

# Meeting Minutes

Village of Downers Grove - Council Meeting

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Betty Cheever Council Chambers

April 08, 2025

06:00 PM

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## 1. Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

## 2. Roll Call

**Council Attendance (Present):** Mayor Barnett, Commissioner Hosé, 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. Public Hearing

**A. Public Hearing:** Proposed Annexation Agreements for the Properties Located at 3614 Fairview, 5555 Lomond and 6111 Woodward

Mayor Barnett called the Public Hearing to order at 6:01 p.m. and reviewed the procedures. He said the proposed annexations would appear again later in the agenda and requested any comments pertaining to these annexations be made during the Public Hearing.

Community Development Director Stan Popovich provided details regarding the proposed annexations using a PowerPoint presentation.

There were no public comments. The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

## 4. Minutes of Council Meetings

**MIN 2024-10517**      A. Minutes: Village Council Meeting Minutes - March 18, 2025

**MOTION:** To Adopt Village Council Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2025, 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, Tully, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett

**NAYES:** None

## 5. Public Comments

Janet Winningham, a resident, expressed concerns about the dangers of the Washington Street train crossing. She requested the Council take extra measures to evaluate it.

Clorinda Greco, a business owner, expressed concerns about rumors of issues with Village funds possibly causing delays with the Lead Service Line Replacement Project.

Mayor Barnett spoke about the lead pipe issue not being unique to Downers Grove and explained that the timeline of the process to replace them is mandated by the State. The Mayor explained there is a process in play and the work will get done. He said the work is not optional. He suggested anyone interested in more information about the Lead Service Line Replacement Project should visit the Village website or contact the Village Council with questions.

## 6. Consent Agenda

**BIL 2024-10639** A. Bills Payable: No. 6864 - April 8, 2025

**RES 2025-10722** B. Resolution: Approve a Three-Year Contract with Vortex Lining Systems, LLC of Houston, Texas, for Design/Build Services for Pipe Rehabilitation and Repair

### **RESOLUTION 2025-33**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND VORTEX LINING SYSTEMS, LLC**

**MOT 2025-10763** C. Motion: Approve a Three-Year Contract with Advance Sweeping Services Inc. of Lake Forest, Illinois, for Street Seeping Services

**MOT 2025-10764** D. Motion: Approve a Three-Year Contract with Property First of Hazel Crest, Illinois, for Mowing and Landscape Maintenance Services

**MOT 2025-10766** E. Motion: Approve a Contract with Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. of Lake Zurich, Illinois, for the 2025 Street and Driveway Restoration Services

**RES 2025-10752** F. Resolution: Approve the First Extension to the Agreement with Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. for Mosquito Abatement Services

**RESOLUTION 2025-34**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FIRST EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND CLARKE ENVIRONMENTAL MOSQUITO MANAGEMENT, INC.**

**MOT 2025-10768** G. Motion: Approve a Contract with McDonough Mechanical Services, Inc. of Waukegan, Illinois, for the Public Works Facility HVAC Control System Replacement Project

**RES 2025-10749** H. Resolution: Approving an Agreement with Hitchcock Design Group for Design and Engineering Services Relative to the Guiding DG Streetscapes Plan

**RESOLUTION 2025-35**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND HITCHCOCK DESIGN GROUP**

**RES 2025-10762** I. Resolution: Expressing Intent to Continue Participation in the Suburban Tree Consortium and to Authorize Certain Purchases for FY 2025

**RESOLUTION 2025-36**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE SUBURBAN TREE CONSORTIUM AND TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PURCHASES FOR FY 2025**

**RES 2025-10759** J. Resolution: Amending the Downers Grove Compensation Plan by Adopting a Revised Plan Effective the First Full Pay Period in May, 2025

**RESOLUTION 2025-37**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE DOWNERS GROVE COMPENSATION PLAN BY ADOPTING A REVISED PLAN EFFECTIVE THE FIRST FULL PAY PERIOD IN MAY, 2025**

**MOTION:** To Adopt the Consent Agenda of the April 8, 2025 Village Council Meeting, 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, Tully, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett

