



# Meeting Minutes

Village of Downers Grove - Council Meeting

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**Council Chambers**

**September 12, 2023**

**07:00 PM**

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## 1. Call to Order

Mayor Barnett called to order the Village Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led those in the room in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He explained the protocol for the meeting and the guidelines to submit public comment.

## 2. Roll Call

**Council Attendance (Present):** Mayor Barnett, Commissioner José, Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt, Commissioner Gilmartin, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Davenport

**Council Attendance (Not Present):** Commissioner Tully

**Non-Voting:** Village Manager Dave Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca, and Village Clerk Rosa Berardi

## 3. Proclamations

A. National Preparedness Month

Mayor Barnett read the proclamation for National Preparedness Month.

## 4. Mayor's Report

**RES 2023-10018** — A. Resolution: Appointing and Reappointing Members to Village Boards and Commissions

Village Clerk Rosa Berardi read the following appointments and reappointments to Village Boards and Commissions:

### BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Appoint Samuel Slough to a three-year term expiring on August 31, 2026

### COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMISSION

Reappoint DJ Fiore to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2026

Reappoint Nicole Szydlowski to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2026

Reappoint John Aguzino to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2026

### ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMISSION

Reappoint Jim Watson to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2026

Reappoint Philip Bolton to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2026

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Reappoint Bill Styczynski to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2026  
 Reappoint Amy Gassen as Chair to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2026  
 Appoint Mary Purcell to a two-year term expiring August 31, 2025  
 Appoint Leonard Ver Vers to a one-year term expiring August 31, 2024

HUMAN SERVICE COMMISSION

Appoint Eric Donnelly to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2026  
 Appoint Adrienne Colvert to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2026

LIQUOR COMMISSION

Reappoint Bill Fenton to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2026  
 Reappoint Abhay Shah to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2026  
 Reappoint Vick Mehta to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2026  
 Appoint Yamili Saucedo to a one-year term expiring August 31, 2024  
 Appoint Rob Johnson as Chair

PLAN COMMISSION

Appoint Virel Patel to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2026

STORMWATER AND FLOOD PLAIN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Reappoint Scott Bobo to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2026  
 Appoint Joe Halleran to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2026

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION

Reappoint Tera O'Malley to a three-year term expiring on August 31, 2026  
 Appoint Alek Gaisel to a two-year term expiring August 31, 2025  
 Appoint Elaine McKenzie to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2026

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Reappoint Stephen Frost to a three-year term expiring on August 31, 2026  
 Appoint John Healy, Jr. to a three-year term expiring on August 31, 2026

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Reappoint Marti Sladek to a six-year term expiring August 31, 2029

**MOTION:** *To adopt A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO VILLAGE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, as presented. RESOLUTION 2023-49*

**RESULT:** *Motion carried 6-0 by roll call.*

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** *Commissioner José*

**SECONDED BY:** *Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt*

**AYES:** *Commissioners José, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett*

**NAYES:** *None*

Mayor Barnett spoke to the Village Council members about agreeing to embark on a process that involves getting more work done than has ever been done in the past. He displayed a slide that listed the Planned Agenda Items that the Council agreed on during Long Range Planning; these are the items to be worked on from September – December of this year. The Mayor stated that he wanted to speak with his fellow Council Members during the meeting in front of the public about this issue, as the Council has a commitment to the public. He explained the Council had agreed to start working on the list immediately, however, the next meeting on the schedule that would include all of the Council

Members in attendance was not until December 2<sup>nd</sup>. He noted this is understandable due to family, business commitments, and personal commitments, etc. The Mayor suggested to do things at a slower pace than had been decided a couple of weeks earlier, in an attempt to be able to move ahead and decide on things together as a Council. This would mean discussing items on the list when all Council members could be in attendance at the Village Council meetings. The Mayor spoke of the difficulties of trying to add Village Council meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month. He said the difficulties included coordinating the calendars of the Council members and dealing with scheduling conflicts with staff (commitments to other Boards and Commission meetings – i.e. Manager Fieldman is staff liaison for the Human Service Commission at needs to attend that meeting).

