

# Meeting Minutes

Village of Downers Grove - Council Meeting

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Council Chambers

4/18/2017

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 Walus, Commissioner Earl, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner White, Commissioner Hosé, 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 2017-7343** — A. Minutes: Council Minutes - April 11, 2017

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

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Mayor Tully declared the motion carried by voice vote.

#### **4. Proclamation**

Mayor Tully proclaimed the April 28, 2017, as Arbor Day in the Village of Downers Grove and urged all residents to appreciate and care for their trees. He presented the proclamation to Nan Newlon, Director, Public Works, which oversees the Forestry Department.

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

This is the opportunity for public comments.

There were no public comments

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

**BIL 2017-7344** — A. Bills Payable: No. 6324, April 18, 2017

**MOT 2017-7328** — B. Motion: Authorize a Contract for \$1,868,543.23 to J.A. Johnson Paving Company, Arlington Heights, IL, for 2017 Street Resurfacing Contract A

**Summary:** This awards a contract for the 2017 Street Resurfacing Contract A to J. A. Johnson Paving Company of Arlington Heights, Illinois in the amount of \$1,868,543.23.

**MOT 2017-7334** — C. Motion: Authorize \$165,030.00 to Denler, Inc., Mokena, IL, for 2017 Pavement Crack Sealing

**Summary:** This authorizes a contract for 2017 Pavement Crack Sealing (CIP Project ST-004C) to Denler, Inc. of Mokena, Illinois in the amount of \$165,030.00.

**RES 2017-7332** — D. Resolution: Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code

**Summary:** This appropriates \$1,195,000 of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds for 2017.

#### **RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE**

#### **RESOLUTION 2017-31**

**MIN 2017-7345** — E. Minutes: Note Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

**Summary:** Liquor Commission - March 2, 2017

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

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioners White, Waldack, Walus, Earl, José; Barnett; Mayor Tully

Nay: None

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Mayor Tully declared the motion carried.

## 7. Active Agenda

**ORD 2017-7301** — A. Ordinance: Authorize a Special Use for 216 Ogden Avenue to Permit an Automobile Dealership with a Variation

**Summary:** This authorizes a special use for 216 Ogden Avenue to permit an automobile dealership with a variation.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR 216 OGDEN AVENUE TO PERMIT AN  
AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIP WITH A VARIATION**

**ORDINANCE NO. 5612**

**Motion:** Commissioner White moved to adopt "An Ordinance Authorizing a Special Use for 216 Ogden Avenue to Permit an Automobile Dealership with a Variation," as presented. Commissioner Waldack seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioners White, Waldack, Walus, Earl, José, Barnett; Mayor Tully

Nay: None

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried.

**ORD 2017-7326** — B. Ordinance: Approve a Redevelopment/Sales Tax Rebate Agreement with Westmont Lincoln, LLC

**Summary:** This approves a redevelopment/sales tax rebate agreement with Westmont Lincoln, LLC for the property located at 216 Ogden Avenue.

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT/SALES TAX REBATE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND WESTMONT LINCOLN, LLC**

**ORDINANCE NO. 5613**

**Motion:** Commissioner White moved to adopt "An Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment/Sales Tax Rebate Agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Westmont Lincoln, LLC," as presented. Commissioner Waldack seconded the motion.

Mayor Tully thanked the petitioner for choosing Downers Grove. We know you have choices.

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioners White, Waldack, Walus, Earl, José, Barnett; Mayor Tully

Nay: None

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried.

**ORD 2017-7302** — C. Ordinance: Amend Planned Unit Development #32 to Allow the Redevelopment of Oak Trace Senior Living Community Located at 200 Village Drive

**Summary:** This amends Planned Unit Development #32 and allows the redevelopment of Oak Trace Senior Living Community located at 200 Village Drive.

