



Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

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

Tuesday, July 6, 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 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

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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

Council Minutes - June 15, 2010

Long Range Financial Planning - June 29, 2010

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

5. Public Hearings

6. Consent Agenda

Mayor Sandack asked for a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Waldack moved to remove item G, MOT 00-04150, a motion authorizing the Village's participation in the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program for Verizon Wireless Internet Cards, from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. Commissioner Barnett seconded the Motion.

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

The Mayor declared the Motion passed and asked for a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

COR 00-04190 A. Claim Ordinance: No. 5853, Payroll, June 18, 2010

Sponsors: Accounting

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

Indexes: N/A

BIL 00-04191 B. List of Bills Payable: No. 5838, July 6, 2010

Sponsors: Accounting

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

Indexes: N/A

BID 00-04185 C. 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

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

Indexes: Public Works - Standard Supplies & Services

RES 00-04161 D. Resolution: Authorize a License Agreement with Chicago SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless to Install, Maintain and Operate Antenna Equipment on Village Property

Sponsors: Village Attorney

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND CHICAGO SMSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE ANTENNA EQUIPMENT ON VILLAGE PROPERTY

RESOLUTION 2010-49

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

Indexes: Antenna Equipment, Water Tower - 2304 Maple

MOT 00-04196 E. Motion: Authorize Change Order #4 for \$27,000 with Copenhaver Construction, Inc., Gilberts, IL, for the Washington Park Stormwater Improvement Program (SW-042)

Sponsors: Public Works

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

Indexes: Washington Park

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

Sponsors: Manager's Office

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

Indexes: Downtown Management Corporation

MOT 00-04192 H. Motion: Note Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

Summary of Item: Library Board - May 26, 2010

A motion was made to Note Receipt Of this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Boards and Commissions Minutes

Passed The Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was passed as amended.

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 Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

7. Active Agenda

MOT 00-04150 G. Motion: Authorize Village's Participation in the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program for Verizon Wireless Internet Cards

Sponsors: Information Services

Commissioner Waldack said this is for Verizon cards for the laptops. He is concerned about the number of these cards as there are over 100 of them. He said he would like to see the number and usage reviewed for savings.

The Mayor noted that this contract was higher last year and agreed with efforts to keep reviewing expenses.

Commissioner Beckman agreed that this should be managed, but said that is separate from the item before the Council tonight.

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

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

Indexes: Computers

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

Sponsors: Public Works and Transportation and Parking Commission

Summary of Item: This amends parking provisions on portions of Hillcrest Road.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON HILLCREST ROAD

ORDINANCE NO. 5142

The Mayor said this item was before the Transportation and Parking Commission, which

unanimously approved the motion for parking restrictions. The neighbors and the school jointly sought this action.

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 Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

Indexes: Parking Restrictions - Hillcrest

ORD 00-04186

B. Ordinance: Amend Parking Restrictions on Curtiss Street

Sponsors: Public Works and Transportation and Parking Commission

Summary of Item: This amends parking provisions on portions of Curtiss Street.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON CURTISS STREET

ORDINANCE NO. 5143

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

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

Indexes: Parking Restrictions - Curtiss

MOT 00-04171

C. Motion: Renew Membership Dues for the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC) for FY10-11

Summary of Item: This authorizes renewal of the FY 10-11 DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference membership and submit dues in the amount of \$36,776.40.

Mark Baloga, Executive Director, DMMC, thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak at this and a previous meeting. He said he has provided more information and is available for questions.

Commissioner Beckman asked if the DMMC has conducted an assessment as to whether the functions of DMMC could be more efficiently performed in a less costly space than the current building.

Mr. Baloga said the DMMC has looked at many options. Because they are in ownership of the building, it is far cheaper to stay at their current location.

Commissioner Barnett noted that in some of the supplemental information Council received there was a comment about the funding of the SB 580 efforts. He asked as the process for this. Mr. Baloga said there was meeting of the communities of the members of the water commission as an independent body. They decided on this matter to raise funds to work on SB 580 issues.