**Village Council Questions/Comments:**

Commissioner Davenport said he does not want to hold off on items because other members of the Council are not in attendance. He stated he wants other Council members to let their peers know what their stance is on the items being discussed, further expressing that the Council should pursue votes even if all members are not in attendance. Commissioner Davenport noted that he plans on attending all meetings.

The Mayor said this is not only about votes. He stated the Council is acting as Ad Hoc Committee to the Comprehensive Plan and there are conversations that would occur regarding zoning uses and boundaries. He does not believe having those conversations with only 4-5 member present would give staff enough information on what the Council's stance is and how to present an item appropriately for a Council vote.

Commissioner Gilmartin stated that it is unusual to have so many absences. He said based on the last couple of years of his experience, he has not seen this happen. He noted that since absences are mapped out, he suggested, and is open to, rescheduling some Village Council meetings to the fourth or fifth Tuesday of the month. The Commissioner stated if the meeting could be rescheduled, he believes the items on the list could be slotted and shifted differently than planned. He said he would make himself available as best he could and hopes all other Commissioners could do the same. Commissioner Gilmartin also recommended the shifting of Boards and Commission meetings in order to accommodate the possible rescheduling of Council meetings.

The Mayor noted there are other issues involved and elements that can affect when items can be discussed and voted on, such as Video Gaming and Liquor Licensing; there is a sequencing that needs to occur before Liquor Licenses be reissued and this is the case with many other items on the list as well. He gave the example of holding off until January to discuss Video Gaming and having to issue Temporary Liquor Licenses due to the timing.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt stated she does not plan to miss any meetings in the coming months and thinks the Council needs to move ahead as planned. She said she believes it would be a disservice to the residents if the timeline is already being adjusted. She said she would like to see if there is a way to have at least one discussion per issue before voting. Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt noted that her preference is not to push anything off.

The Mayor noted that previous discussions involving timelines (during Long Range Planning) made everyone aware that it may take longer than 2 ½ years to get through the list. He asked his fellow members not to get hung-up on any particular committed timeline, noting that the Council will work as fast as they can. The Mayor stated he hears what Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt is saying, but that it is hard to get the opinions of all Council members when they are absent from meetings. He said in the past, meetings have been canceled, some agendas have had a lighter load, while other agendas were bulkier with grouped items; this was all in attempt to have all members included in discussions. The Mayor said he hopes to arrange meetings so that the Council, staff, and residents can hear what positions each of the Council members has and so that all will see that progress is being made.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt stated that she believes that all Council members would give their opinions on items during meetings at some point over the next couple of months – some members giving their opinions on items at different meetings than others. She expressed her belief that it is their responsibility as Council members to be at the meetings because they have a commitment to the public.

The Mayor asked Village Manager Dave Fieldman if the planning process of the Comprehensive Plan would be a continuing dialogue.

Manager Fieldman noted at the front part of planning the Comprehensive Plan items/projects, the staff does not envision votes, ordinances, or motions, etc. He said instead, they envision continual dialogue that turns into informal direction from the Council. While using the Fairview Area as an example, Manager Fieldman explained there would be one or two conversations establishing the boundaries of the area and to get Council direction on land use recommendations. He said after that there would be further discussions regarding Council's direction on rezoning and what to tee up for the Plan Commission. In this instance, he explained there would be three to five meetings before the casting of votes.

The Mayor said if the Council wants to continue forward, even with Council absences, each of the Council members needs to realize that once a conversation happens (at a meeting they did not attend), the same conversation cannot be rehashed when they attend a future meeting.

Commissioner José started that he believed almost everything on the list, aside from video gaming, would most likely be unanimous in votes. He spoke of vision-type projects (such as Fairview, Pedestrian Safety, Budget and the Comprehensive Plan) and how the value is in the discussions among the seven Council members before the vote. He stated that one conversation can spark new/more ideas and conversations. He said without all the Council members in attendance, the dynamic changes. Commissioner José noted that he and his peers were all elected to provide a voice and vote, and it is of paramount importance that each of them be heard. He said the Council members need to be flexible to attend meetings, but also noted he will miss the first two meetings in October due to work and not because of a lack of commitment to his duty. The Commissioner said he believes that items involving discussion need to be rearranged to accommodate the lives of the Council members. He said things happen and it is important to continue moving forward and do the work the community elected them to do.

