

# Meeting Minutes

Village of Downers Grove - Council Meeting

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Council Chambers

5/5/2015

7:00 PM

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In order to give as many visitors as possible an opportunity to speak and in the interest of adjourning the meeting by 9:00 p.m., please limit your comments to 5 minutes in length, unless further time is granted by Council. Thank you.

## 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

Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Hosé, Commissioner Olsen, Commissioner Rheintgen, Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Neustadt, Mayor Tully

Staff Attendance:

Village Manager Dave Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca, 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.

The Mayor stated that at the appropriate time the presiding officer will ask if there are any comments from the public. Individuals wishing to speak should raise their hand to be recognized and, after acknowledgment from the presiding officer, approach the microphone and state their name. Remarks should be limited to five minutes, and individuals are asked to refrain from making repetitive statements.

The Mayor 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

MIN 2015-6215 — A. Minutes: Council Minutes - April 21, 2015

**Motion:** Commissioner Neustadt, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, moved to approve the minutes as presented.

The Mayor declared the Motion carried by voice vote.

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#### 4. Council Member Reports

Commissioner José announced that on Saturday, May 9, the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive will take place, and he urged residents to participate in this event.

Commissioner Neustadt reminded everyone that on May 15 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Public Works will host an Open House at 5101 Walnut.

Mayor Tully reminded everyone that May 9 is the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Groovin' in the Grove 5K race at Midwestern University.

#### 5. Consent Agenda

**COR 2015-6216** — A. Claims Ordinance: No. 6105, Payroll, April 17, 2015

**BIL 2015-6217** — B. Bills Payable: No. 6188, May 5, 2015

**RES 2015-6191** — C. Resolution: Authorize an Agreement and Addendum with Sungard Public Sector, Inc.

**Summary:** This authorizes a maintenance agreement in the amount of \$120,431.96 with Sungard Public Sector Inc. This agreement covers updates, service, and support for computer software applications utilized by the Downers Grove and Westmont police and fire departments on the Village's Sungard Public Sector CAD Computer system. The new agreement will begin May 1st, 2015 and go through April 30, 2016.

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT AND ADDENDUM BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND SUNGARD PUBLIC SECTOR, INC.**

#### **RESOLUTION 2015-30**

**MIN 2015-6214** — D. Minutes: Note Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

**Summary:** Architectural Design Review Board - February 26, 2015; Library Board - March 25, 2015; Zoning Board of Appeals - February 25, 2015

**Motion:** Commissioner Neustadt, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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## 6. Active Agenda

**ORD 2015-6192** — A. Ordinance: Authorize a Special Use to Permit an Extended Family Accessory Housing Unit at 4215 Venard Road

**Summary:** This grants special use approval for an extended family accessory housing unit at 4215 Venard Road.

### AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE TO PERMIT AN EXTENDED FAMILY ACCESSORY HOUSING UNIT AT 4215 VENARD ROAD

#### ORDINANCE NO. 5457

**Motion:** Commissioner Neustadt, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, moved to adopt this item.

**Votes: Yea:** Commissioner Neustadt, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Hosé, Commissioner Olsen, Commissioner Rheintgen, Commissioner Barnett; Mayor Tully

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

## 7. Motion to Adjourn Sine Die (Without Date)

**Motion:** Mayor Tully asked for a Motion to adjourn sine die.

Commissioner Neustadt, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, moved to adjourn sine die.

## Mayor's Acknowledgment and Recognition of Service

Mayor Tully recognized the departing members of the Council for their service to the community. He introduced Commissioner Becky Rheintgen and thanked her for her four years of service on the Village Council and Community Events Commission. The Mayor then presented Commissioner Rheintgen with a plaque, and a gift from the Downtown Management Corporation.

Mayor Tully introduced Commissioner Geoff Neustadt and thanked him for his eight years of service as a member of the Village Council, as well as his service on numerous Committees in the Village. He also presented him with a plaque and a gift from Downtown Management Corporation.

The Mayor then introduced Commissioner Sean Patrick Durkin who served on the Village Council for ten years, as well as the Liquor Commission. He has more than 22 years of public service to the community. Mayor Tully presented him with a plaque and a banner from the Downtown Management Corporation.

Mayor Tully thanked the Commissioners for their services and added a special thank you to their families for the sacrifices they made during those years of service.

Commissioner Rheintgen spoke of meeting Geoff Neustadt and serving on the Community Events Commission with him. He helped orient her to her position as Commissioner. She said that Commissioner Durkin has always been an asset to the Village and did what was best for the community. Commissioner Rheintgen added that she feels strongly about community service believing it is important to give back to the community. She encouraged the new Council to try and build bridges and not walls. It has been her honor to serve and she is better for the experience.

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Commissioner Neustadt invited his young son to join him while he thanked the Mayor and Downtown Management for the gifts, and he thanked people for their support. Serving the community has been an exceptional experience for him. He said serving has helped him renew his determination to continue working for the community. Commissioner Neustadt said he is proud to have made a difference, noting that it is important for the community to watch and act. He acknowledged the staff, which he called the real heart of the organization. He expressed deep appreciation to the staff for welcoming him when he joined the Council. He will cherish the friendships made at 801 Burlington. Working with the members of the Village Council has also been an honor. He thanked his friends and family for their support, saying it has been his pleasure to serve.

Commissioner Durkin thanked his wife and family for their support during his years of service to the community. It says something when your children are excited that you will be able to spend Tuesday nights with them, and that puts the election into perspective. He has been an elected public servant for more than 15 years and served in two communities. It is not easy to take hard votes and listen to both sides of the aisle. He regrets none of the votes he placed and stands behind every vote he cast. He believes that we need to come together as a community. There is a reason that the Village of Downers Grove was voted as one of the top ten friendliest communities in the United States.