**NAYES:** None

## **7. Active Agenda**

**ORD 2023-9989** A. Ordinance: Approving the Meadowbrook Shopping Center Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area, Redevelopment Plan and Project

**MOTION:** To adopt ***AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING THE MEADOWBROOK SHOPPING CENTER TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT***, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6112**

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

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner José

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

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

**NAYES:** None

**ORD 2023-9990** B. Ordinance: Designating the Meadowbrook Shopping Center Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area

**MOTION:** To adopt ***AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS DESIGNATING THE MEADOWBROOK SHOPPING CENTER TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA***, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6113**

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

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner José

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

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

**NAYES:** None

**ORD 2023-9991** C. Ordinance: Adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the Meadowbrook Shopping Center Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area

**MOTION:** To adopt ***AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING FOR THE MEADOWBROOK SHOPPING CENTER TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA***, as presented.

**ORDINANCE 6114**

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

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner José

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

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

**NAYES:** None

**ORD 2025-10707** D. Ordinance: Approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Stellco 4300 Commerce, LLC

**MOTION:** To adopt ***AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND STELLCO 4300 COMMERCE, LLC***, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6115**

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

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner José

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

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

**NAYES:** None

### **Village Council Comments**

Commissioner Gilmartin thanked Stellco for their investment in the Downers Grove community. He also thanked Staff, the EDC and Mayor Barnett.

The Council concurred.

Mayor Barnett thanked Stellco for being present at this meeting and said he looks forward to this project adding value to the Meadowbrook area.

## **8. First Reading**

**ORD 2025-10757**      A. Ordinance: Annexing 3900 Finley Road to the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois

**ORD 2025-10758**      B. Ordinance: Rezoning Certain Property Located at 3900 Finely Road

Mr. Popovich presented Items A and B via PowerPoint.

### **Village Council Comments**

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt asked for clarification on how much of the land on the site is buildable. She also inquired about wetland preservation and managing stormwater.

Brian Johnson, Engineer with Pinnacle Engineering, explained that a wetland study and wetland delineation was completed. He explained there will be a retaining wall on the north side of the property. This will keep the wetlands in place and for flood plain mitigation. He explained there will be a stormwater pond on the west side and also on the northeast corner.

Commissioner Davenport explained that in the past stormwater management was not a consideration when building new developments. He explained, however, that now with State, County and Village requirements in place, developments like this improve stormwater management.

Commissioner Tully said because there are wetlands at this location, it is probably one of the most managed areas.

Mayor Barnett said in approximately the years 2007, 2011, 2013 and 2019, the Village made changes to the Stormwater Ordinance. He said barring any engineering errors, any developments since then have improved the stormwater condition of the entire community. He said he wants to acknowledge that these changes have made a difference.

**RES 2025-10754** C. Resolution: Approving an Annexation Agreement for the Property Located at 3614 Fairview Avenue

**RES 2025-10755** D. Resolution: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 5555 Lomond Avenue

**RES 2025-10756** E. Resolution: Approve an Annexation Agreement for the Property Located at 6111 Woodward Avenue.

Items C-E were presented during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

**ORD 2025-10736** F. Ordinance: Amending Certain Zoning Ordinance Provisions Concerning the Fairview Focus Area

**ORD 2025-10735** G. Ordinance: Rezoning Certain Property Located in the Fairview Focus Area to FC-Fairview Core

**ORD 2025-10747** H. Ordinance: Rezoning Certain Property Located in the Fairview Focus Area to FB-Fairview Business (FB)

**ORD 2025-10748** I. Ordinance: Rezoning Certain Property Located in the Fairview Focus Area to FT-Fairview Transition (FT)

Mr. Popovich presented Items F-I related to the Fairview Focus Area rezoning via PowerPoint. He explained this discussion would be regarding the area at Grand and Burlington. The original zoning recommendation was to rezone all 6 properties to Fairview Business (FB) Zoning. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the three properties facing Grand be zoned Fairview Transition (FT) and the properties at Burlington and Fairview be zoned FB. He explained that based on the Council's past discussion and additional staff work, the updated recommendation is to rezone all six properties to FT. Mr. Popovich also spoke of the permitted uses in the areas, particularly as they relate to massage therapy. He shared that there are no proposed changes with regard to massage therapy.

