



Meeting Minutes

Village of Downers Grove - Council Meeting

Council Chambers

November 21, 2023

07:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem José 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): Commissioner José, Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Davenport

Council Attendance (Not Present): Mayor Barnett, Commissioner Gilmartin

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

3. Proclamations

- A. Small Business Saturday
- B. Giving Tuesday

Mayor Pro Tem José read both proclamations.

4. Minutes of Council Meetings

MIN 2023-9916 - A. Minutes: Village Council Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2023

MOTION: To adopt the meeting minutes of the November 14, 2023, Village Council Meeting, as presented.

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Glover

AYES: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Glover, Davenport, Tully, Mayor Pro Tem José

NAYES: None

5. Public Comments

Laura Temple, resident, spoke of financially accessible housing and stated that if it is not included in the Lot #2 development, she requested that there be consideration to set up an Ad Hoc Committee for Accessible Housing.

Janet Whittingham, resident, expressed concerns about the Long Range Plan and what she considers a lack of communication to the public; she spoke about what she thought was a lack of communication to business owners

being notified about permanent changes to outdoor dining. Ms. Whittingham also stated that she was grateful for the collaboration between the Village and the Library.

Village Council Comments/Questions

Mayor Pro Tem José concurred with Ms. Whittingham statement about the Library. With regard to the other topic mentioned, he said that the Long Range Plan had been discussed many times publicly and the plans for the downtown will continue to be discussed. Mayor Pro Tem José also said that the Village is in very close contact with the Downtown Management Corporation and is going to take feedback from residents and businesses alike.

6. Consent Agenda

BIL 2022-9812 — A. Bills Payable: No. 6766 – November 21, 2023

COR 2022-9813 — B. Claims Ordinance: No. 6529, Payroll – November 3, 2023

RES 2023-10114 — C. Resolution: Approve a Master Service Agreement with Sauber Manufacturing Corporation for Vehicle Upfitting Services **RES 2023-66**

Summary: This resolution authorizes a master service agreement for vehicle upfitting services with Sauber Manufacturing Company, of Virgil, IL, in the amount of \$60,876.

RESOLUTION 2023-66

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND SAUBER MANUFACTURING CORPORATION

MOTION: To adopt the consent agenda, as presented.

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Glover

AYES: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Glover, Davenport, Tully, Mayor Pro Tem José

NAYES: None

7. Active Agenda

MOT 2023-10076 — A. Motion: Estimate the 2023 Aggregate Tax Levy for the Village of Downers Grove

Summary: This motion estimates the 2023 Aggregate Tax Levy for the Village of Downers Grove.

MOTION: To adopt A Motion Estimating the 2023 Aggregate Tax Levy for the Village of Downers Grove, as presented.

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Glover

AYES: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Glover, Davenport, Tully, Mayor Pro Tem José

NAYES: None

RES 2023-10104 — B. Resolution: Initiate the Submission of a Public Question to Solicit Resident Input Regarding Video Gaming in the Village of Downers Grove

Summary: This resolution initiates the submission of a public question to solicit resident input regarding video gaming in the Village of Downers Grove.

MOTION: *To adopt A RESOLUTION INITIATING THE SUBMISSION OF A PUBLIC QUESTION TO SOLICIT RESIDENT INPUT REGARDING VIDEO GAMING IN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, as presented. RESOLUTION 2023-67*

RESULT: *Motion carried unanimously by roll call.*

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: *Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt*

SECONDED BY: *Commissioner Glover*

AYES: *Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Glover, Davenport, Tully, Mayor Pro Tem José*

NAYES: *None*

Public Comments

Janet Whittingham returned to the podium and thanked the Council, naming Commissioners José and Tully for this resolution and for allowing the residents to be able to vote on this topic.

Village Council Comments/Questions

Commissioner Tully explained that the Council voted unanimously to pass an ordinance with extreme limitations on potential video gaming in the Village. He said it was voted on with the caveat of this resolution (regarding a referendum question that would be on the November 5, 2024 election ballot). He said the process has been very public and this is part two of the Council making good on what they discussed.

