



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, January 7, 2014

7:00 pm

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Mayor Martin Tully 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 Tully led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Bob Barnett, Commissioner Sean P. Durkin, Commissioner Becky Rheintgen, Commissioner Geoff Neustadt, Commissioner Greg Hosé, Commissioner David S. Olsen and Mayor Martin Tully

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

Commissioner Durkin arrived at 7:05 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 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 Tully 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 Meeting - December 17, 2013

Mayor Tully asked for a Motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

Commissioner Neustadt moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Olsen seconded the motion.

The Mayor declared the Motion carried by voice vote.

Patriot Award

Mayor Tully said there are some special guests in attendance at tonight's meeting. He introduced Officer Michael Eddy, Western Springs Police Chief Pamela Church and LaGrange Police Chief Michael Holub. He welcomed Chief Church back to Downers Grove where she previously served as a former Deputy Police Chief. Chiefs Church and Holub serve as volunteers for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). The Mayor said Officer Eddy recently returned from a ten-month deployment with the military which included active duty in Afghanistan with the Air National Guard. He welcomed Officer Eddy back and thanked him for his service. He asked the audience to stand and give Officer Eddy a round of applause in gratitude of his service.

Western Springs Police Chief Pam Church introduced herself and LaGrange Police Chief Michael Holub. Chief Church gave background information regarding the Illinois ESGR, an office of the Department of Defense. She presented the Patriot Award to Downers Grove Police Chief Robert Porter. Chief Porter and the Downers Grove Police Department was nominated by Master Sergeant Eddy. She read the nomination by Master Sergeant Eddy which explained how the Village Police Department supported him and his family when he was deployed.

Officer Eddy said the transition between the two jobs is archaic. It is nice to have an employer who looks out for him. He thanked Chief Porter and said he is very grateful for the support he and his family has been given by Chief Porter and the entire Department.

Chief Holub said he gave Chief Porter his first Patriot Award. Chief Porter has continued to support Office Eddy. Downers Grove will receive the Seven Seals Award in Springfield in recognition of ongoing support.

Chief Porter said he was extremely proud to accept this award on behalf of the Police Department. He thanked the Village for being good to our staff. He also thanked Officer Eddy for his commitment to service, and acknowledged how difficult this is for someone with a young family. Chief Porter commended Officer Eddy for everything he has done for his community and country.

The Mayor thanked Officer Eddy, Chief Church, and Chief Holub.

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

Tom Annarella, 1340 Gilbert, said some work was done in October 2013 on his property for which he was issued a building permit. The contractor did not follow the Village codes. Mr. Annarella asked if Downers Grove can force the contractor to follow the codes.

Mayor Tully asked Mr. Annarella to speak with Deputy Village Manager Mike Baker, and further said that staff would look into this matter and get back to Mr. Annarella.

Bill Waldack, 1409 Willard, expressed his thanks to staff for their work outside since January 1. Mr. Waldack then spoke about chickens, saying that they are unsanitary, unsafe and unhealthy. The Centers for Disease Control has clearly warned of risks that are specifically listed for intown flocks. Risks are to the elderly, children and those with weakened immune systems. Food and mess attract rodents and other pests. While the chicken owners will protect their flocks, the neighboring properties will be in increased danger for their children and pets. Flocks are an attractive nuisance. Pollution will increase if setbacks are changed. Chickens

will adversely affect the health, welfare and property values. To amend the ordinance allowing more single family residences to keep chickens disregards health, safety and property value issues.

5. Council Member Reports

Commissioner Hosé thanked the Public Works staff for all their work. He urged people to stay warm and safe.

Commissioner Barnett concurred.

Commissioner Rheintgen agreed and expressed her appreciation for all the hard work done by staff.

Commissioner Olsen concurred. He said there is still snowpack on the roads due to the bitter cold. As the temperature increases, the snowpack will be removed. The crews have been doing everything they can to keep the roads safe. Commissioner Olsen then said he has a conflict next week and will be unable to attend the Council meeting.

Commissioner Durkin thanked people for shopping in Downers Grove over the holiday season. He asked people to clear snow away from fire hydrants if one is near their home. He also reminded people not to place their garbage cans in the street.

Mayor Tully noted there is a one-day delay in garbage pick-up this week.

Commissioner Neustadt said Christmas tree pick-up is also delayed. He thanked all staff, Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works and fleet for all their work. He urged people to be patient and to be aware of pedestrians tomorrow as school starts again.

Mayor Tully echoed the comments of his colleagues. He said accolades are appropriate due to the extraordinary conditions.

The Mayor then announced that the District 99 Education Foundation is holding its first "Pizza Wars" on Thursday, January 16, 2014, at South High School at 5:30 p.m. About a dozen local pizzerias will participate. More information is available at www.d99ef.org.

6. Public Hearings

7. Consent Agenda

COR 00-05449 A. Claim Ordinance: No. 6035, Payroll, December 13, 2013

Sponsors: Accounting

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

Indexes: N/A

BIL 00-05450 B. List of Bills Payable: No. 6092, January 7, 2014

Sponsors: Accounting

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

Indexes: N/A

MOT 00-05448 C. Motion: Note Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

Summary of Item: Library Board - November 20, 2013 & December 11, 2013
Transportation and Parking Commission - October 9, 2013
Zoning Board of Appeals - August 28, 2013

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 Neustadt, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, that the consent agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Rheintgen, Commissioner Neustadt, Commissioner José, Commissioner Olsen and Mayor Tully

8. Active Agenda

RES 00-05446 A. Resolution: Authorize a First Amendment to the Redevelopment/Sales Tax Rebate Agreement with Perillo Motor Cars, Inc. and Gold Coast Exotic Imports, LLC

Sponsors: Manager's Office

Summary of Item: This approves a first amendment to the redevelopment/sales tax rebate agreement with Perillo Motor Cars, Inc. and Gold Coast Exotic Imports, LLC.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT/SALES TAX REBATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, PERILLO MOTOR CARS, INC. AND GOLD COAST EXOTIC IMPORTS, LLC

RESOLUTION 2014-01

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

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Rheintgen, Commissioner Neustadt, Commissioner José, Commissioner Olsen and Mayor Tully

Indexes: Sales Tax Rebate

9. First Reading

10. Mayor's Report

The Mayor said next week the Council will discuss fowl regulations. This discussion will take place in the Committee Room. There will be a staff report published in advance of the meeting.

Materials to be Placed on File

11. Manager's Report

12. Attorney's Report

Future Active Agenda

13. Council Member New Business

14. Adjournment

Commissioner Neustadt moved to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Durkin seconded the Motion.

VOTE: AYE - Commissioners Neustadt, Durkin, Hosé, Olsen, Rheintgen, Barnett; Mayor Tully

The Mayor declared the Motion carried and the Council convened into Executive Session in the Ante Room at 7:30 p.m.