### **Village Council Comments**

Commissioner Gilmartin spoke to massage therapy and clarified that this will not be allowed as a special use in the Fairview districts and that the Staff recommendation is to keep it as it stands in the rest of the Village, restricting it to business districts - ORM, M-1 and M-2.

Commissioner Tully said his thinking has evolved during the discussions on this. He said he is comfortable with stand-alone massage establishments being limited to zoning within ORM zoned areas because there is a path for a licensed massage business to operate in conjunction with another business in many other areas. He said with regard to the Burlington/Grand properties, he is fine with zoning the 6 parcels FT. He said future property owners always have the opportunity to come to the Council to request FB zoning.

Commissioner Davenport agreed with the Staff recommendation for massage therapy and said with regard to the 6 parcels, he thinks it is smart to keep them the same, all FT. He said he thought split zoning at this point would send the wrong message.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said she is supportive of FT and she also supports businesses being able to request FB zoning. In terms of massage therapy, she said she is fine keeping it consistent with the rest of the Village, but she is open to exploring ways to get creative and allow independent individuals to be able to operate.

Commissioner José agreed with the Staff recommendation on massage therapy. With regard to the zoning, he said he was okay with the split zoning, but also okay with keeping it all one zoning.

Commissioner Gilmartin thanked his colleagues for their feedback on massage therapy but said he is concerned with not looking at this in a different light. He requested the Council take another look at this at a later time. With regard to zoning, he agreed with the FT zoning.

Mayor Barnett said he feels the same way about massage therapy as Commissioner Tully. With regard to the zoning of the 6 properties, he said he is uncomfortable with it, mostly because of the use. He said as R-2 lots, those stay residential and he understands the possibility that lots may be consolidated in the future, but he sees a risk with making them all FT. He said he is concerned with the houses being converted to offices; he thinks this is an unnecessary step that changes the neighborhood.

Commissioner Davenport asked if the Mayor was suggesting the properties not be rezoned. Mayor Barnett expressed concern about the three properties south of Burlington Avenue not being zoned as residential. Commissioner Davenport compared the situation to Ogden Avenue, arguing that treating the area as a Transition District addresses both concerns. Commissioner Tully clarified that the Mayor's issue is with special uses, not permitted uses. Commissioner José noted that the current R-6 zoning serves as a Transition District, allowing multi-family use. Commissioner Tully added that conditions can be placed on special uses.

Manager Fieldman clarified that R-6 zoning allows business and professional offices, along with medical, dental, and health practices as special uses.

Commissioner Gilmartin asked why the boundary was drawn as it was to include the two parcels (on map). Mr. Popovich explained that the Fairview area was extended toward Maple

Avenue, south of the tracks to include apartment buildings, and the line delineates between R-6 and R-2 - the existing zoning lines. Mayor Barnett said there are some relative nature zoning rights for adjacently zoned parcels.

Manager Fieldman said based on this discussion, the Council is proposing no changes from what staff has recommended this evening. The Mayor said this is correct.

**ORD 2025-10760** J. Ordinance: Providing for an Amendment to Ordinance #6008 and the Village of Downers Grove Budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Finance Director Robin Lahey presented this item via PowerPoint. She explained that the only fund needing a budget amendment is the FY24 Health Insurance Fund. The amendment is in the amount of \$1.1 million.

### **Village Council Comments**

Mayor Barnett explained that what should be taken away from this, is that expenses in 2024 were less than revenues in 2024.

