

# Meeting Minutes

Village of Downers Grove - Council Meeting

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Council Chambers

10/13/2015

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

**Council Attendance (Present):** Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner White, Commissioner Vattimo, Commissioner Hosé, Commissioner Olsen, Commissioner Barnett; Mayor Tully

**Absent:** None

**Non-Voting:** Village Manager David Fieldman; Village Attorney Enza Petrarca; Village Clerk April Holden

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The Mayor stated that at the appropriate time the presiding officers 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.

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

MIN 2015-6458 — A. Minutes: Council Minutes - October 6, 2015

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**Motion:** Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner White moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried by voice vote.

#### **4. Proclamation**

Mayor Tully read a proclamation declaring October 2015 as National Community Planning Month. He presented Stan Popovich, Director of Community Planning and members of the Architectural Design Review Board, the Ad hoc Committee on Historic Preservation, members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Plan Commission with the Proclamation.

Mr. Popovich said this year's theme for Community Planning Month is healthy communities, healthy people. Mr. Popovich thanked the Mayor and the two planners on his staff and acknowledged the work of the various planning boards and commissions. He also thanked the Mayor and Council for their sound commitment to planning.

Mayor Tully thanked Mr. Popovich and the Community Planning staff, as well as the volunteers of the various Boards and Commissions who serve the Village.

#### **5. Public Comments**

This is the opportunity for public comments.

Bill Wrobel, 7800 Queens Court, said he heard a commercial regarding ComEd smart meters. He said that Darien is having a meeting about this project this week, but he doesn't recall seeing this reported in Downers Grove.

Village Manager Dave Fieldman said that representatives of ComEd would meet with the Council in November, once at a Council meeting and once at a Town Hall meeting. Information will be reported on the Village's website.

Mr. Wrobel asked whether residents would be able to choose or not choose a smart meter.

Mayor Tully said he believes it is mandatory.

Mr. Fieldman said staff would learn about the options. There is likely to be an opt-out provision.

Mayor Tully reiterated that this would be the fourth town hall meeting with ComEd.

#### **6. Consent Agenda**

**BIL 2015-6454** — A. Bills Payable: No. 6220, October 13, 2015

**MOT 2015-6451** — B. Motion: Authorize a Change Order for \$18,500.00 to D. Ryan Tree & Landscape, LLC, DeKalb, IL, for Ash Tree and Stump Removal Services

**Summary:** This authorizes a change order to an existing one-year contract for Ash Tree and Stump Removal services to D. Ryan Tree & Landscape LLC of DeKalb, Illinois in the amount of \$18,500.00.

**MOT 2015-6452** — C. Motion: Award \$43,034.00 to HD Supply Waterworks Ltd, Carol Stream, IL, for Supply of Fire Hydrants

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**Summary:** This awards a contract for the supply of fire hydrants to Water Products Company of Aurora, Illinois in the amount of \$43,034.00.

**MIN 2015-6469** — D. Minutes: Note Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

**Summary:** Architectural Design Review Board and Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Historic Preservation - September 16, 2015; Plan Commission - September 14, 2015; Stormwater and Flood Plain Oversight Committee - September 10, 2015

**Motion:** Commissioner Olsen moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner White seconded the motion.

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

Nay: None

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried.

## 7. Active Agenda

**ORD 2015-6420** — A. Ordinance: Authorize a Special Use for 1201 Ogden Avenue to Permit Construction of a Commercial Building with Drive-Through Use with a Variation

**Summary:** This authorizes a special use for 1201 Ogden Avenue to permit construction of a commercial building with drive-through use with a variation.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR 1201 OGDEN AVENUE TO PERMIT  
CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMERCIAL BUILDING WITH DRIVE-THROUGH USE WITH A  
VARIATION**

**ORDINANCE NO. 5480**

**Motion:** Commissioner Olsen moved to adopt "An Ordinance Authorizing a Special Use for 1201 Ogden Avenue to Permit Construction of a Commercial Building with Drive-Through Use with a Variation," as presented. Commissioner White seconded the motion.