Commissioner Glover said he agrees with Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt and wants to push forward. He said he also agrees with Commissioner José, as he likes the conversations that have happened when all seven Council members have been in attendance. The Commissioner expressed he is having a hard time pumping the brakes the first week of the plan and would prefer having conversations on certain items over several meetings, further stating that he believes all Council members can express their stance that way.

The Mayor reiterated that is not realistic to restart conversations because Council members were not in attendance, but if someone simply wants to state their stance, that is fine.

Commissioner Gilmartin said he thinks there are two options that he hears: 1) Plow ahead, even if everyone is not in attendance; and 2) Slow down until everyone is present. Commissioner Gilmartin noted that he suggests a third option 3) Flexibility and finding a time when all members can attend meetings.

The Mayor said there two options and they are: 1) Plow ahead; and 2) Manage the agendas by grouping topics that need to be discussed at meeting when everyone is present (as they have been done in the past).

Commissioner Gilmartin stated that he does not see much of a difference between the options. He realizes it would mean making some accommodations and adjusting of agenda items, but he still believes it is pushing forward and there would still be a loss of discussions.

Commissioner José said that things would still be going on behind the scenes, regardless of how many Council members attend the meetings. He further stated that staff would have a certain amount of direction to take action and move forward, i.e. putting together an RFP for the Comprehensive Plan Consultant and they would bring back ideas to discuss further.

Manager Fieldman summarized the Council direction received:

1. *Village staff would move ahead with putting items on agendas, regardless of Council member attendance.*

Manager Fieldman noted that is not how meetings have worked in the past. He stated he hears three Council members saying the likelihood of one of them missing multiple meetings on a topic is slim.

2. *Managing agendas to get all members in attendance at key moments.*

Manager Fieldman said this has been done for years but the current challenge is the unusual workload and Council member absences. He said if they move ahead in this manner, it will be November 14<sup>th</sup> before any meaningful discussions start.

Manager Fieldman said if the Council decides to move ahead and attempt to change meeting dates, it will be difficult because Village policy and practice dictates that Council meetings and Boards and Commission meetings cannot occur on the same night. He said if the Council sticks with current meeting schedule and practice of managing agendas around planned absences, things will slow down. Manager Fieldman reiterated that adding additional meetings would be challenging.

The Mayor reviewed some of the dates and the number of Council members that would be in attendance over the next couple of months. He stated that the average number of Council members in attendance would be about five Council members per meeting.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said she would like to leave the meetings where there will be only five members and prioritize certain items for when at least six would be present. She noted in the past the Council dealt with having one Council member out for an unexpected amount of time. She suggested the Council members call each other, one-on-one, or discuss items with Village staff to express their stance. Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said she believes waiting until November 14<sup>th</sup> is a disservice to the community and she would be okay with special meetings. She suggested prioritizing the meetings with at least six Council members present.

Commissioner Davenport said he is flexible and okay with special meetings. He noted he sees value in hearing all voices on the Council and believes the onus is on any Council member that will be absent to let his/her peers know their stance on items. The Commissioner concluded by stating that there may be a meeting he misses next year and does not expect anything be rearranged because of it.

The Mayor summarized that he believes he is hearing that no one wants to wait until November 14<sup>th</sup>. He said there is not a straight answer because the list ahead of them is a difficult list. He concurred with Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt's suggestion to have six present and said they can have a special meeting if a particular issue requires all seven, again noting the difficulty in scheduling them. The Mayor asked if Manager Fieldman had enough to take the next steps necessary.

Manager Fieldman said yes, that there will be more conversations and the staff and Council would be flexible and work collaboratively, as they always have, and move forward. He concluded by stating that if the staff misses the Council's expectations, they would ask for feedback and will be sure to head in the direction the Council wants them to.

The Mayor asked Council members to keep Manager Fieldman apprised of when they will be absent.