## **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 annexing 3900 Finley Road to the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois
2. An ordinance rezoning certain property located at 3900 Finley Road.
3. An ordinance providing for an amendment to Ordinance #6008 and the Village of Downers Grove Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

## **10. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Barnett congratulated Tammy Sarver, Rob Roe and Commissioner Gilmartin for winning the election. Then he spoke about the "smash and grab" events that took place on Ogden Avenue. He said the Downers Grove Police Department is effective at what they do. He encouraged the public to say something, if they see something. He shared that the DuPage County States Attorney plays a big role in things like this and they have updated press releases available on their website. He said the take away is they take things seriously. He explained that when the Police Department does what they need to do, the States Attorney Office takes it from there - it is a partnership and he asked the public to take part in this as well.

Mayor Barnett then spoke of a level of discourse he wishes would change. He asked the public to rethink putting negative statements on social media. He spoke of the time, energy and



decision making involved with serving on the Council and on other boards and commissions. He suggested the public highlight the good things and amplify them.

## 11. Council Member Reports

Commissioner Davenport shared that April 6- April 12 is National Library Week. He encouraged everyone to celebrate their library and to get a library card, if they do not already have one.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt spoke about the last Joint Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of the Village Council and Library Board of Trustees. She shared that the next tentatively scheduled meeting is on April 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Tully thanked those that ran for seats in the Consolidated Election. He congratulated Commissioner Gilmartin on his re-election, and Tammy Sarver and Rob Roe on their elections. He also said he looks forward to the tributes to Commissioners José and Glover that are scheduled to take place at the next Village Council meeting. He then spoke of Hope's Front Door and their next event on April 29th at Seven Bridges Golf Club. He recommended those with questions visit their website or call their offices.

Commissioner Gilmartin thanked all for their congratulations and said this election had the highest turnout for a Municipal Election in 15 years.

Commissioner José thanked the Mayor for his comments on public discourse. He congratulated Chris, Tammy and Rob on their wins, and he thanked all that ran for the Commissioner seats. He said he looks forward to wrapping up his work on the Council over the next couple weeks and he is also looking forward to watching what the next Council will do.

## 12. Manager's Report

**MOT 2025-10745** A. Motion: Adopt the Guiding DG Environmental Sustainability Plan

**MOTION:** to **ADOPT THE GUIDING DG ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**, 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, Tully, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett

**NAYES:** None

Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Jason Michnick presented via PowerPoint. He reviewed the Plan and the process to put it in place.

### **Village Council Comments**

Commissioner Davenport expressed his approval of the Plan, thanking staff for addressing his questions. He highlighted some things that stood out to him, as well pointing out a few edits, including a missing mention of urban forest maintenance and expansion in the Village Ecology section. He also expressed a desire to include actions for all community goals. He suggested adding the word "reduce" in the goals related to vehicle emissions and praised the inclusion of student artwork throughout the document. He said he is proud to have been part of putting this together.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt called the document exceptional and thanked staff, the ECC, the Greener Grove, and the community for their efforts. She noted her excitement about the Plan exceeding her expectations, sharing that this is something that she has been pushing for since being elected in 2019.

Commissioner Gilmartin agreed with his colleagues, and emphasized how much having a dedicated environmental sustainability staff member has helped this process. He expressed his content with the plan and highlighted the Community Pledge, the detailed objectives and metrics to track the Village's progress, and pointed out that he thinks it reinforces the Village's fiscal responsibility - which will save the taxpayers money. He also shared that he wants to take a better look at technology - to better the Village as whole, and that he thinks there is an opportunity for the ECC to be involved moving forward.

Commissioner Tully shared his appreciation that the Plan lays a strong foundation for the Village. He attributed this to having Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Jason Michnick, partnering organizations and community input.

Commissioner José praised the Plan for being more comprehensive than expected and thanked everyone involved.

Mayor Barnett shared that he thinks the plan appropriately helps to set a cultural refocus for the Village. He said it sets goals that are stretches, but that are not impossible.

**MOT 2025-10746**     B. Motion: Adopt the Guiding DG Streetscapes Plan

**MOTION:** To **ADOPT THE GUIDING DG STREETSCAPES PLAN, inclusive of Manager Fieldman's noted edits.**

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

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner José

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

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

**NAYES:** None

*\*Manager Fieldman's noted edits appear near the end of the dialogue in this section.*

Mr. Popovich presented via PowerPoint and thanked all those involved in the Guiding DG Streetscape Plan. He provided a background on the Plan and reviewed the details about each of the Plan components. He explained that the North Plaza Option was the newest item on the plan, and that the HPDRB recommended Option 2 for the North Plaza. He shared that Tim King, with Hitchcock Design Group, was present for questions as well.