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

Nay: None

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried.

**ORD 2015-6421** — B. 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

**Summary:** This rezones 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.

**AN ORDINANCE REZONING THE DOWNERS GROVE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS  
LOCATED AT 1436 NORFOLK STREET**

**ORDINANCE NO. 5481**

**Motion:** Commissioner Olsen moved to adopt "An Ordinance Rezoning the Downers Grove South High School Campus Located at 1436 Norfolk Street," as presented. Commissioner White seconded the motion.

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

Nay: None

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried.

**ORD 2015-6422** — C. Ordinance: Adopt an Institutional Master Plan for the Property Located at 1436 Norfolk Street Commonly Known as the Downers Grove South High School Campus

**Summary:** This adopts an Institutional Master Plan for the property located at 1436 Norfolk Street, commonly known as the Downers Grove South High School Campus.

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN INSTITUTIONAL MASTER PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT 1436 NORFOLK STREET COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE DOWNERS GROVE  
SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 5482**

**Motion:** Commissioner Olsen moved to adopt "An Ordinance Adopting an Institutional Master Plan for the Property Located at 1436 Norfolk Street Commonly Known as the Downers Grove South High School Campus," as presented. Commissioner White seconded the motion.

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

Nay: None

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried.

**ORD 2015-6423** — D. Ordinance: Rezone the Downers Grove North High School Campus Located at 4436 Main Street from R-4, Residential Detached House 4 to INP-2, Campus-Scale Institutional and Public District

**Summary:** This rezones the Downers Grove North High School campus located at 4436 Main Street from R-4, Residential Detached House 4 to INP-2, Campus-Scale Institutional and Public District.

**AN ORDINANCE REZONING THE DOWNERS GROVE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS  
LOCATED AT 4436 MAIN STREET**

**ORDINANCE NO. 5483**

**Motion:** Commissioner Olsen moved to adopt "An Ordinance Rezoning the Downers Grove North High School Campus Located at 4436 Main Street," as presented. Commissioner White seconded the motion.

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

Nay: None

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried.

**ORD 2015-6424** — E. Ordinance: Adopt an Institutional Master Plan for the Property Located at 4436 Main Street Commonly Known as the Downers Grove North High School Campus

**Summary:** This adopts an Institutional Master Plan for the property located at 4436 Main Street, commonly known as the Downers Grove North High School Campus.

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN INSTITUTIONAL MASTER PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT 4436 MAIN STREET COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE DOWNERS GROVE NORTH  
HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 5484**

**Motion:** Commissioner Olsen moved to adopt "An Ordinance Adopting an Institutional Master Plan for the Property Located at 4436 Main Street Commonly Known as the Downers Grove North High School Campus," as presented. Commissioner White seconded the motion.

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

Nay: None

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried.

**ORD 2015-6425** — F. 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

**Summary:** This vacates a certain portion of the Forest Avenue right-of-way located immediately south and north of and adjacent to the Downers Grove North High School Campus.

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING 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 THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 5485**

**Motion:** Commissioner Olsen moved to adopt "An Ordinance Vacating 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 the Village of Downers Grove," as presented. Commissioner White seconded the motion.

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

Nay: None

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried.

**RES 2015-6439** — G. Resolution: Authorize an Amendment to the Agreement with Allied Waste Services of North America, LLC

**Summary:** This authorizes execution of an amendment to the agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Allied Waste Services of North America, LLC.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND ALLIED WASTE SERVICES OF NORTH AMERICA, LLC**

**RESOLUTION 2015-65**

**Motion:** Commissioner Olsen moved to adopt "A Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Amendment to the Agreement Between the Village of Downers Grove and Allied Waste Services of North America, LLC," as presented. Commissioner White seconded the motion.