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT #32 TO  
ALLOW THE REDEVELOPMENT OF OAK TRACE SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY LOCATED AT  
200 VILLAGE DRIVE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 5614**

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**Motion:** Commissioner White moved to adopt "An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to Planned Unit Development #32 to Allow the Redevelopment of Oak Trace Senior Living Community Located at 200 Village Drive," as presented. Commissioner Waldack seconded the motion.

Mayor Tully said he walked through the criteria last week. At that time he said he would continue to review this, but nothing has caused him to change his opinion on this matter.

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioners White, Waldack, Walus, Earl, José, Barnett; Mayor Tully

Nay: None

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried.

## 8. First Reading

Mayor Tully explained that no formal action will be taken tonight on any of the First Reading items. He explained the procedure to be followed for these items.

**MOT 2017-7342** — A. Motion: Authorize a Letter of Intent with K. Hovnanian

Village Manager Dave Fieldman introduced the first item and asked Deputy Village Manager Mike Baker to make the presentation.

Deputy Village Manager Mike Baker explained that he would present the key terms of the Redevelopment Agreement with K. Hovnanian. Council directed staff to initiate negotiations at the March 21 Council meeting. This agreement provides sources of funding to support a combined Village Hall/Police Department facility. He noted that there is extensive information about the Facility Sustainability Plan on the Village's website.

Mr. Baker said the agreement includes a set of key terms and a revised site plan. The financial analysis has been updated based on the revised plans. The Village's primary objects are to increase the financial return to the Village, reduce risk for the Village and improve safety at the Washington Street crossing. He then showed a comparison of current and original townhome proposals. Both proposals call for construction in two phases. The increase in financial return is due to an increase in the number of units from 42 to 57. That also results in an increased purchase price for the land, and the taxes generated.

Mr. Baker then showed the site plan with key features including:

- The extension of Washington Street to Curtiss Street
- Phased construction. Three townhome buildings developed in Phase 1; the second phase will occur in six other buildings noted on the Site Plan
- Parking redistribution throughout the site around the parameters
- Inclusion of pedestrian walkways
- Availability of a portion of the property to the east of the site

Mr. Baker then gave a summary of key terms of the Agreement:

- Developer shall purchase the property in two phases
- Prior to Phase 1 closing, a redevelopment agreement is executed and the Village creates the TIF District and SSA
- Village approves materials and design
- Developer constructs Washington Street extension in Phase 1
- Construction is based on a schedule with default provisions for failure to perform

Mr. Baker then introduced the K. Hovnanian staff in the audience.

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Mayor Tully commented that the Village was fortunate to have received four proposals. He complimented staff for taking a good proposal and making it much better. This addresses multiple concerns including placing minimal burdens and risks on the taxpayers. Washington Street is a key consideration to him and he is thrilled that this will be addressed in Phase 1 of the project. He appreciates the housing stock this represents.

Commissioner Waldack commented that he disagrees in many ways. He said that the townhouse development is risky. There is no guarantee that this will move forward in both phases. He doesn't think any risk has been mitigated. The medical office proposal brought in the least money, but in his opinion would probably be built quickly. It would be more of a sure thing. Two of the proposals for apartments were friendlier to the taxpayers. If the apartments had worked out, the taxpayers could technically see a rebate. This proposal is in two phases and there is no guarantee that there will be a second phase, or how many units there will be in the first phase. He thinks this could be a financial disaster. If the developer does not complete Phase 2 they could possibly be in a land speculation situation. He thinks the taxpayers would get hit, and this is rolling the dice. He likes the idea of townhouses, but there are no guarantees. He doesn't think the Village should take that risk. Regarding the medical office building, Commissioner Waldack said there was an additional offer of \$1.5 million that makes it more attractive. He thinks they should run the numbers more carefully. Another possibility is a combination development with fewer townhouses in combination with a medical office building or apartments. He could support a combination. The Commissioner thinks they should look at that more closely. It could be attractive and help the parking situation downtown. He would like staff to have that conversation. Commissioner Waldack said that he cannot support this proposal at this time.