### **Public Comments**

Ms. Winingham returned to the podium and expressed concerns about the Council's disdain toward drivers and commuters. She requested the Council temporarily remove parking spots with a practice run during the next outdoor dining season, before they are removed permanently. She also expressed her concerns with the North Plaza.

Ken Lerner, a resident, spoke highly of the artwork located in the Civic Center Blackburn Plaza. He opined that artwork elevates the quality of a public space and expressed his hope that similar artwork is incorporated into this Plan elsewhere.

Ms. Greco returned to the podium and said the Village's last parking study was completed in 2019, and she requested another parking study be completed soon. She expressed concerns with a lack of parking in the downtown area and seconded Ms. Winingham's suggestion of a practice run before permanently removing parking to accommodate permanent outdoor dining.

Ms. Winingham returned to the podium and commented on the 21 lots shown on the map. She noted that 3-4 of them are located away from the downtown, so they are not helpful.

### **Village Council Comments**

Mayor Barnett clarified that the same notes that identify the 21 parking lots, also indicate that Village parking counts only take into account Village owned lots.

Commissioner Tully thanked everyone involved in the project, expressing confidence that it will bring significant transformation to the downtown and Fairview Focus areas, giving more attention to the area north of the tracks. He emphasized the importance of flexible amenity spaces, not permanent ones, and also noted that the project is not yet funded and requires that a Plan be in place before funding can be pursued. He expressed his support for the Plan moving forward.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt, a frequent commuter, shared her understanding of frustrations with drop-offs and supported Option 2 for the North Plaza. She expressed hope that public art will be incorporated into the plazas and amenity areas. While not everything in the plan was her first choice, she supports the decisions of the majority of the Council and the plan overall.

Commissioner José expressed his preference for Option 1, for the North Plaza. He praised the rest of the plan, calling it fantastic.

Commissioner Davenport praised the work on the Plan, noting that any questions he had were addressed as he read through it. He suggested several edits, including the addition of a legend key for diagrams and acronyms, and changing the verbiage about the burying of overhead utility lines to indicate that it is a long term goal. He expressed a preference for North Plaza Option 2, while emphasizing the importance of preserving the Kiss and Ride feature.

Commissioner Glover agreed with his colleagues and shared he thinks the Plan will create a vibrant atmosphere in the downtown area. He said he prefers Option 1 for the North Plaza.

Commissioner Gilmartin echoed the positive comments, particularly praising the Plan's focus on creating spaces where people will linger and stay longer, benefiting local businesses. He disagreed with Commissioner Davenport's edit regarding parking spaces, explaining that removing spaces is just one part of the process. He also supported adding public art and noted the Plan's alignment with the Sustainability Plan. He expressed excitement about the 20-year commitment of the Village, and also shared that he prefers North Plaza Option 2.

Mayor Barnett agreed with Commissioner Gilmartin's remarks, highlighting that the Plan reflects the Council's vision for the downtown. He concurred with Commissioner Davenport's comment about overhead utility lines, agreeing that it should explicitly state the goal is to remove powerlines. He said he prefers Option 2 for the North Plaza.

Manager Fieldman said a motion to approve the Streetscapes Plan would include the following edits:

- Include an Acronym Table.
- For the North Main Street Plaza, Option 2 was selected. Remove Option 1 from the document.
- Make the walls and benches more prevalent in the drawings.
- On Page 67, change the language about utility lines to read "burying overhead utility lines, although expensive, is a long-term goal".
- Remove the number of parking spaces from all drawings.
- Update the cost estimate table to ranges of costs (low to high) and use symbols to express cost ranges.

