on a Vision Statement for the Comprehensive Plan which outlines the goals and objectives of the Committee. He noted that another meeting is scheduled next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. to discuss preliminary sub-area concepts. He reviewed some of the items up for discussion at that next meeting. Goals and Objectives of TCD III will be covered throughout the Comprehensive Planning discussions.

Mayor Sandack reminded everyone that additional information regarding the Comprehensive Plan is on the website.

Mr. Fieldman said that the next meeting of the Long-Range Financial Plan will be Tuesday, June 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Committee Room. Documentation is available on the website.

The Manager then noted that there is a pending change order at Washington Park to redesign the soccer field. The Park District will pay for this Change Order.

Mayor Sandack said residents have already contributed several comments and questions to the Long-Range Financial Planning process on the Village's website

11. Attorney's Report

Village Attorney Enza Petrarca said she was presenting two items to Council: 1) An ordinance amending parking restrictions on Hillcrest Road; and 2) An ordinance amending parking restrictions on Curtiss Street.

Future Active Agenda

12. Council Member Reports and New Business

The Mayor said they are seeing more and more "charity" boxes where people can place clothing or used items. He questions whether this needs an ordinance review, and if these boxes require

special use permits for B-3 or M-1 zoning areas. Village Attorney Petrarca said that staff is aware of the problem and is studying it.

Reports

Commissioner Beckman announced that Chicago Magazine picked the Top 25 pizzas in the Chicago area, and #24 is the Parkers Restaurant Margherita Style. They sent a Chef to Italy to learn to make this specific type of pizza.

Commissioner Schnell said that Coffee with the Council is at the Downers Grove Downtown Market, 9:00 a.m., this Saturday.

Commissioner Waldack said that in addition to the materials for Long-Range Financial Planning, the Council also approved the 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. There is a lot of good information in that report. He added that the Fourth of July Parade information will also be on the website. The Council's next meeting will be after the Fourth of July Parade.

Commissioner Neustadt commented that back when Parker's was Highland Grill, he used to make that Margherita Pizza and will take credit for it. He also noted that the Downtown Management website shows a listing of many upcoming events. The website is www.downtowndg.org.

Mayor Sandack sent a get-well wish to Brenda Barnes of Sara Lee who recently suffered a stroke. She is a large part of their leadership. He noted that she appears to be on the mend and extended best wishes to her from himself, the Council and the Village.

The Mayor said that Naperville, following in Downers Grove's footsteps, is seeking information on establishing term limits, as was noted in today's Chicago Tribune.

The Mayor said tomorrow he is serving on a panel with other DuPage Village Mayors regarding commercial and industrial real estate opportunities and the potential growth of surrounding communities.

Mayor Sandack then congratulated the Relay for Life Woodgrove Walk for a Cure. Volunteers walked all night raising money at Downers Grove North. The Mayor said he was out of town and Doug Kozlowski substituted for him.

13. Adjournment

Commissioner Schnell moved to adjourn. Commissioner Barnett seconded the Motion.

Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.