



Meeting Minutes

Village of Downers Grove - Council Meeting

Council Chambers

December 12, 2023

07:00 PM

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 (arrived at 7:24 p.m.), Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt, Commissioner Gilmartin, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Davenport

Council Attendance (Not Present): None

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

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

MIN 2023-9917 - A. Minutes: Village Council Meeting Minutes –December 05, 2023

MIN 2023-10139 - B. Minutes: Executive Session Meeting Minutes for Approval Only - December 5, 2023

MOTION: *To adopt the meeting minutes of the December 05, 2023 Village Council Meeting and Executive Session, as presented.*

RESULT: *Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: *Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt*

SECONDED BY: *Commissioner Gilmartin*

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

NAYES: *None*

4. Public Comment

No Public Comment

5. Consent Agenda

BIL 2022-9817 - A. Bills Payable: No. 6770 - December 12, 2023

RES 2023-10125 - B. Resolution: Authorize Execution of a First Extension to the Agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Robinson Engineering, LTD.

Summary: This resolution authorizes the execution of a first extension to the agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Robinson Engineering, LTD in a not-to-exceed amount of \$70,000.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FIRST EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND ROBINSON ENGINEERING, LTD. RESOLUTION 2023-68

RES 2023-10124 - C. Resolution: Authorize the Execution of a First Extension to the Agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Engineering Resource Associates, Inc.

Summary: This resolution authorizes the execution of a first extension to the agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Engineering Resource Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FIRST EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND ENGINEERING RESOURCE ASSOCIATES, INC. RESOLUTION 2023-69

RES 2023-10134 - D. Resolution: Authorize the Execution of an Agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Foster Coach Sales, Inc. for the Purchase of an Ambulance

Summary: This resolution authorizes the execution of an agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Foster Coach Sales, Inc. for the purchase of an ambulance in an amount not to exceed \$533,742, which includes a \$50,000 contingency. This also authorizes the disposal of the Village's current 2016 Ford F550 Ambulance.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND FOSTER COACH SALES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AMBULANCE RESOLUTION 2023-70

RES 2023-10135 - E. Resolution: Authorize the Execution of a Real Estate Contract for Property Located at 5610 Lyman Avenue

Summary: This resolution authorizes the execution of a real estate contract for property located at 5610 Lyman Avenue in the amount of \$303,990.00, plus closing costs.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5610 LYMAN AVENUE, DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS 60516 RESOLUTION 2023-71

MOT 2023-10136 - F. Motion: Authorize a 4% Annual Salary Increase for the Village Manager effective January 1, 2024

Summary: This motion authorizes a 4% annual salary increase for the Village Manager effective January 1, 2024.

MOT 2023-10137 - G. Motion: Authorize a 4% Annual Salary Increase for the Village Attorney Effective January 1, 2024

Summary: This motion authorizes a 4% annual salary increase for the Village Attorney effective January 1, 2024.

MOTION: To adopt the December 12, 2024 consent agenda, as presented.

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

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

NAYES: None

6. Active Agenda

ORD 2023-10078 - A. Ordinance: 2023 Aggregate Tax Levy Ordinance

Summary: This ordinance approves the 2023 Aggregate Tax Levy Ordinance.

MOTION: To adopt, *The 2023 AGGREGATE TAX LEVY ORDINANCE*, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6009**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin,

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

NAYES: None

ORD 2023-10079 - B. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January, 2023 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #4 (Green Acres Subdivision)

Summary: This ordinance levies taxes for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of January, 2023 and ending on the thirty-first day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #4 (Green Acres Subdivision).

MOTION: To adopt *AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2023 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023 FOR THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #4 (GREEN ACRES SUBDIVISION)*, as presented.

ORDINANCE 6010

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin,

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

NAYES: None

ORD 2023-10080 - C. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January, 2023 and Ending on the Thirty-First day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #5 (Atwood Subdivision)

Summary: This ordinance levies taxes for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of January, 2023 and ending on the thirty-first day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #5 (Atwood Subdivision).