Commissioner José commented that he shares the Mayor's thoughts and thinks the results of the negotiation are impressive, but he will not support this. He thinks the numbers are still not good enough and it puts a burden on the taxpayers. If there are school contributions, Village revenue from the TIF will flow out and will mean a tax increase. He shares Commissioner Waldack's concerns about phasing. He understands that this could be a nightmare if both phases are not completed and the taxpayers would be left holding the bag.

Commissioner White said that he agrees with Commissioner José that a larger development minimizes risk, but there was opposition to building a denser building of 250-300 apartments at this location. He thinks the townhouse property is the best solution in consideration of the downtown as a whole and creates a beautiful bookend with Georgian Courts on the other side. The proposal design is very attractive. If school contributions reach a maximum they would be slightly beneath the DuPage Medical proposal. He doesn't think the medical office building fits the character and plan of the downtown. He would like to see all 57 units built, and is ready to go ahead with the townhomes, as it would add to the character of the downtown.

Commissioner Barnett commented that he wants to make some progress and get this off the ground and happening. He agrees with the comments regarding the tradeoff for density and the reaction from the community. His first choice was the office building and that was based upon risk. He continues to support the K. Hovnanian proposal moving forward. He still likes the medical office building, but the biggest driver is the risk question. He would like to see the unsolicited proposal. If they don't have four votes plus some, he would like more information. For the past two or three weeks he has not received surety in his discussions with colleagues one-on-one. If there are still questions then they need a complete set of data.

Mayor Tully commented that he has no degree of uncertainty. In his opinion, the numbers are there, and he is not persuaded to change his opinion. He thinks the medical office building is not a good fit in the Downers Grove downtown area. This is a superior tradeoff in his opinion. The Mayor noted that there has been little pushback from the community since the first vote. The suggestion of a combination proposal is a new concept. He noted that the Village did not ask for a combination in the RFP process. He said that the complexity outstrips the risk.

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Commissioner Barnett said that the Mayor has been totally clear and communicative. Commissioner Barnett said he agrees that complexity would kill this and would create more risk. He would not be interested in that at all. He simply wants math in front of them that would clarify the situation.

Commissioner Earl said all along she has been in the same place and doesn't think this is the time to be doing this. She would like to see the apartments presently under construction completed first. The medical building was never a fit in her eyes. She said this is a walk-to-train site and she sees no benefit for the downtown to have a medical building to sit unused, when people can be in a transit-oriented-development (TOD) site. Commissioner Earl noted that how dense the site is made is a different question. She believes the best proposal is the current one for the townhomes, however, she thinks it is too early to do this right now. There is risk, but staff has mitigated the risk. The risk isn't there in her mind.

Commissioner Walus expressed her opinion that this is a much better proposal and mitigates risk. She thinks there would be more complexity with a combination. At this time she doesn't think a medical building would be a good fit either.

Commissioner José commented that they do not need to maximize density. His concern is to protect the taxpayers. People were caught by sticker shock with the referendum. The balance is an apartment complex without maxing out density.

Commissioner Waldack commented that he doesn't see any reason not to run the numbers, and look at a combination if it's good for taxpayers. He noted that on April 22, Downers Grove Watch is having a forum to talk about choices. It is to get the parties together to talk about a combination proposal. He thinks it might be better to go with lower density apartments. The riskiest choice is the townhomes and they could do the most damage to the taxpayers. If the townhomes are not completed you would have apartments next to them. There are no promises and nothing has been mitigated in his opinion. The risk is on the residents.

Mayor Tully stated that a lot of this is objective, and he would like them to focus on the facts. There are multiple options to correct any path that doesn't go as planned. Anything can happen in any situation. Steps have been taken to drastically reduce the risk. Financial benefits are increased and that is a fact. If they don't like the proposal and want to do something else, fine; however, the main objective is to get the situation solved. He said that they all recognize they are trying to do this with minimum burden on taxpayers. He hopes that the Council can support this once a decision is made.