Dr. Gordon Goodman, 5834 Middaugh, said that he supports the initiative of recycling in the downtown area. He now understands that this is just for pedestrian traffic and not businesses or restaurants or apartments. There is a trial program with businesses. The northwest corner of the parking garage has containers for used oil and cardboard. That is covered by a separate contract. He is pleased to hear about this initiative and hopes that the Village gets more support from the downtown businesses.

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John Povlivka, 6016 Washington, questioned the funding source for the site-specific area of the downtown area. He cannot believe that the Village would ask residents to pay twice. The funding should be found in the downtown business area.

Mayor Tully replied that this is to encourage people visiting the downtown to use the receptacles. He said that the Village might want to look at funding as this progresses. This is a good opportunity to try this.

Bill Wrobel, 7800 Queens Court, said he has been advocating a disciplined trash program in the downtown area for months. Businesses still need to marshal all businesses in the downtown area regarding a common waste hauler. This should be examined more thoroughly. This is a step in the right direction, but a uniform policy needs to be established.

The Mayor responded that as the residential component of the downtown continues to grow they become an important component of the discussion. There are two issues: 1) whether everyone should use the same hauler; and 2) modification of the SSA.

Commissioner Waldack said he had concerns about calling this an extension, and the Amnesty Day. There is a price increase and he is not happy about it, but it is not worth opposing the extension. It is good to include the recycling downtown. We can go out for a bid if necessary in two years. He will support this.

Commissioner Barnett said that the garbage enclosure contract is not a Village contract.

Mr. Fieldman said that was correct.

Commissioner Barnett said this is limited to restaurant recycling.

Mr. Fieldman said that was correct.

Commissioner Barnett then asked how the Manager sees the process for deciding on Amnesty Day.

Mr. Fieldman said that the contract allows the Village to work with the waste hauler for the best day. The Village has a two-year window and staff will come back to the Council to select a day.

Commissioner Barnett noted that the Amnesty Day convenience doesn't sit well with him as there is no sorting at all and everything ends up in the landfill. He would have preferred bids, and is reluctant to vote for the contract.

Commissioner José noted the increased cost of Amnesty Day, but other costs are flat and include the downtown recycling. He will support this.

Mayor Tully stated that he would support this. The Village has had satisfactory service, with no increase for the trash portion, and while the Village could have gone out to bid, there is an opportunity cost to do so and it makes sense to extend the contract given the cost considerations and service levels. He is glad to be able to provide an Amnesty Day to residents who have asked for it. They are also adding a recycling program in the downtown area. This is done at a nominal cost.

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

Nay: Commissioner Barnett

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried.

## 8. First Reading

**ORD 2015-6470** — A. Ordinance: Amend Certain Provisions of the International Building Code

Mr. Fieldman noted that Items 8A-8D are related to Building Code amendments and introduced Alex Pellicano, Building Division Manager, to discuss these items.

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Alex Pellicano, Building Division Manager, introduced four items for discussion: Chapter 7, Buildings; Chapter 8, Business and Activity Licenses and Regulations; Chapter 10, Electricity; and Chapter 16, Plumbing. The driving force behind these changes is a high priority action item to review building codes and amendments.

Mr. Pellicano said the proposed changes to Chapter 7 are stricter than the code standard and are business friendly. They include exempting open parking garages from high-rise fire protection measures. Chapter 7 also includes requiring sprinklers for miscellaneous structures only if they are over 5,000 square feet. Type III construction will be allowed in all zoning districts, subject to fire protection measures. This would require wood trusses and I-joists to conform to the 1-hour fire resistance rating. Finally, Chapter 7 proposed changes requires alarm systems upgrades only in new systems.

Amendments to Chapter 8 include eliminating Village licensing of electrical contractors with 12/31/2015, as the last day new licenses will be issued, and 12/31/2016, as the date when all renewed licenses expire.

Chapter 10 amendments for electricity provide that electrical permits will continue to be issued only to qualified persons from another Illinois municipality that issues via testing; from persons who pass an industry exam, and other qualifications such as a valid 2016 Downers Grove Electrical License.