MOTION: To adopt *AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2023 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023 FOR THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPEICAL SERVCIE AREA #5 (ATWOOD SUBDIVISION)*, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6011**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin,

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

NAYES: None

ORD 2023-10082 - D. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January, 2023 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #7 (Dunham Subdivision)

Summary: This ordinance levies taxes for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of January, 2023 and ending on the thirty-first day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #7 (Dunham Subdivision).

MOTION: To adopt *AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2023 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023 FOR VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #7 (DUNHAM SUBDIVISION)*, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6012**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin,

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

NAYES: None

ORD 2023-10083 – E. Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January, 2023 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #8 (Nelson Meadow Subdivision)

Summary: This ordinance levies taxes for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of January, 2023 and ending on the thirty-first day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #8 (Nelson Meadow Subdivision).

MOTION: To adopt **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2023 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023 FOR VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #8**

(NELSON MEADOW SUBDIVISION), as presented. ORDINANCE 6013

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin,

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

NAYES: None

ORD 2023-10084 - F. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January, 2023 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #9 (35th & Saratoga Subdivision)

Summary: This ordinance levies taxes for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of January, 2023 and ending on the thirty-first day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #9 (35th & Saratoga Subdivision).

MOTION: To adopt **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2023 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023 FOR VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #9 (35TH & SARATOGA SUBDIVISION), as presented. ORDINANCE 6014**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin,

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

NAYES: None

ORD 2023-10085 - G. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January, 2023 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #10 (Bridgepoint Downers Grove Subdivision)

Summary: This ordinance levies taxes for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of January, 2023 and ending on the thirty-first day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #10 (Bridgepoint Downers Grove Subdivision).

MOTION: To adopt AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2023 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023 FOR VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #10 (BRIDGEPOINT DOWNERS GROVE SUBDIVISION), as presented. ORDINANCE 6015

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin,

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

NAYES: None

ORD 2023-10087 - H. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January, 2023 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #12 (Fairview Ridge Subdivision)

Summary: This ordinance levies taxes for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of January, 2023 and ending on the thirty-first day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #12 (Fairview Ridge Subdivision).

MOTION: To adopt AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2023 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023 FOR THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #12 (FAIRVIEW RIDGE SUBDIVISION), as presented. ORDINANCE 6016

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin,

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

NAYES: None

ORD 2023-10130 - I. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January, 2023 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #13 (Kapovich Subdivision)

Summary: This ordinance levies taxes for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of January, 2023 and ending on the thirty-first day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #13 (Kapovich Subdivision).

MOTION: To adopt AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2023 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023 FOR THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #13 (KAPOVICH SUBDIVISION), as presented. ORDINANCE 6017

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin,

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

NAYES: None

ORD 2023-10081 - J. Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January, 2023 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #6 (Fairview Fire Protection District)

Summary: This ordinance levies taxes for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of January, 2023 and ending on the thirty-first day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #6 (Fairview Fire Protection District)

MOTION: *To adopt AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2023 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023 FOR THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #6 (FAIRVIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT), as presented. ORDINANCE 6018*

RESULT: *Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: *Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt*

SECONDED BY: *Commissioner Gilmartin,*

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

NAYES: *None*

ORD 2023-10086 - K. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January, 2023 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #11 (Downtown Downers Grove)

Summary: This ordinance levies taxes fiscal year commencing on the first day of January, 2023 and ending on the thirty-first day of December, 2023 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area#11 (Downtown Downers Grove)

MOTION: *To adopt AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2023 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023 FOR THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #11 (DOWNTOWN DOWNERS GROVE), as presented. ORDINANCE 6019*

RESULT: *Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: *Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt*

SECONDED BY: *Commissioner Gilmartin,*

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

NAYES: *None*

ORD 2023-10092 - L. Ordinance: Abating a Portion of the 2023 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019.

Summary: This ordinance abates a portion of the 2023 Tax Levy related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019.