Commissioner White stated that they received a specific bid. It is not a secret bid. As far as running the numbers, there has been nothing secret about the alternative bid by DuPage Medical. His opinion is if they lose 40% of the revenue to the school district that ties with DuPage Medical. There are no numbers to run. If they lose 20% to the school district, townhomes are better. He thinks that part of why residents have asked questions are the two large construction holes at Main and Maple. Had the discussion taken place in the next two years, the opposition would be less because the current construction would be done. He said that the Village still has a plan to work on the Police Department. The Village asked for proposals. They had approved a plan to spend \$14 million on the Police Department. He doesn't think anyone would support that now. The townhome is the best fit character-wise, though perhaps not fiscally.

Commissioner Barnett noted he hears that five of the Council members do not support the medical office building. Each Council member is trying to do the best that he or she can for the residents, friends, family, and neighbors. This isn't us versus them. He encouraged the Council to avoid this type of dialogue. He is satisfied with the understanding of where his colleagues are, and hopefully they can move forward.

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Robin Tryloff, 1225 Parkway Drive, said she appreciates the fact that the Commissioners are doing their best to underwrite the Village campus. She is concerned about density and the big holes downtown. The plan looks claustrophobic to her. She doesn't believe people move to Downers Grove because of the commute. She thinks the Village has more than that to offer. It is possible that people are anticipating the Downers Grove Watch event. She supports the medical building and feels it fits in with the Village's character.

Mayor Tully said that there would be no vote taken tonight. There have been several meetings on this already.

Commissioner White said he thinks the final product will be gorgeous and will fit in with Downers Grove and add tremendously to its character.

Mayor Tully added that the Village gets to control all the aesthetics. He thanked everyone who responded to the RFP in the first place. The Village was given a terrific set of options to consider.

**ORD 2017-7310** — B. Ordinance: Amend Ordinance #5491 and the Village of Downers Grove Budget for Fiscal Year 2016

Mr. Baker said this ordinance amends the budget for 2016. In this case the amendment is for one fund, the Stormwater Fund, due to refunding of bonds.

**RES 2017-7271** — C. Resolution: Approve the Final Plat of Subdivision with an Exception for 5527-5531 Fairmount Avenue

Community Development Director Stan Popovich said this is to approve the final plat of subdivision for 5527-5531 Fairmount Avenue. The property is two lots that will increase to three lots. Preliminary engineering on this has been provided. He noted that water would be diverted from the front of the property to the back. A stormwater easement over the flood plain is a requirement.

Commissioner Barnett asked whether the stormwater easement is based on a fixed point. Mr. Popovich said it is based on an elevation as of a particular date. They do not expect the easement to change over time.

**ORD 2017-7341** — D. Ordinance: Create a Liquor License Classification for Arts & Crafts Studios

Village Attorney Enza Petrarca said this ordinance would allow a beer and wine license for arts and crafts studios. Food service is not a requirement but is allowed and encouraged. The Liquor Commission considered this proposed ordinance and recommended approval.

Mayor Tully said this is another example of the different business models that are becoming important in the area. This refers to a business wanting to come to Downers Grove. There was no category to attract or retain this type of business.

Commissioners White said he has seen this at other establishments such as Ballydoyle.

Commissioner Waldack said when he was first elected, a business would have to fit a classification. Now you have a business, location, and then get a special classification. It is business-friendly but it might become unmanageable someday. He will support this.

Mayor Tully said that if they create a category and the business doesn't go forward, it is eliminated after a period of time.

Ms. Petrarca noted that those changes are done by ordinance amendments.

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Linda Kunze of the Downtown Management Board thanked the Council for being open-minded about this. This business has 55 stores. More and more people are enjoying this type of business. She thanked the Council for being competitive with other towns.

**ORD 2017-7244** — E. Ordinance: Update the Village's Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Popovich commented that this is a continuing discussion. He reviewed the changes that have been tracked to date and they would be implemented.

Mayor Tully asked the Council members to get their comments to the Manager by next Tuesday.