Commissioner Schnell said she has given this matter a great deal of thought. She said \$36,000 is part of a police or firefighter's salary or many other items cut from last year's budget. She is still not convinced her questions have been answered. She has been an active member of DMMC, but said she is not sure it is in the best interest of the community to renew this membership. She would prefer to look at this again in six months as to the effect of the loss of benefits. She noted that the long range financial planning process was difficult and anticipates the same for the budget process. She will vote against this item.

Commissioner Neustadt said he agrees with Commission Schnell's sentiments. She has an excellent perspective of DMMC's outreach to the community. This is a significant amount of money. He suggested suspending membership for at least this year. He said he knows staff uses

networking opportunities, but urged staff to pursue these opportunities through their individualized areas of interest. He will not be in support of this motion this year.

Commissioner Durkin said he echoes the comments of Commissioners Schnell and Neustadt, and he agrees with the budget issues raised. As he looks at expenses and other opportunities, he feels he cannot support renewing the DMMC membership at this time. He said it is painful to do this. He noted, however, that the Village has its own lobbyist and the return on our investment has been outstanding. Further, he said he feels that the DMMC will still represent Downers Grove. He noted that he was not pleased with the process of SB 580.

Commissioner Beckman said he made the motion for this item for the purpose of discussion. In the last year he made it a point to become more familiar with DMMC. He discussed receiving value vs. adding value. As a larger member, Downers Grove may be adding more value than we are receiving. He would like to review this in six months.

Commissioner Barnett said in this time of budget and renewed emphasis on value, he finds it impossible to justify continued participation in DMMC. While collective advocacy can and will, in the future, be useful, he has found very little with which he finds helpful and much that is borderline offensive and inappropriate. He felt the tone of DMMC at the Springfield drive down in 2009 was adversarial, which he feels was by design. He does not feel this benefits our residents and he does not want to contribute to that rhetoric. He discussed the DuPage Water Commission and SB 580. The process was wrong in his opinion and he cannot support it. Suspending participation is an opportunity to save money. Our duty is to be as frugal and efficient as possible. He plans to vote against this now and in the foreseeable future.

Commissioner Waldack said he supports continued membership. He noted that the Village spent the same amount of money on a lobbyist and on this membership. The efforts of the DMMC during the Springfield drive down involved a collection of municipalities lobbying to get action on pensions. We got support when we lobbied for the Belmont underpass. This success is due to collaboratively working with neighboring communities. He noted the list of accomplishments of the DMMC included in the packet. He said he has been a member of the transportation committee. The committees offer opportunities of which we can take advantage and is a good way to partner with our neighbors. He noted that the DMMC did not take a position on the DuPage Water Commission. He feels it is not appropriate to punish the DMMC by withholding our dues. He will vote in favor of this item.

Mayor Sandack said he has spoken with his colleagues and the Village Manager about this matter and was struck by the staff comments. He asked if we are getting value for our investment. He said his decision is not due to SB 580, which was a process issue. The Council did not take a position and let the process play itself out. It is his feeling that we are not seeing value for our money. He agrees to a six-month reprieve. He referenced the need for financial sustainability. Any expenditure has to add value and make sense. He said the Village has had varying degrees of participation in DMMC over time. It is appropriate to step back and look at this again at another time; this is a prudent, measured decision.

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

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

Indexes: DuPage Mayors & Managers

RES 00-04165

D. Resolution: Authorize a Sales Contract with Smeal Fire Apparatus Co.

Sponsors: Fire Department

Summary of Item: This authorizes execution of a sales contract between the Village and Smeal Fire Apparatus Co. for the purchase of a 2010 Smeal 100' Rear Mount Platform Fire Ladder Truck.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SALES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND SMEAL FIRE APPARATUS CO.

Commissioner Schnell moved to table to a date uncertain this and the next item.

Village Manager Dave Fieldman said staff recommends considering the purchase of a new ladder truck after the October budget meeting in order to get a better understanding of the overall budget and Equipment Replacement Fund. The existing ladder truck is in service and will remain so until a decision is made and a replacement truck is delivered. Staff will continue to advise the Council and community of any issues pertaining to the operation of the truck.