MOTION: *To adopt AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2023 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2019, as presented. ORDINANCE 6020*

RESULT: *Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: *Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt*

SECONDED BY: *Commissioner Gilmartin*

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

NAYES: *None*

ORD 2023-10095 - M. Ordinance: Abating a Portion of the 2023 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022

Summary: This ordinance abates a portion of the 2023 Tax Levy related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022.

MOTION: *To adopt AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2023 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2022, as presented. ORDINANCE 6021*

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*RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt**SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin,**AYES: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Glover, Davenport, Tully, Mayor Barnett**NAYES: None***ORD 2023-10088** - N. Ordinance: Abating a Portion of the 2023 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014**Summary:** This ordinance abates a portion of the 2023 Tax Levy related to the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014.***MOTION: To adopt AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2023 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2014, as presented.******ORDINANCE 6022****RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt**SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin,**AYES: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Glover, Davenport, Tully, Mayor Barnett**NAYES: None***ORD 2023-10089** - O. Ordinance: Abating a Portion of the 2023 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015**Summary:** This ordinance abates a portion of the 2023 Tax Levy related to the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015.***MOTION: To adopt AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2023 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015, as presented.******ORDINANCE 6023****RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt**SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin,**AYES: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Glover, Davenport, Tully, Mayor Barnett**NAYES: None***ORD 2023-10091** - P. Ordinance: Abating a Portion of the 2023 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016**Summary:** This ordinance abates a portion of the 2023 Tax Levy related to the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016.***MOTION: To adopt AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2023 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2016, as presented.******ORDINANCE 6024****RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote..**MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt**SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin,**AYES: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Glover, Davenport, Tully, Mayor Barnett**NAYES: None***ORD 2023-10093** - Q. Ordinance: Abating a Portion of the 2023 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020**Summary:** This ordinance abates a portion of the 2023 Tax Levy related to the General Obligation Refunding Bonds,

MOTION: To adopt **AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2023 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020**, as presented.

ORDINANCE 6025

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote..

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin,

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

NAYES: None

RES 2023-10119 - R. Resolution: Granting a Historic Landmark Designation for 5408 Carpenter Street

Summary: This resolution designates the house located at 5408 Carpenter Street as a historic landmark.

MOTION: To adopt, **A RESOLUTION GRANTING HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION FOR 5408 CARPENTER STREET**, as presented. **RESOLUTION 2023-72**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote..

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin,

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

NAYES: None

Commissioner José joined the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

7. First Reading

Mayor Barnett explained that some of the items under the First Reading portion of the agenda are grouped under four categories: Planning items, budget implementation items, code and administrative rules, and planning in the local school district.

MOT 2023-10128 — A. Motion: Authorizing a Contract with Houseal Lavigne and Associates, LLC to Update the Comprehensive Plan, Develop an Environmental Sustainability Plan, Develop a Downtown and Fairview Focus Area Streetscape Plan, and Update and Enhance the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Village Manager Dave Fieldman gave the history on this item and introduced Community Development Director Stan Popovich.

Mr. Popovich used a PowerPoint presentation and explained the process to update the Comprehensive Plan which included developing the supporting plans and the groups that will be involved. He explained what it will take to get the work done, some of the challenges that may be faced, and the process of selecting the consultant. He reviewed the communication process and public engagement opportunities throughout the process. Mr. Popovich listed the deliverables of the Comprehensive Plan and the related items which included the Environmental Sustainability Plan, Downtown Streetscape Design Plan and Outdoor Dining Plan, Fairview Focus Area Implementation, and the Enhanced Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan. He explained that the project will start in January 2024 with substantial completion by May 2025. Mr. Popovich reviewed the project cost and a proposal summary. Mr. Popovich explained that due to the Village's work history with Houseal Lavigne, he is excited to work with them on this project. He noted that he and Mr. Nick Davis with Houseal Lavigne were available to answer any questions.

