

Staff Responses to Council Questions October 6, 2015

8. Active Agenda

A. Motion: Authorize a \$20,000 Contribution to the DuPage Senior Citizens Council (DSCC) for the Meals on Wheels Program for FY 2015

Please provide a list of the actions taken in FY15 to reduce expenses in light of the state budget crisis.

In response to the proposed cuts in state-shared revenues, the Village identified \$1.2 million in expense reductions including:

- Held 9.25 FTE positions vacant
 - Business Technology Director
 - Firefighter Paramedic
 - Police Officer
 - VOC Operator
 - Accounting Specialist (.5)
 - Deputy Village Clerk
 - Management Fellow
 - Publications Technician (.75)
 - Budget Officer
 - Staff Engineer
- Deferred equipment replacement purchases
 - No vehicles replaced in FY15
- Reduced staff travel and training

In response to the hold on Motor Fuel Tax funds as a result of the budget impasse, the Village completed all planned street resurfacing projects by:

- Using \$400,000 in MFT Fund balance
- Using funding previously allocated for the gateway signs projects
- Deferring the Public Works building parking lot reconstruction to FY16.

9. First Reading

A. Resolution: Authorize an Amendment to the Agreement with Allied Waste Services of North America, LLC

I don't recall Amnesty Day ever requiring more than 3 stickers. Why 5 and at a higher rate for stickers? Why the justification for fewer stickers for carts? It costs the same to pick up extra "loose" piles whether they have stickers or carts sitting next to them?

The proposal that Republic Services originally submitted prior to the August 18th Village Council Meeting stated that 5 stickers would be required to participate in Amnesty Day for sticker customers and that cart customers would be required to provide fewer stickers. Those contract extension terms have not been modified.

Could the Council choose to have downtown recycling for two years instead of one amnesty day while keeping all other key terms of the contract the same?

Yes. Republic Services has indicated that they are willing to accept this change. If so directed by the Village Council, staff would work with Republic to revise the existing contract extension language.

C. Ordinance: Rezone the Downers Grove South High School Campus Located at 1436 Norfolk Street from R-1, Residential Detached House 1 to INP-2, Campus-Scale Institutional and Public District

Years ago, the DGS Campus required trailers to be set up as classrooms. Down the road, how would rezoning affect the setting up of trailers or such temporary structures on the campus?

The installation of temporary trailers for classrooms would require Village Council approval as part of an amendment to the Institutional Master Plan.

Does the property need to be contiguous? Could property located across a street be considered contiguous or become part of the zoning?

By definition, the boundary of the zoning district extends to the centerline of a street. As such, a property across the street can be rezoned to INP-2 if it meets all the standards to be zoned INP-2.

Is this more properly called Community District 99 South?

The application submitted by Community School District 99 noted the project to be Downers Grove South. The Village uses common names when referring to projects to ensure residents are aware of the proposed projects and their locations. The legal description in the ordinance is what legally binds the action.

G. Ordinance: Vacate a Certain Portion of the Forest Avenue Right-of-Way Located Immediately South and North of and Adjacent to Downers Grove North High School Campus

In accordance with vacation procedures, what would the Village receive in compensation for the vacated properties?

As proposed, the Village is not receiving monetary compensation for the vacated rights-of-way. The vacation is part of a land swap in which the Village is receiving right-of-way surrounding the Forest Avenue cul-de-sac immediately south of the high school.

What is meant that part of the property would be “dedicated”? Who assumes liabilities?

Dedication is the transferring of land to a governmental body for public use. The school district

will be transferring a portion of their privately owned land to the Village for the Village's use as Forest Avenue right-of-way. Currently, a portion of the existing cul-de-sac and surrounding sidewalk are located on private property owned by the school district. Once dedicated, the cul-de-sac and sidewalk will be the responsibility of the Village.

Since some of the property technically and legally belongs to the Village, Does the High School District have any "rights" to this property based on their usage and tax situation etc.? Has it become theirs by right?

It appears that the property in question was not properly vacated in the 1920s and 1950s. This proposed process will clarify the ownership of the property. It is possible for the school district to claim adverse possession of the property since it has occupied the land for over twenty years.

Online Comments

rEmarks are attached.



rRemarks Data for October 6, 2015 Village Council Meeting

Agenda Section	Agenda Item	Comment	Commenter
First Reading	B. ORD 2015-6420 An ordinance authorizing a special use for 1201 Ogden Avenue to permit construction of a commercial building with drive-through use with a variation	Please do not allow an entrancing curb cut off of Ogden Ave as with the Starbucks next door to the east there are traffic jams from people trying to get in.	Willis Johnson, 4506 Lee DG