**MOT 2025-10744** C. Motion: Adopt the Guiding DG Active Transportation Plan

**MOTION:** To **ADOPT THE GUIDING DG ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN, inclusive of Manager Fieldman's noted edits.**

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

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Gilmartin

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner José

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

**NAYES:** None

*\*Manager Fieldman's noted edits appear near the end of the dialogue in this section.*

Mr. Popovich presented the Guiding DG Active Transportation Plan via PowerPoint. He thanked all that worked on this Plan and noted that representatives from the consultant, Baxter and Woodman, were present for questions.

### **Public Comments**

Robin Tryloff, a resident, requested that the six lots in the Prince Pond neighborhood are not zoned DT, as shown in this Plan, and that they are zoned to match the rest of the neighborhood.

John Le Donne, a resident, said there are now 128 signatures on the neighborhood petition to keep the zoning of the six lots consistent with the neighborhood. He said the petition was also presented at the Planning and Zoning meeting the night prior to this meeting. He said there are still more signatures that will be added to the petitions.

Brandan Ballwell, a resident, asked for an explanation about what a "shared use path" is because there is a proposal that there will be one down Gilbert Avenue.

Jenny Bauman, a resident, shared she is overwhelmed by the language in the document and asked for clarification on what is being approved tonight, how concrete the plan is, an explanation about what "shared use" means, and what the process is moving forward.

Mayor Barnett explained that a "shared use path" is an off street path that tends to be wider than a sidewalk, but is not on the street. He said this Plan shows existing conditions and what the Village hopes to achieve. It looks at everything that might be possible. He said there are many factors that play a big role in implementing any parts of the Plan, clarifying that it is not a set of bid documents to put in a shared use path on Gilbert, rather it simply suggests Gilbert as a good place for this path. He explained the Plan talks about what the Council's priorities are and sets up ideas and goals that serve as guidance.

### **Village Council Comments**

Commissioner Davenport acknowledged the Plan for effectively capturing two years of community input and for highlighting the importance of the existing conditions analysis for future reference. He noted the importance of a legend key for acronyms used in this document and also expressed concerns with the bike facility prioritization listing, the readability of information in tables, and mentioned a few additional edits. He emphasized the value of continued community engagement and problem-solving in the process.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt shared her appreciation for the recognition of the different types of users and the options that are the best fit for each use - especially with the layout of the Village making connectivity difficult. She also expressed her content with keeping the "what's possible" section in the appendix and shared her support for the Plan's implementability. She raised concerns about the implementation hierarchy table, suggesting a simplified priority list. She emphasized the need for driver education in sharing the road with pedestrians and cyclists.

She also proposed changing the section of the Plan that referenced a connection between obesity and the value of cycling, suggesting the focus is more on general health and well-being.

Commissioner José commended the Plan for enhancing safety and overcoming physical barriers in the Village. He encouraged the community to remain engaged and provide input at future Council meetings.

Commissioner Gilmartin requested the full "What's Possible" section be included in the appendix and suggested various other edits. He proposed adjusting the language to reflect the shift from a Bike and Pedestrian Plan to an Active Transportation Plan. He emphasized that cost estimates were rough numbers, as the Plan spans 20 years, and suggested removing specific cost numbers to avoid confusion. He noted that bundling projects could reduce costs and make the Village eligible for grants. He expressed strong support for the Plan and said it aligns with the Village's Strategic Goals.

Commissioner Tully agreed with Commissioner Gilmartin on adding the "What's Possible" table and the language shift to Active Transportation. He supported changing the obesity language to focus on health and wellness. He argued that estimated costs should be included, acknowledging they may fluctuate over time. He shared appreciation for the comprehensive efforts behind the Plan, including its integration with other Village plans, and thanked Staff for their hard work.

Commissioner José emphasized the importance of including cost ranges to help with the implementability of the Plan. Commissioner Gilmartin agreed, suggesting a cost scale, and asked for clarification on how prioritization was determined. Aaron Tully, with Baxter and Woodman, explained that prioritization considered geographical coverage and key routes. He said a key implementation principle is flexibility. Commissioner Gilmartin supported this approach, stating that there were clear prioritization standards.