## **5. Minutes of Council Meetings**

**MIN 2023-9910** - A. Minutes: Village Council Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2023

**MOTION:** To adopt the meeting minutes of the September 12, 2023, Village Council Meeting, as presented.

**RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner José

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

**AYES:** Commissioners José, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett

**NAYES:** None

## 6. Public Comments

Warner Kiunte, a resident, spoke about his personal story involving diversity and inclusion and he also expressed concerns with comments that were made recently at the library. He stated that Downers Grove was accepting of him and his family when moving to town and he stressed the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion within the community.

Janet Whittingham, a resident, thanked the Public Works Department for their communication with residents during a water main break situation near her home. She also stated wanted the Council to focus on quality instead of speed with their plan; emphasized the importance of their attendance and discussions at the meetings; agreed that the Fairview area needed attention; expressed her disagreement with allowing video gaming; requested an explanation of the process for the items on the LRP list before the Council casts votes – stating it is important for the public to know how to follow along.

### Village Council Comments/Questions:

The Mayor said in the past he has heard comments from the public including things such as “it is a done deal by the time it gets to the public” and he believes this is because people miss meetings that have happened. He used Main Street as an example, which has had about a half a dozen meetings, starting four-five years ago with District 99. He said there have been public open houses, several mockup design concepts, and a couple of Village Council meetings. He said more was to come, including a scheduled neighborhood meeting (listed on the website). He said the Village does its best with announcing upcoming events via social media, the newsletter, and on the Village website, but sometimes the public feels it is not enough. He said the residents should stay engaged. He explained that all items have a similar process, citing Video Gaming as another example; there have already been roughly six meetings, spanning the last two Councils, and more are to be scheduled on the subject. The Mayor suggested following social media, the Village website, and reaching out to the Village Council by email. He said he hopes all residents stay engaged by participating and paying attention.

## 7. Consent Agenda

**BIL 2022-9800** — A. Bills Payable: No. 6752 – September 12, 2023

**MOT 2023-10021** — B. Motion: Approve a Three-Year Contract to Snow Systems of Wheeling, IL for Specialty Winter Operations Services

**Summary:** This motion awards a three-year contract for Specialty Winter Operations Services to Snow Systems of Wheeling, Illinois in the amount of \$413,125.35, which includes a 10% contingency.

**RES 2023-9979** — C. Resolution: Approve the Third Amendment to the License Agreement between The Village of Downers Grove and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (801 Burlington Avenue)

**Summary:** This resolution authorizes a third amendment to the license agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and New Cingular Wireless (AT&T) for the operation of an antenna on Village property currently located at 801 Burlington Avenue (to be relocated to 650 Curtiss Street), Downers Grove.

**RESOLUTION 2023-50**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS (AT&T) FOR THE OPERATION OF AN ANTENNA ON VILLAGE PROPERTY CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 801 BURLINGTON AVENUE (TO BE RELOCATED TO 650 CURTISS STREET), DOWNERS GROVE.**

***MOTION:** To adopt the consent agenda, as presented.*

***RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

***MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Hosé*

***SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt*

***AYES:** Commissioners Hosé, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett*

***NAYES:** None*

**8. Active Agenda**

**ORD 2023-10019** — A. Ordinance: Approving a Sales Tax Rebate Agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Downers Grove Cars, LLC, d/b/a Genesis of Downers Grove

**Summary:** This ordinance authorizes the execution of a Sales Tax Rebate Agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Downers Grove Cars, LLC d/b/a Genesis of Downers Grove, located 2424 Ogden Avenue.

***MOTION:** To adopt **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SALES TAX REBATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND DOWNERS GROVE CARS, LLC, D/B/A GENESIS OF DOWNERS GROVE**, as presented. **ORDINANCE 5989***

***RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

***MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Hosé*

***SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt*

***AYES:** Commissioners Hosé, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett*

***NAYES:** None*

**RES 2023-10023** — B. Resolution: Assigning the Sales Tax Rebate Agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Downers Grove Imports, LTD to Castle Motors of Downers Grove, LLC, Castle Cars of Downers Grove, LLC and Castle Imports of Downers Grove, LLC