Commissioner Waldack said no one disagrees with the need for the ladder truck; it is matter of when it should be purchased.

Mr. Fieldman said we have access to other trucks as part of our mutual aid agreements when our truck is not in service. Staff is comfortable with the decision to table this item.

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

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

Indexes: Fire Department

RES 00-04166 E. Resolution: Authorize the Sale of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Downers Grove

Sponsors: Fire Department

Summary of Item: This authorizes the sale of a Pierce 100' Platform Fire Ladder Truck.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

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

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

Indexes: Fire Equipment - Sale of, Fire Department, Surplus Property

8. First Reading

INF 00-04202 Community Events Commission Report and Recommendation

Sponsors: Community Events and Community Events Commission

Mr. Fieldman said in November 2009 the Council directed staff to work with the Community Events Commission (CEC) to develop a report and recommendation for the operation of community events. Council had one stipulation - that the plan provide for the recovery of all Village direct and indirect costs. Staff recommends shifting from an operator model to a facilitator model. He noted that the Rotary Club is sponsoring GroveFest later this month and recommends no action be taken until after this event. The Community Events Commission will assess this event in August.

Mary Scalzetti, Director, Community Events, thanked the CEC for their knowledge and commitment. The CED concluded that the top three desired outcomes for hosting community

events are: 1) Improve the local economy; 2) Provide entertainment; and 3) Provide community partnership opportunities particularly with not-for-profit organizations.

Ms. Scalzetti said Council's direction and the CEC's guidance results in a paradigm shift from an operator model to a "facilitation model." This will allow the Village to achieve the goal of recovering costs of community events. As "facilitator" the staff would review event permit applications and issue permits; provide certain required public safety services; provide other services and equipment as requested; provide consulting and training services; and provide community relations and marketing services.

Ms. Scalzetti said the proposed model will allow the Village to recover the full costs of facilitating events through the use of certain applicable fees, such as temporary use application fee, staff review and facilitation fee, Village services fee, Village equipment rental fee, and Village property usage fee. With respect to the property usage fee, the Village currently has the ability to charge up to \$1.00 per square foot for the use of Village property. Staff recommends that the property usage fee be charged only in cases where the use of public property would reduce revenue-generating opportunities for the Village.

Ms. Scalzetti stated that the Village would require the event operator to post certain securities to ensure that fees for services provided by staff will be paid and to cover any damage to Village property.

The proposed facilitation model offers the opportunity to not-for-profit organizations and local businesses to operate events consistent with the Community Events Commission's desired outcomes. The model would depend on not-for-profit organizations, either by themselves or partnering with businesses, to become "event operators." The Village would work with all applicants.

Commissioner Neustadt said he serves as Chair of the CEC. He is proud of the residents as they rose to the challenge set forth by Council. He thanked Ms. Scalzetti and the members of the CEC. This model captures the directive to recover all Village costs and allows for the community to still have events, which can be safe and allow not-for-profits to prosper. He said he looks forward to Rotary Club GroveFest and noted that Ms. Scalzetti has worked hard with them. He hopes it is the start of a long tradition.

Commissioner Beckman said he is comfortable with this recommendation. He has changed his perspective slightly as to the value and position of events such as Heritage Festival and its meaning to the community. He has looked at other communities and how they are handling economic changes and still putting on events. He referenced Lombard and a more shared model with community organizations. He hopes we will continue to be flexible and is anxious to see the outcome of GroveFest. He noted that Heritage Festival is not the only event affected by budget cutbacks. He asked as to feedback from the community with respect to other events.

Ms. Scalzetti said she has received no official comments about the parade. She said there was less money spent on the parade than in past years and staff searched for unique features to include in the parade.

Commissioner Barnett said he received approximately 12 unsolicited comments that were all positive and expressed appreciation for the parade. He referenced comments made last year with respect to budget cuts and events. What occurred was a structural change in cost. The Community Events Commission rose to the occasion. There is great optimism due to their efforts. He said the CEC did an excellent job.

Commissioner Schnell said every comment she received about the parade has been positive. She noted that the Car Show Friday night was a great event as well. Many people resolved to make the parade a positive event. The only concerns she heard had to do with the welfare of dogs due

to the weather.