Commissioner Davenport expressed concerns about controlling the narrative, advocating for a high, medium, and low prioritization system. He suggested the Plan be presented in a book format to avoid confusion with graphs that span multiple pages. He also supported changing the language to emphasize a pedestrian focus.

Manager Fieldman said one of the most important things the Council said they wanted was implementability. He said a key component for Staff is some level of prioritization from the Council. He said the Council's most important message is that the project is important and should receive necessary resources. He explained that this would be discussed further during Long Range Planning. He said Council's input would lead to 2-year and 5-year plans, eventually guiding full projects.

Commissioner Gilmartin proposed removing cost numbers entirely from the Plan, while Commissioner Davenport shared concerns with both prioritization numbering and pricing.

Mayor Barnett shared that he struggled with this because he discounts the bike aspect. He suggested changing "bike and pedestrian" to "pedestrian and bike" in the Plan. He emphasized the need to focus on helping people get around town, without motor vehicles. Regarding prioritization, he said he viewed it as guidance for long-term planning and requested a list of connections between this Plan and existing long-term CIP work. He asked staff to include estimated costs, even if they were presented as a range, to assist with prioritization.

Manager Fieldman confirmed that the Plan already mentions bundling and scale economy, etc. He shared this is prevalent in Chapter 5 but could be peppered into other chapters throughout the Plan.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt raised a concern about the zoning of the Prince Pond lots on the existing land use map not matching the zoning in the 2017 Comprehensive Plan. Manager Fieldman clarified that staff's interpretation of an existing land use map should capture the land uses as they exist today; a combination of vacant lots and single family homes. He shared that the recommendation for future land uses will be found in a document that has not yet been presented to the Council. He requested that Staff have the opportunity to verify that the existing land use map is accurate and consistent across multiple documents. This includes the existing conditions memo and the existing land use map that will be in the Comprehensive Plan, to be presented to the Council in May. Manager Fieldman reiterated that Staff will be sure there is consistency among several documents and accuracy as well. He reassured the Council that any identified issues would be corrected in the Plan and that this should not delay a vote on the Plan.

Mayor Barnett agreed, adding that the map on page 76 should also be double-checked. He expressed confidence that the Council could still proceed with a vote tonight.

Commissioner Gilmartin said he wants to make sure the language around bundling as a prioritization opportunity does not limit what projects can be completed. Mayor Barnett said that in the section about how the list will be prioritized, none of the items listed are a single governing element. Manager Fieldman said that there is language that has been used by Staff before in Street and Stormwater Project bundling before that can be used here as well.

Manager Fieldman said a motion to approve the Active Transportation Plan would include the following edits:

- Include an Acronym Table.
- In the *What's Possible* appendix, include the spreadsheet of the *What's Possible List of Improvements*.
- Adjust the language to use 'pedestrians and cyclists'—not 'bicyclists and pedestrians' and be sure that it is clear that pedestrians come first.
- Check the table references on Page 115 – a reference to Table 2 should be to Table 3 – and correct the cost listed for item No. 8 in Table 1.
- Review the pictures.

- On Page 70, change any references to obesity to more general references about health and well-being.
- On Page 73, include 63rd Street as one of the locations with the greatest crosswalk crossing distances.
- On Page 105, Objective 2.2, in the last sentence, be sure to include motorists in the educational programs.
- Update the cost estimate tables to show ranges of costs (low to high) and use symbols to express these ranges.
- In the Prioritization and Budgeting section, use language similar to that used with Stormwater and Street Improvement Projects. .
- Ensure the existing land use map in this Plan matches the map in the Comprehensive Plan, specifically confirming the Saratoga and Warren parcels are accurately mapped.

Manager Fieldman thanked the Council as a group, and individually, for their efforts in the creation and implementation of the Plans. He thanked the staff, the advisory boards and the consultants that worked on all of the Guiding DG Plans.

### 13. Adjournment

Mayor Barnett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION:** To **Adjourn the April 8, 2025, Village Council Meeting.**

**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

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Berardi  
Village Clerk