Public Comment:

Robin Tryloff, resident, asked if Mr. Popovich's presentation would be online for review.

Village Manager Fieldman explained it is linked to the agenda item online and it is the last 30 to 35 pages of the document.

Village Council Comments/Questions:

Commissioner Tully thanked staff and explained that when the word “gap” was used, it was not regarding a housing affordability study nor an affordable housing plan, though it may produce data as part of that analysis.

Commissioner Davenport stated he was excited about working with Houseal Lavigne. He said the Village has used them in the past with the Comp Plan, the HPDRB Housing Inventory, and the Downtown Design Guidelines, so they are very familiar with the Village. Commissioner Davenport said he would like to see some emphasis on safety, specifically noting downtown enhancing and the Streetscape Plan. He stated he would like to know more about spatial analysis embedded into place-based recommendations using GIS. Commissioner Davenport said he also wants more community engagement and this is a robust way to get it done, with the connections on the website being key. He noted the process of approvals by the Council and how he liked the idea of tying in connections of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan with adjacent communities and believes it is important. Commissioner Davenport said he is excited and believes this is the right consultant to help the Village out.

Village Manager Fieldman said that some of this will be addressed next week with the agenda materials in a preliminary fashion and then there will be a kickoff meeting with Houseal Lavigne.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said she is thrilled with how comprehensive this plan is and that she is hopeful with ideas on how to engage the community. She noted her excitement about the pop-up events, to be able to engage with the community. Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt expressed she is thrilled about the environmental sustainability plan and the use of the Greenest Region Compact. She has been hoping for this since 2019. She said she liked the gap analysis of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, ensuring equity among routes throughout the Village. Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt concluded that she is happy with the thoughtfulness put into all these plans.

Commissioner Gilmartin thought this approach was laid out well and is excited to see this carried forward for the next 40 years. He noted that it was great to see how much environmental sustainability was mentioned in the bios. Commissioner Gilmartin said there have been discussions about community engagement and this addresses not only engagement in the community but also digitally on the website. He said that having different ways to communicate is the way to go. Commissioner Gilmartin stated the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan seems well thought-out, and it has been an important thing for him to see moved through. He said this approach is comprehensive and includes the community, even with restrictions and limitations. He stated that overall, this has a lot of components of visioning and that this will show the community all the goals and allow them to see why certain decisions will be made down the road. Commissioner Gilmartin said he will support the recommendation and looks forward to working with the group if it is approved.

Commissioner José noted he is in support of this and loves all the depth and breadth of the community engagement. He said the communications portion of this plan was very important to him. He underlined that the Village needs to be nimble throughout this process because there will be impactful feedback and decisions throughout all of this, and things can change quickly. Commissioner José said he believes this is the right team.

Mayor Barnett reminded the public that this process started in 2011 and again in 2017, and now they are on track to do the same thing. He explained this is a visioning project, public engagement exercise, and it is the development of a plan requiring input from the Council, staff, consultants, and the public.

ORD 2023-10099 — B. Ordinance: Amending Certain Water Billing Provisions

ORD 2023-10098 — C. Ordinance: Amending the 2024 Stormwater Utility Rate

MOT 2023-10102 — D. Motion: Authorize the 2024 Annual Funding to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to Fund Operations

MOT 2023-10103 — E. Motion: Authorize the 2024 Annual Funding to the Downtown Management Corporation (DMC) to Fund Operations

Village Manager Fieldman explained that Items B- E on this portion of the agenda are budget implementation items. They were talked about in context during the multi-meeting FY 24 Budget review and approval process.

ORD 2023-10122 — F. Ordinance: Amending Chapter One and Two of the Municipal Code Concerning Home Rule Authority Provisions and Open Meetings Act Guidelines

ORD 2023-10132 — G. Ordinance: Amending the Employee Administrative Rules and Regulations of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois

Manager Fieldman explained that Items F-G on this portion of the agenda are housekeeping items related to going into a new year with the new budget. All of the Council members have been briefed on these items during their Monday calls. Manager Fieldman said he was available to answer any questions.