Commissioner Schnell said the CEC took Council's directive and came up with what could be a great model. She has questions to be reviewed after GroveFest. She noted that people are looking for free events close to home. The Community Events Commission did an exemplary job. It is a model that answered her concerns.

Commissioner Waldack noted that this is an information only item. He thanked the CEC and Ms. Scalzetti for the work they have done. He said they did a good job with the assignment although it was a bad assignment. He does not like the idea of events having to pay for themselves. Heritage Festival contained all elements that we face with all events. The Council dumped Heritage Festival during the budget process and did not talk to anybody. He hopes better planning will occur in the future. He was shocked that organizations came forward with proposals. He thanked them for their hard work. He said we are moving from an organizer to a facilitator model, but we are not facilitating anything. We regulate, but we are not making it easier to have events. We are adding hurdles and requiring that the Village recover all of its costs. He said we need to be cognizant of the economy as demonstrated by the parade. We are not making it easier, we are impeding. We are looking at this from an economic but not a community point of view. He referenced the 2009 Heritage Festival report and why we do events: Partnerships, volunteers and Village employees interacting with the community. It is a good idea for staff to move among the residents we serve.

As to costs, Commissioner Waldack said no one looked at the money it generated in terms of sales tax, local sales tax, and money spent by residents and non-residents which went to businesses and not-for-profits. We supposedly lost money in indirect costs. He said \$5.2 million was generated in transactions. If we continue, the Village will be for profit, selling our services to people who pay taxes. He feels we are going in the wrong way. We are community leaders and these are community events that generate money and interest.

Commissioner Neustadt said there was a vote last year to cancel or keep Heritage Festival and the result was 6:1 - he was on the losing end. With respect to regulating vs. facilitating, he extended an invitation to the meeting on July 22 to see how much facilitation, cooperation and partnership the CEC did with the Rotary Club and the Downers Grove Fine Arts Council. It is important to regulate; we need rules. Otherwise there could be a carnival everyday with no police or fire protection, and it would be very dangerous for our residents. Not-for-profit organizations will benefit from the event as will the other groups joining the event. He said he does not understand how this does not offer a model for events to continue in the Village. He said he felt Commissioner Waldack was wrong in some of his comments. He does not feel the Village or the Community Events Commission has impeded anybody or anything. There is an event next weekend in Downers Grove for Downers Grove. Events make money if they are run properly, if they are organized and if they follow the rules. People will spend money to attend and won't come if the event seems unsavory or unsafe. It is the Village's job to set policy to make this Village safe for everything. Next week's event will be fantastic and he said the Rotary deserves a lot of credit.

Commissioner Durkin said there were a lot of hurt feelings from last year's budget process. He suggested taking a step back and let the event take place and then review it. He said GroveFest will be a great event. He noted that the new format for the Ice Festival worked. GroveFest is a huge undertaking by a volunteer group and he thanked everyone involved. He also said he thought the parade was a huge success; the cannon was awesome. He looks forward to GroveFest.

Commissioner Beckman said it is premature to suggest that the direction of the Village is right or wrong. With respect to events, every community he looked at has a sponsoring organization, including Naperville and Lombard. Our model is not dissimilar to those of other communities. He suggested reserving comments to a future date.

Mayor Sandack said he does not think anything good can be achieved from looking back. This recommendation is born from a policy decision. He congratulated and thanked the CEC and staff for their work. We have some successful examples of this model. He referenced the Friday Night Car Show, the Downers Grove Downtown Market, and this year's Ice Festival. These are community events the Village does not own. The Downtown Management Corporation ran the Ice Festival flawlessly. The Village had very little to do with these events other than to assist and facilitate them with public works, police and fire services. We have not impeded or over-regulated anyone; indeed, most Council members were not surprised when the Rotary Club and Downers Grove Fine Arts Council stepped up to apply to run an event similar to Heritage Festive. Council asked for residents' participation and received it. To condemn this process before seeing the next experience is premature. We are responsible for community events and have put forth a policy that utilizes the best of our resources in the most appropriate way and will continue to make changes that make sense. It is a disservice to look back. He feels this is a solid policy that makes sense. He noted that the Bonfield Express is also a self-funded organization. He said we have seen this model work and he remains positive. He intends to volunteer his time at GroveFest.