Mr. Popovich said there were three additional points to discuss. The first is downtown functional subareas in the downtown area between Franklin, Main and Forest. The second area is 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, on the north side from Stonewall to Janes Avenue. The third area is Fairview Avenue at Maple Avenue, which refers to some realignment graphics. Those three areas are open to discussion.

Commissioner White said he thought they left off the downtown area as well.

Commissioner Barnett commented on the downtown functional subareas map saying the downtown edge could reasonably be extended along Forest up to Franklin, which has to do with the buildings on the west side of Forest. He thinks the buildings on the east side of Forest down to Franklin should be included as the downtown edge. He also thinks the south side of Rogers would be a better fit for downtown transition rather than edge.

Mayor Tully said he concurs with Forest as a downtown edge.

Commissioner José asked for transition heights versus edge heights. Mr. Popovich said the edge would be about 60'. The edge would be split into Edge 1 and Edge 2. Closer to the residential area, the transition area, the height would be 32-35' height and would have more yard/greenspace area.

Commissioner José then asked about the buildings on Forest. He thinks they should include the portion of Main Street, and extend the edge on both Forest and Main Street on the west side.

Commissioner White commented that some of the area between Franklin and Warren is more like the downtown core area. He is not so sure they want tall buildings on Main Street. The lots on Main are shallow.

Commissioner White then referred to page 110 saying that it is easier for him to understand when he sees a rendering of the buildings that actually exist. He would like them to include an updated version of the Pattern Book in the Plan as it helps to visualize what it would look like. He supports each and every recommendation made by the Plan Commission. There was a gap between what the community thought the downtown should look like, and the Comprehensive Plan. The downtown zoning process is very important and they need to complete talking about whether they will have design review, and public engagement regarding downtown zoning. He thinks the Comprehensive Plan should change with respect to the downtown area. He requested an update of the Pattern Book about two months ago and would like to see it placed in the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner White then commented that the three banking drive-thrus several years ago were thought to be catalyst sites for redevelopment. Buildings could be included in those locations. As for the building at the northwest corner of Maple and Washington they have to discuss it in terms of its height. He thinks that is also a catalyst site. He then referenced the parking lot across from Emmett's, which he thinks is an ideal spot as an extension of the historic core, and should be identified as a catalyst site. He referenced other parking lots as well.

The Pattern Book did an excellent job describing how to make a walkable, livable downtown. Commissioner White said they need to resolve the Comprehensive Plan and adopt it. They also need to understand that this would be the beginning of an 8-10 month process to leave the community with a sense of complete engagement regarding the future of the downtown. Commissioner White said they should finish the downtown zoning and design review proposals before staff vacates Village Hall.

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Commissioner Barnett asked whether they are going to react to this tonight, because he thinks they would need more time.

Mayor Tully asked about other thoughts concerning the downtown. He asked that those thoughts and suggested changes be reflected in a consolidated way so the Council can have a focused meeting with respect to the downtown. He said he would absolutely oppose delaying the facilities solution.

Commissioner White said they have talked about rerouting the streets. He thinks they have to get this done before the Village Hall is knocked down. Commissioner White clarified that they need to come up with final language for the Comprehensive Plan that in no way precludes or deters subsequent discussion.

Mayor Tully noted that the Comprehensive Plan is revisited every five years.

Mr. Fieldman commented that they are well positioned to move forward and consider the guidelines made by the Comprehensive Plan Committee and the Plan Commission.

Mayor Tully said that a punch list of issues raised should be prepared for further review.

Commissioner White suggested 63<sup>rd</sup> Street would be beautiful with townhomes there along the northern edge, with an alley in the back eliminating all 63<sup>rd</sup> street curb cuts. He thinks office use is not appropriate. The Maple Avenue realignment could create a nice triangle parcel, and is an opportunity for further development.

Commissioner Barnett commented about 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, suggesting that the north side be zoned residential, and remove the anticipation that it would be commercial use.