Chapter 16, Plumbing, contains a proposed required local amendment to the Illinois Plumbing Code requiring WaterSense labeling on all new plumbing fixtures. State law now also requires all Lake Michigan water permittees to show conservation efforts being made.

Mr. Fieldman said all of these amendments are business friendly and safe to the residents of Downers Grove. He said that more information is available on the Village's website.

Commissioner Waldack said that the comment was made that these changes are more restrictive, yet some changes seem less restrictive. Not requiring certain electrical boxes where they are now is less restrictive. He is trying to understand why this is more restrictive. Also going from a steel construction to wood treated construction is less restrictive.

Mr. Fieldman said the proposed amendments are less restrictive than the Village has now, but are more restrictive than the national and international codes.

Commissioner Olsen thanked the staff for bringing these forward, as they are addressed in the Long Range Plan (LRP). He is thrilled to see the LRP working and thanked staff for their work.

Commissioner White asked whether the Fire Department has reviewed these changes. Mr. Fieldman replied that the Fire Department and the Fire Prevention Bureau have been part of the amendment process and they are comfortable with them.

Commissioner Barnett said he is happy to see these go forward. This is an example of lean principles, focusing on our goals. He said that the Village needs to look at reducing costs and he appreciates the work and encouraged staff to continue in this vein.

Commissioner José commented that this is a good move to reduce regulations on businesses and residents in our Village while still maintaining high standards. He highlighted Type III construction in the downtown area. He has advocated this in the past and he is glad to see this included. The wood joists would be fire treated and the buildings built in this manner would be completely sprinklered to maintain the highest standards in fire safety. It lowers the construction costs significantly. He hopes to see savings for developers and hopes it may spur additional development.

Mayor Tully stated that he appreciates furtherance of business friendly metrics. One way to measure ourselves in terms of being business friendly is by comparison, and he asked about comparison with other nearby communities in terms of the restrictiveness of our building codes. He would like to see ways to objectively measure how the codes are applied, the experiences of people, and how they fared with the Village, which is a difficult task. The Village is a facilitator, not a regulator. This achieves an "and" solution. He is glad to see these coming forward.

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Commissioner Waldack commented that he has had a lot of concerns about these changes. People don't come to the meeting because it's about building codes and that is not exciting. Building codes should be exciting, because they are important and they are about safety. The Village has to be sure to do things right. He doesn't think using wood is better than steel. He has seen fires where there was a life lost and a considerable amount of damage. He doesn't think the Village should relax its standards. This is a reduction in safety and he doesn't want to put profits ahead of safety, particularly with wood versus steel.

With regard to the electrical changes, Commissioner Waldack said it seems like a routine cost-cutting measure. He sees competing interests here with safety versus profits. We need to know that the person doing the electrical work knows what they are doing. It is not cost-effective for the Village to do the testing and licensing. He said his concern is that the Village will take licenses from other municipalities. Standardized tests are acceptable but sometimes a license will be granted by the lowest common denominator. He would like to tighten that provision.

Mayor Tully commented that when they talk about making this community business friendly, it also relates to residents. He hears complaints from residents as well. He commented that the Village would never sacrifice public safety in order for someone to do something cheaper. The Village does the best it can to achieve the balance of being friendly and safe. He respects the view that one needs to be careful regarding relaxing standards. Public safety and personal safety are paramount in striking the balance. He provided the example of having recently built a home with an octagonal-shaped sunroom. The Code requires that there be an electrical outlet on every wall, so he has eight outlets in that one room which is not as large as some SUVs. Having eight outlets makes no sense, but the Code says there has to be one on each wall. He said it is important to achieve balance of being attractive, friendly and safe.

Regarding Type III construction, Mayor Tully said that steel and concrete are safe but expensive. The Village needs to apply common sense. The advances in treated wood are such that they are very safe in sprinklered buildings, without the cost. Likewise, the Village cannot require that every home be sprinklered. It is too expensive. The Village uses common sense.

