

# Meeting Minutes

Village of Downers Grove - Council Meeting

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Council Chambers

06/18/2019

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 Bob Barnett 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 Barnett led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## 2. Roll Call

**Council Attendance (Present):** Commissioner Hosé, Commissioner Earl, Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt; Commissioner Kulovany; Mayor Barnett

**Absent:** Commissioner Walus

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

The Council meeting is broadcast live and a recording of the meeting is made using Village-owned equipment. The recording 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. First, immediately following approval of the minutes of past meetings, an opportunity will be given for public comments and questions of a general nature. If a public hearing is scheduled for this meeting, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions related to the subject of the hearing. Finally, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions on items appearing on the Consent Agenda, the Active Agenda and the First Reading.

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 Barnett 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 2019-8214 — A. Minutes: Council Minutes – June 11, 2019

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**Motion:** Commissioner José moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Earl seconded the motion.

Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried by voice vote.

#### **4. Public Comments**

This is the opportunity for public comments.

1. Willis Johnson, 603 Rogers Street, commented that this was a great evening as the Village Council will be at full strength by the end of the meeting. He said he hoped that a subject that will be considered by the Village Council is the new Village facility. He referenced the site of the Magnetrol building on Belmont Road. Safety issues are a concern, and the underpass at Belmont Road is a great asset for the Village. He sees this as a great advantage. He hoped the Council would look at this as how to make it work rather than why it would not work.

#### **5. Consent Agenda**

**COR 2019-8215** — A. Claims Ordinance: No. 6317, Payroll, June 7, 2019

**BIL 2019-8216** — B. Bills Payable: No. 6462, June 18, 2019

**RES 2019-8192** — C. Resolution: Authorize an Intergovernmental Easement Agreement with the Westmont Park District and the Village of Westmont

**Summary:** This authorizes the execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Downers Grove, the Village of Westmont and the Westmont Park District to construct stormwater improvements for the Deer Creek Subdivision.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, THE WESTMONT PARK DISTRICT AND THE VILLAGE OF WESTMONT**

**RESOLUTION 2019-45**

**RES 2019-8218** — D. Resolution: Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Darien for a Street Maintenance Program

**Summary:** This authorizes an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Darien for the completion of street maintenance improvements on Williams Street.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND THE CITY OF DARIEN FOR A STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECT**

**RESOLUTION 2019-46**

**MIN 2019-8217** — E. Minutes: Note Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

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**Summary:** Plan Commission – May 6, 2019; Zoning Board of Appeals – January 23, 2019

**Motion:** Commissioner José moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Earl seconded the motion.

Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried by voice vote.

## 6. Active Agenda

**ORD 2019-8160** — A. Ordinance: Establish an Administrative Procedure for Assessing and Determining Claims under the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act (PSEBA)

**Summary:** This establishes an administrative procedure to determine eligibility for continued health insurance benefits under the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act.

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE FOR ASSESSING AND DETERMINING CLAIMS UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ACT (PSEBA)**

**Motion:** Commissioner José moved to table to a date uncertain “An Ordinance Establishing an Administrative Procedure for Assessing and Determining Claims under the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act (PSEBA).” Commissioner Earl seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioners José, Earl, Kulovany, Sadowski-Fugitt; Mayor Barnett

Nay: None

Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried and the matter was tabled to a date uncertain.

**ORD 2019-8191** — B. Ordinance: Regulate Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

**Summary:** This regulates illicit discharge detection and elimination.

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION**

**ORDINANCE NO. 5766**

**Motion:** Commissioner José moved to adopt “An Ordinance Regulating Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination” as presented. Commissioner Earl seconded the motion.

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioners José, Earl, Kulovany, Sadowski-Fugitt; Mayor Barnett

Nay: None

Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried.