Commissioner Durkin said the real winner in this election is his family because he gets to be a full-time husband and dad. He highlighted three awards that the Village has achieved since 2006, which include going from AA to a AAA bond rating, its ISO rating which has gone from a 3 to a 1, and its police accreditation with excellence rating. He noted that there are only five other communities in the United States that have achieved those goals. Those accomplishments took a lot of work by staff and by Council. He said his dream is that this continues for a long time, and he wished the best to the Mayor and the new Council.

Mayor Tully thanked the Commissioners again for their service.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried and this portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. The Mayor then called for a short break before the swearing-in ceremony of the new Council.

## **8. Swearing-in Ceremony of Mayor and Commissioners**

Mayor Tully introduced Judge O'Halloran Walsh to oversee the swearing in ceremony for Mayor Tully, Commissioners Gina Vattimo, William White, and William Waldack.

## **9. Roll Call**

Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner White, Commissioner Vattimo, Commissioner José, Commissioner Olsen, Commissioner Barnett; Mayor Tully

Non-Voting:

Village Manager Dave Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca, Village Clerk April Holden

Mayor Tully called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m.

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## 10. Mayor's Report

### New Business

**RES 2015-6218** — A. Resolution: Appoint Members to Boards and Commissions

**Summary:** This makes the following appointments:

#### MAYOR PRO TEM

Appoint Commissioner Olsen as Mayor Pro Tem

#### DEPUTY LIQUOR COMMISSIONER

Appoint Commissioner Olsen as Deputy Local Liquor Commissioner

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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

#### DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

Appoint Commissioner Waldack as Ex-Officio Council Representative to the Downtown Management Corporation

#### COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMISSION

Appoint Commissioner White as Chair of the Community Events Commission

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Appoint Marge Earl as Chair for a term expiring August 31, 2016

Appoint Timothy Werner for a three-year term expiring August 31, 2018

#### PLAN COMMISSION

Appoint Mark Thoman for a three-year term expiring August 31, 2018

Appoint Irene Hogstrom for a two-year term expiring August 31, 2017

#### POLICE PENSION BOARD

Appoint Bill Nienburg for a three-year term expiring August 31, 2018

### **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

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## RESOLUTION 2015-31

**Motion:** Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner Hosé, moved to adopt this item.

The Mayor asked the three new members of the Village Council to share their feelings.

Commissioner White thanked everyone who voted in the recent election, and thanked the departing Commissioners as well as those newly elected and re-elected. Each of them needs to bring their own unique voice to the dais. He considers himself as a representative of the community. Commissioner White then thanked his family for their love and support.

Commissioner Vattimo thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve, and the outgoing Commissioners for their service. She looks forward to serving on the Council and working with staff and the other Commissioners.

Commissioner Waldack thanked the voters for placing their trust in him again. Voters want a responsible and a responsive government. He said that the Council needs feedback from the community. He is hopeful for the Village's future and wished the new Council the best of luck.

Mayor Tully then thanked the residents for putting their confidence and trust in him for another four years as Mayor. He thanked his family and friends for their support, stating he is particularly grateful to his family, mother, siblings, sons and his wife. He then recognized his 99-year old grandfather and thanked him for being present at this meeting.

The Mayor then welcomed the three new Commissioners and congratulated them on their elections. He said that the Council will be assessed by what we do, and they stand on the shoulders of those who came before. He noted that it is a very diverse Council, in backgrounds, age, experience, ideology, geography and more. It reflects the diversity of the community. Their challenge is to come together and achieve collectively what they cannot achieve alone. He looks forward to working with the Council, the staff and residents.

**Votes: Yea:** Commissioner Olsen, Commissioner Hosé, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner White, Commissioner Vattimo, Commissioner Barnett; Mayor Tully

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

## 11. Public Comments

This is the opportunity for the public to comment on non-agenda items.

Bill Wrobel, 7800 Queens Court, said that he is a member of the Chicago Area Theater Organ Enthusiasts, and announced that there will be a major event at Downers Grove North which has a Wurlitzer theater organ. This is the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its installation. There will be an event starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Tivoli on June 27, and continuing at 2:00 p.m. at Downers Grove North. The cost is \$30 for both shows. Mr. Wrobel said this is being advertised nationally and internationally. The Village is unique in that it has two organs within walking distance of each other.

Tom LeCren, 545 Chicago Avenue, has been a resident since 1967 and attends most Council meetings. He expressed his sincere thanks to those who serve the Village and their families. He wished this Council good luck.

Mark Thoman, 1109 61<sup>st</sup> Street, asked that the Council consider a trial run of recycling bins in downtown Downers Grove.

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Mayor Tully then recognized former Commissioners Tom Sisul and Marilyn Schnell, and former Mayor Brian Krajewski who were in the audience.

## 12. Council Member New Business

Commissioner Barnett gave recognition to the former Commissioners and thanked them for their service. He reviewed many of the Village's successes and said he looks forward to new working relationships with the new Council.

Commissioner Olsen thanked his former colleagues for their service and welcomed the new Council members into office. He is looking forward to working with the Council and the Mayor. He thanked the Mayor for the confidence he has in him to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. He then quoted from Ecclesiastes the passage "For everything there is a season." For the Village Council today is a time to listen, lead and govern. Now is our time to do the people's work.

Commissioner José thanked everyone for their service, saying it is important to acknowledge where we've been. He looks forward to working with the new Council and building on previous successes.

## 13. Adjournment

Mayor Tully asked for a Motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Olsen moved to adjourn. Commissioner White seconded the motion.

**Votes: Yea:** Commissioner Olsen, Commissioner White, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Vattimo, Commissioner José, Commissioner Barnett; Mayor Tully

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April Holden  
Village Clerk