There were no comments from the public.

**ORD 2015-6455** — B. Ordinance: Repeal Electrical Licensing

**ORD 2015-6456** — C. Ordinance: Amend Electrical Qualification Requirements

**ORD 2015-6457** — D. Ordinance: Make Amendments to the State of Illinois Plumbing Code

**ORD 2015-6461** — E. Ordinance: Adopt the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget in Lieu of Passage of an Appropriation Ordinance

Mr. Fieldman said this is a continued discussion of the proposed FY16 budget. This was discussed at the Saturday Workshop, and this is another opportunity for further budget discussion.

Mayor Tully said that there are a series of steps prior to passing the budget. He said there was a nearly four-hour meeting this past Saturday on the budget. It was a good conversation, and this is a balanced General Fund that maintains appropriate reserves, and maintains service levels. He reviewed the budget schedule including meetings and public hearings.

Commissioner White commented that with the addition of the funding for Meals on Wheels he is prepared to support the budget.

Commissioner Olsen concurred with Commissioner White.



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Commissioner Barnett said he still has some challenges from Saturday's meeting. He has nothing new at this time and will provide more information next week. He is concerned about sidewalks, stormwater utility transfers, Meals on Wheels, and other topics.

Commissioner Waldack said he supports Meals on Wheels. He would like to see this as an ongoing program. The budget looks good to him. He would like to see the Village go through the process and encouraged people to review the budget and participate in the process.

Mayor Tully pointed out that there is an increase in the property tax levy due to the mandated public safety pensions. He said that the Council would discuss the levy at a future date. His regret in this budget is that they do not fund stormwater projects and maintenance at the recommended level. The #1 issue that people bring forward is stormwater. The Village is not following recommended funding levels. He encouraged the Council to look at making the recommended increases to move forward, and to catch up with the lack of funding of past years. He will not vote against the budget, but would support additional funds to address stormwater. Regarding sidewalks, if the Village is going to do sidewalks on a petition basis, he thinks that should be in the 2017 budget.

Commissioner Barnett said that the Village has a utility, and they should run it as intended for 2016. He suggested an adjustment to the transfer to reduce the increase in the pension levies and then make an adjustment to the stormwater utility fee to better reflect where we believe it ought to be. The Village has a lot of work and stormwater is underfunded. The existing utility is intended to serve a specific purpose.

Commissioner Olsen said he supports the current budget. He does not support increasing the stormwater fee in 2016.

Commissioner White commented that \$300,000 is a relatively small amount of the total stormwater fees. He would vote against an increase in 2016 to the stormwater utility; however, that would not keep him from voting against the budget.

Commissioner José said he opposes the \$300,000 transfer and said they should run the utility and continue to do so until the decision is made to eliminate it. We need to keep our commitment to address stormwater as we have too many residents and businesses that continue to flood in far too moderate a rain event. He thinks they should give the \$300,000 back to the taxpayers by applying it to the pension increase that is being pushed on the Village. The impact of the stormwater utility on our residents is lower than if the item were on property taxes.

Mayor Tully said that if they were to fund the stormwater utility they could offset the mandatory increase in pension contributions dictated by Springfield.

Commissioner Vattimo said she supports the budget and does not want to increase the stormwater fee.

Commissioner Waldack said he does not want to see an increase in the stormwater utility fee. He voted against it long ago and would do so again.

Commissioner White said that what concerns him about the argument of the stormwater fees saving tax dollars is that it saves taxpayer's money by shifting it to the businesses that do not contribute to the need for additional stormwater projects, such as businesses at 75th and Lemont Road or the businesses on Butterfield Road.

Mayor Tully said he doesn't agree with that approach. He would advocate for an increase whether we have the stormwater utility or not.

Commissioner White replied that they are having a mini-fight before they have a full-fledged discussion about stormwater in 2016.