**ORD 2019-8211** — C. Ordinance: Amend Stormwater Provisions

**Summary:** This amends stormwater provisions.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING STORMWATER PROVISIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 5767**

**Motion:** Commissioner José moved to adopt “An Ordinance Amending Stormwater Provisions” as presented. Commissioner Earl seconded the motion.

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**Votes:** Yea: Commissioners José, Earl, Kulovany, Sadowski-Fugitt; Mayor Barnett

Nay: None

Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried.

## 7. Manager's Report

No report.

## 8. Mayor and Council Member Reports

### A. Mayor's Report – New Business

**RES 2019-8221** 1. Resolution: Appoint Cavanaugh Gray as a Village Commissioner

Mayor Barnett asked Village Clerk April Holden to read the resolution into the record.

**Summary:** This appoints Cavanaugh Gray as a Village Commissioner for a term expiring April 30, 2021, to fill the vacancy created by the election of former Commissioner Robert T. Barnett to Mayor.

#### **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CAVANAUGH GRAY AS A VILLAGE COMMISSIONER**

#### **RESOLUTION 2019-47**

**Motion:** Commissioner José moved to adopt “A Resolution Appointing Cavanaugh Gray as a Village Commissioner” as presented. Commissioner Earl seconded the motion.

Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried by voice vote.

### B. Swearing-in Ceremony

Judge Walsh administered the Oath of Office to Cavanaugh Gray as Village Commissioner for the Village of Downers Grove.

### C. Council Member Reports

Commissioner Kulovany read Commissioner Walus' report. She extended her congratulations to Commissioner Gray. She also congratulated everyone who was involved in Ben's Memorial Mile. Her report further announced that on June 25 from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Cadence Kitchen will celebrate the life of Anthony Bourdain with proceeds going to Ben's Memorial Mile. Commissioner Walus' report reminded everyone that RotaryFest is beginning this weekend and the weather will be incredible.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt announced that the Village Council members would be present at Rotary Fest. She invited the public to visit the Council at their table. She extended her congratulations to Commissioner Gray and said she was thrilled to have him on board.

Commissioner José welcomed Commissioner Gray, saying the experience he brings will be invaluable to the Village. He also thanked his colleagues for the manner in which this process was conducted. It was smooth and the Council worked well together.

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Commissioner Earl expressed her congratulations to Commissioner Gray as well, noting he is bringing a whole new skill set to the Council. She also thanked all those who applied for the vacant positions. There were great candidates, and this appointment was a unanimous decision.

Commissioner Gray thanked the Council and the Village of Downers Grove, and all those who brought him into the process. He thanked the Council for their openness. He also thanked his family for always supporting him in his endeavors. His wife, kids and Moms are always there for him. He hopes he can bring a different perspective to the Village. He comes from an academic perspective and hopes he can contribute to the Council.

Commissioner Kulovany also welcomed Commissioner Gray and thanked him for his willingness to serve. He encouraged people who want to get involved to look into applying to Village Boards or Commissions.

Mayor Barnett extended his welcome to Commissioner Gray. He brings a history of successful and innovative service for public benefit, a unique perspective related to small business development and over two decades of experience implementing entrepreneurial based strategies that help business startups scale. He is a published author and serves as an adjunct professor at Loyola University Chicago. The Mayor said as the Council moves forward and strives to do more for the residents of the Village, he believes the Village will have to look and act like a start-up in some ways. We will have to utilize creative low-to-no-cost strategies to improve return on investment for our residents and we will be challenged by limited financial resources. We will have to be smart and efficient as we identify opportunities for progress. This Council has the opportunity to bring a fresh perspective to long and short-term planning as we are rethinking and right-sizing local government. Cavanaugh has a record and a history that the Council believes can and will serve as a welcome and productive addition to the Village Council team. Everyone on the Council appreciates his willingness to serve.

## 9. Adjournment

Mayor Barnett asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion:** Commissioner José moved to adjourn. Commissioner Earl seconded the motion.

Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
April Holden  
Village Clerk