MOT 2023-10105 — C. Motion: Direct Staff to Commence the Negotiation of a Redevelopment Agreement and Land Sale Agreement with LCI Development Partners, LLC

Summary: This motion directs staff to commence the negotiation of a redevelopment agreement and land sale agreement with LCI Development Partners, LLC.

MOTION: *To adopt A Motion Directing Staff to Commence the Negotiation of a Redevelopment Agreement and Land Sale Agreement with LCI Development Partners, LLC, as presented.*

RESULT: *Motion carried unanimously by roll call.*

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: *Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt*

SECONDED BY: *Commissioner Glover*

AYES: *Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Glover, Davenport, Tully, Mayor Pro Tem José*

NAYES: *None*

Public Comments

Robin Tryloff returned to the podium and asked the Council to direct staff to negotiate the inclusion of affordable housing with the developer and use this as a way to show support to the community by making this a part of the Civic Center Project. She said that LCI Development has experience in this area and that it is a fundamental need in the Village and a stepping stone to economic stability for many families.

Warner Kiunte, resident, referred the Council to the DuPage Housing Authority, stating the Housing Authority normally takes applications for affordable housing throughout DuPage County. However, they are not taking applications at this time. He requested the Council's assistance in this area.

Village Council Comments/Questions

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said that she looks forward to working with LCI and reiterated her support of looking into including affordable and inclusive housing into any part of this project.

8. First Reading

ORD 2023-10077 — A. Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget in Lieu of Passage of an Appropriation Ordinance

Village Manager Dave Fieldman explained that the FY 2024 Budget has been presented several times over the past

several weeks. He showed a slide of the Budget Key Points and said he was available to answer any questions.

9. Manager's Report

Village Manager Dave Fieldman introduced Deputy Village Manager Mike Baker.

Deputy Village Manager Baker showed a short video on the progress made on the Civic Center Project. He stated that the masonry was nearing completion and significant progress inside the Civic Center had been made, with most of the dry wall being installed. Additional ongoing work included permeable pavers being laid in the parking lot. Mr. Baker stated that the project remains on schedule and under budget.

Commissioner Davenport asked for confirmation that the Village avoided the need to pay for "Cold Weather Protection" by completing the masonry work now, before the weather were to change drastically.

Mr. Baker confirmed this is true.

10. Mayor's Report

There was no Mayor's Report.

11. Council Member Reports

Commissioner Davenport wished the Downers Grove North Football team luck at the State Championship on Saturday, November 25th. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Glover also wished the Downers Grove North Football team luck and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Sadowski Fugitt spoke about a second instance of hate speech etched onto playground equipment in town and asked everyone to help by talking with neighbors, friends, and family. She said she looked forward to seeing everyone at the Grove Express 5k and the Village Tree Lighting. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Tully reminded everyone that Long Range Plans (LRP) are set every several years by the Village and that they have been in existence for decades. He said that the Village does its best to communicate the LRP and he noted that the LRP includes plans and sometimes even just concepts. He used the downtown as an example, stating that designs have not been put forth for consideration yet. The Commissioner also spoke about video gaming, and the result being much different than what the public expected; this was because of all of the conversations that happened and also because of the public input. He then stated that the Grove Express 5k was taking place on Thanksgiving Day at 8:30 a.m. He also wished Downers Grove North luck in the State Championship game. Commissioner Tully wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and said that he was grateful to have the opportunity to serve with his fellow Council members and for the opportunity to be of service to the community.

Mayor Pro Tem José wished Downers Grove North luck. He also reminded all about the Holiday Tree Lighting event on Friday, November 25th @ 4:30 p.m. The Mayor Pro Tem also shared the history and meaning of Thanksgiving. After hearing about the antisemitism in the County, and in the Village, Mayor Pro Tem José encouraged everyone to give thanks for all that they have and for everyone among us.

12. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem José asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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MOTION: To adjourn the November 21, 2023 Village Council Meeting.

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Glover

AYES: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Glover, Davenport, Tully, Mayor Pro Tem José,

NAYES: None

Mayor Pro Tem José declared the motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosa Berardi
Village Clerk