**Summary:** This resolution assigns the Sales tax Rebate Agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Downers Grove Imports, LTD to Castle Motors of Downers Grove, LLC, Castle Cars of Downers Grove, LLC and Castle Imports of Downers Grove, LLC

***MOTION:** To adopt **A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING THE SALES TAX REBATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND DOWNERS GROVE IMPORTS, LTD TO CASTLE MOTORS OF DOWNERS GROVE, LLC, CASTLE CARS OF DOWNERS GROVE, LLC AND CASTLE IMPORTS OF DOWNERS GROVE, LLC**, as presented.*

**RESOLUTION 2023-51**

***RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

***MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Hosé*

***SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt*

***AYES:** Commissioners Hosé, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett*

***NAYES:** None*

The Mayor commented that Sales Tax Rebate agreements are generally structured so that there is a baseline dollar amount expected in sales and also a baseline in the portion of the sales tax collected as rebated. He said that Pugi Motors of Downers Grove (Volkswagen, Mazda, Hyundai and soon-to-be Genesis) recently sold their business, and the Village extended and restarted the agreements with the new ownership group because of this ordinance.

**9. First Reading**

**ORD 2023-10009** — A. Ordinance: Adopting the 2021 International Residential Code and Amendments Thereto

**ORD 2023-10028** — B. Ordinance: Adopting the 2021 International Building Code and Amendments Thereto

**ORD 2023-10029** — C. Ordinance: Adopting the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code and Amendments Thereto

**ORD 2023-10030** — D. Ordinance: Adopting the 2021 International Fire Code

**ORD 2023-10031** — E. Ordinance: Adopting the 2021 Fuel Gas Code and Amendments Thereto

**ORD 2023-10032** — F. Ordinance: Adopting the 2021 International Mechanical Code and Amendments Thereto

**ORD 2023-10033** — G. Ordinance: Adopting the 2021 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code and Amendments Thereto

**ORD 2023-10034** — H. Ordinance: Adopting the 2020 National Electrical Code and Amendments Thereto

**ORD 2023-10035** — I. Ordinance: Adopting the 2015 Life Safety Code and Amendments Thereto

**ORD 2023-10036** — J. Ordinance: Making Amendments to the State of Illinois Plumbing Code

**ORD 2023-10027** — K. Ordinance: Making Amendments to the Downers Grove Building Code

Community Development Director Stan Popovich presented and reviewed the codes to be adopted via PowerPoint. He showed the Building Code Schedule and reviewed a slide listing the current adopted codes from the 2015 International Code Council Codes. Mr. Popovich said that staff is moving to the 2021 Code on a majority of the items. He then noted the three State Mandated Codes:

- Current Illinois Plumbing Code
- Current Illinois Accessibility Code
- Current Illinois Energy Conservation Code (2018 IECC)

Mr. Popovich said the Village last adopted a 2015 set of Codes in August of 2017 and generally the Village updates codes every three years. He said the staff started a scheduled review late 2022/early 2023 and had a public open house in July, showing the changes. Mr. Popovich said the proposed effective date of the adoption of the codes is January 1, 2024. He also showed a slid listing the goals, highlighting the first goal: Protect the health, safety and welfare of Downers Grove Occupants. Mr. Popovich then reviewed the changes to each of the Codes.

**Village Council Comments/Questions:**

The Mayor explained this was the process the Village needed to follow to adopt the International Codes and to add any amendments the Village thought were necessary.

Commissioner Gilamartin asked for clarification of whether or not fencing was currently required around pools.

Mr. Popovich said with the existing code, if there is an automatic safety barrier already in place, there does not need to be a fence around it. He further stated he finds that most people put a fence up. He said this amendment would require the fencing.

Commissioner José said with regard to fire sprinklers being installed in new homes, he wants the Village to keep the requirement. He explained that he believed for a marginal cost, the sprinklers increased the safety of the residents and first responders.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said she echoes this and after conversation with staff, she pointed out that thought there may be a minimal cost up front, residents could potentially save money on insurance. She recognized that typically older homes are more prone to fires, but that one day new homes will get old and she would like to install safety measures now so that they will be in place in the future.