Commissioner Barnett asked those not interested in raising the stormwater utility fee, what drives that decision. The stormwater needs are not in question. The question is how quickly we want to do projects. The plans and needs have not changed, and if anything, they have grown. He asked if there is an opinion that there are not needs.

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Commissioner José said that this is an opportunity to say that the Village didn't raise fees because that feels good. This discussion is required by the structure of the transfer and the structure of the budget. This is political messaging in his mind.

Mayor Tully noted that this conversation is not unique to this Council. People both pro and con have been reluctant to raise the stormwater utility fee.

Commissioner White commented that for him the decision to freeze the stormwater utility fee represents this Council making an agreement to disagree on the larger issue and to get an acknowledgement from the Council that this issue has to be addressed. It acknowledges that there is an understanding that the Council will have an honest discussion about whether to continue the stormwater fee in the future. To continue discussing this now undermines the fact that we have agreed to postpone the issue. He feels it is better to postpone this discussion to 2016.

Commissioner Waldack said that the \$893,000 increase in the budget is due to the pensions. Council does not control this and it has to be funded. This hopefully gets across to residents how pensions affect their pocketbooks. He also reminded everyone that a percentage of our population that relies on Social Security will not see a penny increase next year. He said that the Village should respect what is happening to our population.

Commissioner Barnett commented that about 1/3 of the population receives Social Security. There are many people that will have the same income in 2016 as they did in 2015. That is real money to a lot of people.

Dr. Gordon Goodman, 5834 Middaugh, said that it is appropriate that we are rebuilding the Planning Department. He has explained many times that the reductions were a disservice to the community. He is pleased to see the emphasis on rebuilding the Planning Department. He hopes that the Village can find good people to bring into the Department.

Mr. Fieldman said Coffee With the Council will be held on Saturday, October 17 at 9:00 a.m. at Fire Station 2 for further budget discussion.

## **9. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Tully said that one of the Village's outstanding not-for-profit organizations is Hope's Front Door located in downtown Downer Grove. They serve the less fortunate and are hosting a fundraiser on October 23 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Hinsdale Community House. Tickets are available at [www.HopesFrontDoor.com](http://www.HopesFrontDoor.com).

## **10. Manager's Report**

Mr. Fieldman recognized Ben DeAnda, Fire Prevention Chief, Alex Pellicano, Building Division Manager, and Mark Mourek of the Building Division. They all played a major role in the presentation made tonight by Mr. Pellicano. He thanked each of them for their outstanding work.

## **11. Attorney's Report**

Pursuant to Section 2.5 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code, the following are presented for Village Council consideration:

1. An ordinance amending certain provisions of the International Building Code
2. An ordinance repealing electrical licensing

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3. An ordinance amending electrical qualification requirements
4. An ordinance making amendments to the State of Illinois Plumbing Code
5. An ordinance adopting the fiscal year 2016 budget in lieu of passage of an Appropriation Ordinance

## 12. Council Member Reports

Commissioner Waldack said that Sunday, October 18, the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Cropwalk takes place at 2:00 p.m. at Gloria Dei Church. Donations received will be divided 75% to fight hunger globally, and 25% of the funds stay local.

Commissioner Vattimo announced that Helping Girls Navigate Adolescence (HGNA) celebrates their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Tuesday, October 20 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Emmett's Restaurant. HGNA is also having their annual pancake breakfast at Ballydoyle's on Saturday, October 24 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. She invited people to enjoy breakfast before participating in window painting in downtown Downers Grove.

Commissioner Olsen announced that SEASPAR is having their annual trivia night fundraiser on Friday, October 16 at Arabian Knights Farm in Willowbrook starting at 6:00 p.m. He also noted that the Exchange Club is considering starting a branch in Downers Grove with an informational membership meeting at Another Round on Monday, October 19 beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Main Street in Downers Grove.

## 13. Adjournment

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

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

Nay: None

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April Holden

Village Clerk