Mayor Tully said that is an attractive notion, and asked as to the viability of that becoming commercial.

Mr. Fieldman said that location is very challenging, particularly hard commercial retail. He said that the draft shows office use.

Mayor Tully asked about the average lot width of that area and Mr. Popovich said it would be 50'-60'. The Mayor said that area might not support residential-commercial unless you consolidate lots.

Commissioner Earl said she would have no objection to single-family attached, and would support curb cut consolidation to eliminate cars backing out onto 63<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Commissioner Barnett commented that Maple/Fairview is an opportunity-catalyst area. He noted that Rogers' and Maple's traffic volume must be part of the conversation. Rogers is narrow and parked heavily. He thinks the document should encourage substantial redevelopment for that area.

Commissioner José said they can't assess traffic issues until they know about the realignment of Maple. Rogers is over parked from Fairview basically into the downtown area. Some consideration has to be given to Maple as not just a residential street but as a connector to other communities.

Commissioner Waldack suggested considering Maple as a minor arterial with the function of moving traffic in and out of the Village.

Mr. Fieldman said the direction they heard is to keep the Maple/Fairview graphic, but augment it with language that discusses mitigating traffic impact on surrounding residential streets, while also trying to create redevelopment sites.

Commissioner José said there is a graphic on page 125 that he would like to see removed.

Commissioner White said they should not have graphics that do not match language.

Mr. Fieldman commented that staff would schedule a follow-up session to finish the downtown discussion.

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Robin Tryloff, 1225 Parkway Drive, said there is much about the Plan that she supports. Her concerns are on page 20, where the use of the word “retrospective” is confusing and counterintuitive, and she recommends removing the word. Secondly, regarding Saratoga Avenue, on pages 26, and pages 35 and 47 Saratoga is included as part of the downtown between Warren and Franklin. She said that part of Saratoga is considered downtown edge and downtown transition, which makes it eligible for dense residential, offices and public uses. She would be concerned about the southeast side if the senior property became available.

She would want that to enhance the neighborhood feel. Thirdly, the document throughout makes reference to the Village’s “unique character and identity” and she asked for a definition of those terms and the term “brand.” The development of downtown Downers Grove is so far inconsistent in her opinion. She referenced the blacksmith building and preserving the Village’s character. She thinks this should be developed because it is the oldest brick building in the Village. Ms. Tryloff’s last item is a “dream.” She said it would probably be inserted in this document in the far future. She quoted an article that talked about distinguishing one suburb from another. She spoke about the fact that the Village is adding quite a bit of density to the Village. One way to accommodate the potential is greenspace and functionality and beauty. She suggested as part of her “dream,” the creation of underground parking at the Library parking lot, and a park. There is a group of citizens that would support this. It could feature an outdoor sculpture, ample seating for Library clients, shoppers, etc.

Mayor Tully thanked her for her thoughtful and mindful comments. The Village is always ready to consider private/public partnership.

Commissioner White referenced the 2008 Pattern Book that has language about the Village maintaining its independent character that is unique to Downers Grove. Every community needs to have its own identity.

## 9. Mayor's Report

Mayor Tully commented that the DuPage County Mosquito Abatement Task Force has reported that our area has had a warm, mild winter. If we have a hot, dry summer, there may be fewer nuisance mosquitoes, but more that carry West Nile virus and Zika virus. Also ticks are a big concern as well. Lyme disease is also in Illinois, not just Wisconsin and Michigan. The Mayor said that the DuPage County Forest Preserve has changed its policies and procedures regarding health concerns, and will treat standing water areas with larvicide.

## 10. Manager's Report

## 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 Ordinance #5491 and the Village of Downers Grove budget for fiscal year 2016
2. An ordinance creating a liquor license classification for arts & crafts studios

## 12. Council Member Reports

## 13. Adjournment

**Motion:** Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Waldack seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioners White, Waldack, Walus, Earl, José, Barnett; Mayor Tully

Nay: None

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Mayor Tully declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April Holden

Village Clerk