

Staff Responses to Council Questions

February 11, 2014

FOR MEETING LENGTH MANAGEMENT PURPOSES, THE ZONING ORDINANCE WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED ON FIRST READING TONIGHT. IT WILL BE PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA.

9. FIRST READING

A. Ordinance: Authorize a Special Use for 2535 Ogden Avenue to Permit Construction of a Restaurant with Drive-Through

Does staff think that the petitioner addressed the concerns that were raised by the neighbors?

Staff thinks the petitioner has addressed the concerns raised by the neighbors. To address noise concerns, the petitioner will prohibit deliveries and trash collection during overnight hours.

Additionally, the speaker volume will change based on the amount of ambient noise in the area so that it is lower during off-peak hours. The petitioner's photometric plan meets the Village's light standards and will not pollute adjacent properties. A traffic study provided by the petitioner identified no significant impact on the current or future traffic conditions along Ogden Avenue and IDOT has approved the proposed curb cut location. All access to the site is via Ogden Avenue, as the petitioner's property has no connection to either Cross Street or Drendel Avenue.

B. Discussion: Stormwater Utility Grant Program

Why is the proposed program available only to religious institutions? What would happen if the program were available to all property tax exempt entities?

Staff drafted the program with grants available to religious institutions only based on Council discussions that took place during the review and approval of the FY14 budget. If this grant program were available to all tax exempt entities it is likely the funds would be spread over a larger group. Grants would likely be provided to entities that are planning further improvements to their properties such as Good Samaritan Hospital and Midwestern University and governmental agencies.

How many projects are expected to be constructed at a cost within the proposed maximum grant amounts?

With the proposed maximum grant amounts, eight projects could be constructed each year. Staff does not know how many grant applications are likely to be submitted.

How would the Village decide which projects would be funded?

The recommendation is to fund any projects that meet the grant criteria of the program on a first come, first served basis. The criteria is any project that would decrease the site runoff rate, reduce volume of stormwater leaving the property, improve the quality of stormwater runoff, reduce impervious area or a combination thereof.

Non-Agenda

At the February 4 meeting, the Council asked for additional information regarding the Village's practices for tow company services. The Village has four tow companies on rotation. They are chosen through an RFP process every other year. The operational expectations include a 30 minute response time and ability of the Village to review tow drivers and audit files. Preference is given to Downers Grove-based businesses. The tow companies are called on a rotating basis.

All tow companies charge a \$150 towing fee, plus \$35 for storage per day after the first day. Officers inform vehicle owners of charges.

If an owner of a vehicle requiring tow services requests to utilize a tow company of their choosing, officers will attempt to accommodate the vehicle owner. However, the officer will have to determine how quickly the secondary tow company can get to the officer's location. If the officer determines that the other tow company cannot respond in a relatively short time (generally 30 minutes or less) the officer will use one of the vendors on the police department's list.

Online Comments

There is one online comment attached.



rRemarks Data for February 11, 2014 Village Council Meeting

Agenda Section	Agenda Item	Comment	Commenter
Comments of a General Nature	N/A	<p>I am concerned that the "chosen" cable provider for our Community is engaging in Restraint of Trade. I pay for service from Comcast as it is the only broadband choice due to agreements made between the city and this vendor. Comcast is throttling their service to users of other streaming services to force users to their own offering.</p> <p>Please follow link for related data. http://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2014/02/netflix-performance-on-verizon-and-comcast-has-been-dropping-for-months/</p>	<p>Troy LeValley 5215 Grand Avenue</p>