ORD 2023-10106 — H. Ordinance: Rezoning Certain Property Located at 4435 Middaugh Avenue for the Herrick Middle School

ORD 2023-10107 — I. Ordinance: Adopting an Institutional Master Plan for the Property Located at 4435 Middaugh Avenue Commonly Known as the Herrick Middle School

ORD 2023-10108 — J. Ordinance: Vacating Certain Portions of Public Rights-of-Ways in the Village of Downers Grove (Adjacent to 1230 Grant Street and Portions of Both Middaugh and Linscott Avenues Adjacent to Herrick Middle School)

RES 2023-10120 — K. Resolution: Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Board of Education of Downers Grove Grade School District 58 and the Village of Downers Grove for the Replacement of a Watermain at Herrick Middle School

Mr. Popovich presented on Items H-K of this portion of the agenda via PowerPoint, showing maps/renderings, providing the history, and specific details on each of the items.

Village Council Comments/Questions:

Commissioner Tully explained that this has been in the works for a long time by District 58. He noted they have held numerous community meetings and explained that prior Councils have been involved in this. Commissioner Tully stated he is excited to be a part of this process. He thanked Village staff and District 58 for the opportunity to do the bundling, by providing a way of doing what it takes to fix what lies beneath and addressing the watermain as part of this project and installing a stormwater vault.

Commissioner Gilmartin said he looks forward to supporting this. He asked if there is an intention to consolidate these lots.

Mr. Popovich responded yes.

Commissioner Gilmartin spoke with regard to the east traffic circle, noting that Saratoga is shared with the high school, and asked how the arrival and departure at both schools will be addressed in terms of traffic flow.

Dr. Russell with School District 58 expressed his appreciation of the partnership with the Village and explained that this site presents a lot of challenges. He noted there is an additional parking lot on the northeast side that will be used only for buses during the day, and when the buses are not there, they will share the lot with the high school and other

governmental entities. Dr. Russell said the traffic loop off Saratoga will help with moving traffic toward the high school and not toward the residents. He said the staggered start times between the high school and middle school will also help. He stated that after looking at the traffic study it was determined this was the best way to alleviate traffic

Commissioner Gilmartin asked if both loops are intended to be used.

Dr. Russell said yes, for both pick-up and drop-off. He said they are wanting students to utilize the loops based on the direction they are coming from. Dr. Russell said they are anticipating 250 to 300 more students a year, increasing attendance from 650 students to approximately 900 students when the project is complete. He noted that the School District tried to save as much green space as possible for both the environment and for the kids to use.

Commissioner Davenport noted the school districts have a shared bussing system.

Dr. Russell said it helps with cost but also assures that the schools cannot start at the same time.

Commissioner Davenport said he is a strong supporter of this and would like to see it come to fruition. He noted District 58 will be a close partner with the new Civic Center, and he is happy to support them.

Commissioner Tully stated he believes all the criteria for the zoning map amendment have been met. He said that depending on the construction schedule, they may need to speak about the sign ordinance in the future.

The Mayor said that long range planning helps the schools, as well as the Village, and they try to work together on these master plans. He said this institution is built over residential lots, and this was created years ago. The Mayor explained there is a lot of planning going on all the time and that it is great to see it come to fruition. He thanked District 58 for being a good partner.

ORD 2023-10109 — L. Ordinance: Rezoning Certain Property Located at 635 59th Street for the O'Neill Middle School

ORD 2023-10110 — M. Ordinance: Adopting an Institutional Master Plan for the Property Located at 635 59th Street, Commonly Known as the O'Neill Middle School

Mr. Popovich presented via PowerPoint and showed maps and gave a history and specific details regarding Agenda Items L and M.

Public Comment

Phil Bolton, resident, expressed his concern about the plan and process to get to this point. He noted that he takes specific issue with the O'Neil plans and wants to make sure that the safety of the children is of paramount importance.