Commissioner Davenport complemented staff for putting this together and said this keeps the Village current, leading the way for other municipalities. He said he is opposed to disallowing PEX tubing in the plumbing code. He said though he understands some of the negatives, there are many positives. He pointed out that PEX is less expensive, has better water pressure and a higher burst strength, making it less prone to freezing problems. The Commissioner said most of the Chicago area is using it. He noted that he is opposed to making the fire sprinkler system a requirement and that it is not a minimal cost to the residents, further stating that residents would incur maintenance costs after installation. He said so much of what is in current Building Codes makes houses safer. He gave examples of other things required in the construction of new homes that address fire safety. He said the reason older homes are more susceptible to burning is because the current Building Codes were not in place when they were built in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. Commissioner Davenport said when putting fire sprinklers in new homes, the risk versus the cost does not add up. He said he agrees with the staff's suggestion to leave them out.

Commissioner José said he disagrees with Commissioner Davenport regarding PEX tubing. He said the staff's response to Council questions said that PEX is inferior to copper because it is less durable, has a shorter life span, the chlorine in the water speeds up the failure of PEX, and it is vulnerable to rodent attacks. Commissioner José compared it to being a step up from a garden hose and wants PEX banned. He noted that he knows many plumbers who agree with his assessment.

Commissioner Davenport said he thinks that is a mischaracterization. He said it is in the State Plumbing Code as allowable and when it was adopted, jurisdictions with the Home Rule Authority were not allowed to make changes to the Code. He said this is something DuPage County and other places pursued and made it possible to opt out. Commissioner Davenport stated there will be a new Energy Code and the Village would not be allowed to take things out of that code, though the Village can make things more stringent. He said he wanted to see the data that backed up the statements that Commissioner José referenced. Commissioner Davenport said he does not agree the quality of water is better with copper. He noted that this gives residents the option to use PEX or copper.

The Mayor said it can be challenging with seven Council members that all have different experiences and experience levels. He said he agrees with what has been presented tonight and said he has a list of clerical questions, not policy related, that do not affect the potential adoption of the codes. The Mayor noted that he intended to support the codes.

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

No Manager's Report.

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

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

1. An ordinance adopting the 2021 International Residential Code and amendments thereto.
2. An ordinance adopting the 2021 International Building Code and amendments thereto.

3. An ordinance adopting the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code and amendments thereto.
4. An ordinance adopting the 2021 International Fire Code.
5. An ordinance adopting the 2021 Fuel Gas Code and amendments thereto.
6. An ordinance adopting the 2021 International Mechanical Code and amendments thereto.
7. An ordinance adopting the 2021 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code and amendments thereto.
8. An ordinance adopting the 2020 National Electrical Code and amendments thereto.
9. An ordinance adopting the 2015 Life Safety Code and amendments thereto.
10. An ordinance making amendments to the State of Illinois Plumbing Code.
11. An ordinance making amendments to the Downers Grove Building Code.

## 12. Council Member Reports

Commissioner Gilmartin said he lives in the area of the recent water main break and like the resident that spoke earlier, he wanted to give thanks to the Public Works Department for the way they handled the situation - with great communication and quick repairs.

Commissioner Davenport said just returned from visiting Colorado and being back in Downers Grove made him appreciate the greenery. He expressed that Downers Grove is a beautiful place.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt thanked everyone for their support of the Grove Foundation's Annual Golf Outing. She noted that the Downers Grove Public Library Foundation is hosting a Celebrate the Freedom to Read: A Banned Books Masquerade Fundraiser on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7pm -10pm at the Skeleton Key Brewery. She said to visit [DGPLfoundation.org](http://DGPLfoundation.org) for more information.

The Mayor thanked Commissioner José for attending the Fine Arts Fair and Grove Foundation Golf Outing in his place while he was out of town.

## 13. Adjournment

Mayor Barnett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION:** *To adjourn the September 12, 2023 Village Council Meeting.*

**RESULT:** *Motion carried unanimously by roll call.*

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** *Commissioner José*

**SECONDED BY:** *Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt*

**AYES:** *Commissioners José, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Tully, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett*

**NAYES:** *None*

Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosa Berardi  
Village Clerk