Commissioner Waldack said the final budget passed 6:1 and he was the opposing vote. He doesn't disparage the Rotary Club and GroveFest. He hopes it is a success. It irritates him that the Village charges for services. He looks forward to GroveFest and hopes he is wrong about the future. He praised the July 4th parade. He said he has a different view of community events.

Commissioner Schnell cautioned Council not to put so much pressure on the Rotary Club. She urged that they not be set up to fail. She thinks it will be a great event and a lot of fun, but it will have to be reviewed.

Commissioner Barnett said that Council, staff and the Rotary are anticipating some evolution of this policy. The unsettled question is whether we can say we've made a decision and can work through issues or whether we will look in the rear view mirror. He hopes that GroveFest causes this body to look forward optimistically.

Commissioner Beckman said this is the first time for this event. We have an old model, but it is gone and we are looking forward. He urged Council to be flexible to provide sponsors the ability to manage events on a year-to-year basis.

Ms. Scalzetti clarified that GroveFest will be held July 15-18.

Indexes: Community Events

9. Mayor's Report

Materials to be Received

Materials to be Placed on File

10. Manager's Report

INF 00-04203 Village Council Meeting Format

Sponsors: Manager's Office

Mr. Fieldman said in January 2010 Council shifted to three meetings per month with an agenda that included a Consent Agenda, First Reading and Active Agenda. A review of the past six months under the new meeting format indicates that benefits of this meeting format have accrued and staff recommends that the Council continue to use the three meeting format.

Indexes: Village Council

INF 00-04206 Darien Woodridge Fire Department Partnership

Sponsors: Fire Department and Manager's Office

The Manager said this is a high priority item that staff began discussing in the Long Range Financial Planning sessions. He said the report is on the Village's website. He asked Fire Chief Jim Jackson to present the report.

Fire Chief Jim Jackson said in August 2009 staff began looking at sharing resources with Darien-Woodridge Station 2. This would entail closing Downers Grove Fire Station 1, taking Engine 1 out of service and running Ambulance 1, staffed by Downers Grove personnel, out of Darien-Woodridge Station 2. The goal was to improve operating efficiencies and reduce overlapping services. Staff developed a Joint Operations Committee to determine the feasibility of this concept and to research all operational aspects of this partnership. A thorough analysis revealed significant differences in the level of service currently provided by Downers Grove and Darien-Woodridge. Issues of concern are the lack of sufficient service on the west side of the Village. The Darien-Woodridge Station 2 engine is out of their district approximately 200 days of the year for training and call response. Another concern is that fire and EMS service levels on the south side of the Village may be compromised. Further, engine coverage on the west side of the Village may decrease. Chief Jackson noted that the Darien-Woodridge engine is ten years old and the proposed change in operation will increase the call volume for this engine by 193%, warranting replacement of the engine in the near future.

Chief Jackson said the fire departments are currently in negotiations to share services and avoid duplication. Staff recommends no action be taken at this time.

Indexes: Fire Department

11. Attorney's Report**Future Active Agenda****12. Council Member Reports and New Business**

Commissioner Waldack said the July 4th parade was great. In terms of the fireworks, he quoted John Adams with respect to celebrating Independence Day to include "illuminations." He said he is glad Downers Grove participated in funding the fireworks as he feels we should celebrate this holiday. He hopes Darien participates next year.

Commissioner Durkin referenced the labor strike and the work stoppage that has affected many Village projects. He has received many phone calls, emails, etc. from residents on his street conveying appreciation of Village staff's decision to spend money to make his street passable. He said when the unknown occurs, the Village responds.

The Mayor said the July 4th parade was a wonderful event. It represents what the Council is trying to do and was done with a mindset to provide as much as we can with the resources we have.

13. Adjournment

Commissioner Schnell moved to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)2 of the Open Meetings Act to consider collective negotiating matters. Commissioner Barnett seconded.

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

Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried and the Council convened into Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.