Village Council Comments/Questions:

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt stated she has serious concerns with the O'Neill Middle School plans. She said she lives in the Fairmont area as well and is not interested in keeping the buses on the street. Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said she is concerned about impacting the neighbors during pickup and drop-off. She said she wants to see the same level of safety in the O'Neill plan as the Herrick Plan. Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt noted she wants to be sure the vehicles, bikers, and walkers can be separated and safe.

Commissioner Tully said he appreciates the comments from the neighbors in the area and said safety should be a

concern. He noted that he was thinking about where safety should be addressed. Commissioner Tully said he wants to make sure these safety concerns align with the specific requests in the Ordinance that lies before the Council.

Mayor Barnett asked for Village staff to have some alternative options prepared before the next meeting and responses to Commissioner Tully's comments.

Village Manager Fieldman said he will work with District 58 on this and bring that information back to the next meeting.

ORD 2023-10121 — N. Ordinance: Amending Certain Traffic Control, Parking and Speed Provisions and Pedestrian/Bike Safety Improvements

Public Works Engineering Director Scott Vasko presented via PowerPoint on Item N. He showed maps and provided details about the study and the recommendations for Ordinance changes that have been approved by the TAP Commission. Mr. Vasko provided visuals and an explanation of the alternative designs of 59th Street and Fairmount Avenue.

Village Manager Fieldman stated that staff recommends buffered bike lanes, which differs from the TAP recommendation. He said that the Council's direction is needed on this.

Public Comment

Phil Bolton returned to the podium. He said he disagreed with the stop signs being added, without accident data to support the need. He asked the Council to reconsider adding the stop signs.

Village Council Comments/Questions:

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said this is her neighborhood and she and her neighbors all want the stop signs. She said there have been accidents involving cars that end up in the creek. Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said if there were additional stop signs, they would slow people down and add safety for pedestrians. She is in favor of them and asked for the rationale of why there is no stop sign going north on Cumnor at 56th, like there is at White Fawn and 56th. She noted that was the only spot that things didn't match up with the rest of the stop signs in the neighborhood. She supports the others listed as well. She is in favor of reducing the speeds of cars. In terms of Bike Plans, the Commissioner is in favor of Alternative D (on 59th) and Alternative C (on Fairmount), including buffered and safer bike lanes. Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt recognized that the area going down Fairmount is controversial, but it does connect some of the larger bike paths.

Village Manager Fieldman said he will get the information she requested to her next week.

Commissioner Gilmartin said he agrees with Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt and also supports Alternative D on 59th and Alternative C on Fairmount (the buffered bike lanes). He said it is important to commit to "pedestrians first" and this is the first step. He said he regrets that the Council went with the sharrows option on Prairie, instead of dedicated bike lanes. He said he is in favor of additional stop signs and believes the speed limit is a fair adjustment. Commissioner Gilmartin concluded that he would like to see buffered bike lanes for both sections.

Commissioner Davenport said he is in support of the signage and the proposals. Regarding the bike lanes, he said he could support C or D on Fairmount, and on 59th, he supports Alternative D because of the parking. Commissioner Davenport noted that removing parked cars along 59th would create safer site lines at O'Neill. He said that the parked cars on 59th impede traffic flow when buses are loading/unloading. Commissioner Davenport stated that he rarely sees cars parked on 59th Street but he does see them on Fairmount. He noted that he would mostly prefer to have a multi-use trail off-street on 59th Street, but in the short-term, he would choose Alternative D. Commissioner Davenport noted he would like to ponder more about Fairmount.

Commissioner José said he would entertain the sharrows on Fairmount but prefers a bike lane. He said there is concern about the elimination of parking. He noted he has seen that in other areas too. Commissioner José said they might end up with sharrows where they thought they would get bike lanes. He thought there would be more

community feedback than there had been at the meeting. The Commissioner said that there is no question about the stop signs; there need to be controlled intersections. He said he looks forward to voting in favor of this next week.

Mayor Barnett asked about the interaction between the bike lanes and bus lanes, particularly if the buses queue into the bike lanes.

Village Manager Fieldman said there would not be queuing into the bike lanes.

Mayor Barnett asked if the Village owned 59th Street entirely.

Village Manager Fieldman said yes.

Mayor Barnett said he does not feel that lines and sharrows are safe for bikers. He said since the Village owns 59th Street, why would they not make it a two lane road, with a bike lane. The Mayor also asked if it is due to cost and timing or something else.

Village Manager Fieldman said that when starting the journey of the neighborhood traffic study approach, they were limiting the discussion to existing pavement – to work within the curbs or the edge of the pavement. He said once they get into the Bike and Ped Plan, if the Council wants to change that approach and put more items on the table that require significant changes, then they could do it at that time.

Mayor Barnett said he is generally more interested in that than he is in painting the pavement. He said there is a theory that parked cars can act as the function of narrowing the road, and if the bump-outs are on the corners, the effect helps slow the traffic. He questioned if the painting of bike lanes and no parked cars increases the speed of traffic. The Mayor said if creating physically separate lanes now is not an option, could there be striping considerations to deter traffic speeding up. He asked if there is any help for Fairmount and 59th volumes if the left turns are eliminated.

Assistant Public Works Director Scott Vasko said that is something they can look into. He said when they did the study, it was consistent with District 58's recommendations to get rid of the turn lanes, so that there was less confusion at the intersection.

Mayor Barnett said the stop signs are for the safety of pedestrians and unless someone shows adding additional stop signs makes it less safe for pedestrians, he supports them.

Commissioner Davenport thinks it is a good idea to put up stop signs before accidents happen. He said eliminating the left lane also had to do with pedestrian safety.

Mr. Vasko said yes, that makes for less lanes that pedestrians to have to cross.

8. Manager's Report

No Manager's Report.

9. 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 amending certain water billing provisions.
2. An ordinance amending the 2024 Stormwater Utility Rate.
3. An ordinance amending chapter one and two of the Municipal Code concerning Home Rule authority provisions and Open Meetings Act guidelines.
4. An ordinance amending the Employee Administrative Rules and regulations of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois.
5. An ordinance rezoning certain property located at 4435 Middaugh Avenue for the Herrick Middle School.
6. An ordinance adopting an institutional master plan for the property located at 4435 Middaugh Avenue, commonly known as Herrick Middle School.
7. An ordinance vacating certain portions of public rights-of-ways in the Village of Downers Grove (adjacent to 1230 Grant Street and portions of both Middaugh and Linscott Avenues Adjacent to Herrick Middle School).
8. An ordinance rezoning certain property located at 635 59th Street for the O'Neill Middle School.
9. An ordinance adopting an Institutional Master Plan for the property located at 635 59th Street, commonly known as the O'Neill Middle School.
10. An ordinance amending certain traffic control, parking and speed provisions and pedestrian/bike safety improvements.

10. Mayor's Report

The Mayor did not have a report.

11. Council Member Reports

Commissioner Tully cited sections of the Municipal Code regarding restrictions on parking, traffic, and safety issues (referencing O'Neill). He said he wanted to ensure that the appropriate terms and conditions were followed during the approval process to protect the interests of surrounding property owners, the residents, existing and future residents of the PUD, and the general public

Commissioner José apologized for being late because he was at the Downers Grove North Holiday Mosaic Concert. He said it will be on YouTube and it is 75 minutes of great entertainment. He encouraged all to watch it.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said Happy Holiday Season to everyone.

The Mayor concluded by affirming that the seven people on the Council help represent a diverse community.

12. Adjournment

Mayor Barnett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: *To adjourn the December 12, 2023 Village Council meeting.*

RESULT: *Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: *Commissioner José*

SECONDED BY: *Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt*

Council Minutes

Village of Downers Grove

December 12, 2023

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

NAYES: None

Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosa Berardi
Village Clerk