

Meeting Minutes

Village of Downers Grove - Council Meeting

Betty Cheever Council Chambers

April 15, 2025

06:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Downers Grove Girl Scout Troop #56237 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Roll Call

Council Attendance (Present): Mayor Barnett, Commissioner Hosé, Commissioner Gilmartin, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Davenport, Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt (Electronic Attendance)

Council Attendance (Not Present): None

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

MOTION: To Allow for Electronic Participation for the April 15, 2025 Village Council Meeting, as presented.

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Hosé

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

AYES: Commissioners Hosé, Gilmartin, Davenport, Tully, Glover, Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

4. Proclamations

A. National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Mayor Barnett read the proclamation and shared that though DuComm provides services to the public that are unseen, they are very important.

B. Earth Day

Mayor Barnett read the proclamation and presented it to Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Jason Michnick.

C. Arbor Day

Mayor Barnett read the proclamation and presented it to Village Forester Greg Soltwisch.

5. Minutes of Council Meetings

MIN 2024-10518 A. Minutes: Village Council Meeting Minutes - April 8, 2025

MOTION: To **Adopt Village Council Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2025**, as presented.

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner José

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

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

NAYES: None

6. Public Comments

Scott Richards, a resident, expressed concerns about a lack of parking in the downtown area due to seasonal outdoor dining.

Clorinda Greco, a business owner, echoed the concerns expressed by Mr. Richards. She also expressed concerns with the Village's timeline for the Lead Line Replacement Project and emphasized the importance of planting trees during redevelopment efforts in the Village.

Janet Winningham, a resident, echoed previous speakers and expressed additional concerns about the removal of parking for seasonal outdoor dining in the downtown area.

7. Consent Agenda

BIL 2024-10640 A. Bills Payable: No. 6866 - April 15, 2025

COR 2024-10641 B. Claims Ordinance: No. 6597 & 6599, Payroll - March 21, 2025 & April 4, 2025

RES 2025-10769 C. Resolution: Approve an agreement with Andy Frain Services for School Crossing Guard Services

RESOLUTION 2025-38

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND ANDY FRAIN SERVICES, INC.

RES 2025-10754 D. Resolution: Approve an Annexation Agreement for the Property Located at 3614 Fairview Avenue

RESOLUTION 2025-39

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY AT 3614 FAIRVIEW AVENUE

RES 2025-10755 E. Resolution: Approve an Annexation Agreement for 5555 Lomond Avenue

RESOLUTION 2025-40

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5555 LOMOND AVENUE

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

RESOLUTION 2025-41

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6111 WOODWARD AVENUE

MOTION: To **Adopt the Consent Agenda of the April 15, 2025 Village Council Meeting**, as presented.

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Hosé

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

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

8. Active Agenda

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

MOTION: To adopt ***AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING 3900 FINLEY ROAD TO THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS***, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6120**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Hosé

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

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

NAYES: None

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

MOTION: To adopt ***AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3900 FINLEY ROAD***, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6121**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner José

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

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

NAYES: None

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

MOTION: To adopt ***AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN ZONING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE FAIRVIEW FOCUS AREA***, as presented.

ORDINANCE 6116

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner José

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

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

NAYES: None

Village Council Comments

Commissioner Tully thanked Village staff, his colleagues, and the public for their work on this. He compared this work to that of the Council's work to create the FT District in the downtown area. He shared that the work completed downtown has exceeded his expectations and that it will be many years before we see the results of the Fairview Area plan, adding that there may be changes in the Plan made by future Councils along the way.

Commissioner José thanked all that had a role in putting this Plan together. He shared that it is meaningful work.

Commissioner Gilmartin echoed his colleagues and shared that this is an example of seasoned Council members working with newer Council members to create the perfect Plan. He is proud to have been a part of the process.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugett echoed her colleagues and shared it is a product of compromises among the Council. She said she is excited about the inclusion of affordable housing. She shared it will be a long process, but appreciates that work that has been and the work that is yet to come.

Mayor Barnett echoed his colleagues and reiterated this plan included input from both experienced and newer Council members. He shared that this means that different viewpoints were represented and compromises were made during the process.

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

MOTION: To adopt ***AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE FAIRVIEW FOCUS AREA TO FC-FAIRVIEW CORE (FC)***, as presented.

ORDINANCE 6117

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner José

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

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

NAYES: None

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

MOTION: To adopt ***AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE FAIRVIEW FOCUS AREA TO FB-FAIRVIEW BUSINESS (FB)***, as presented.

ORDINANCE 6118

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner José

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

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

NAYES: None

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

MOTION: To adopt ***AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE FAIRVIEW FOCUS AREA TO FT-FAIRVIEW TRANSITION (FT)***, as presented.

ORDINANCE 6119

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner José

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

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

NAYES: None

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

MOTION: To adopt ***AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #6008 AND THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024***, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6122**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner José

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

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

NAYES: None

9. First Reading

RES 2025-10767 A. Resolution: Approve a Master License Agreement with Metro Fibernet, LLC for Use of Village Rights-of-Way for the Installation, Operation and Maintenance of Telecommunication Facilities

Village Manager Dave Fieldman introduced Ben Ruzick, Metronet Regional Vice President, who presented this item via PowerPoint.

Village Council Comments

Commissioner Tully reflected on the Council's discussions about making the Village a fiber community and asked Mr. Ruzick about minimizing construction disruption for residents. Mr. Ruzick explained that Metronet uses underground boring and hand digging to reduce the impact. Commissioner Tully noted that due to this precise method, the Village can not bundle other projects with this one. He asked Staff to coordinate with nearby communities and expressed enthusiasm for the project. Commissioner Davenport shared a past negative experience with a utility company and shared he was glad to hear Metronet's approach would avoid similar issues. He asked if the workers would be Metronet employees or contracted employees. Mr. Ruzick said they use a mix of employees and contractors, but most work only for Metronet. He explained that Metronet will be on sight to respond to any issues.

Commissioner Davenport then asked about digging depth, and Mr. Ruzick said they typically dig 18–24 inches. Commissioner Davenport also requested the project be communicated on the Village website. Village Manager Fieldman confirmed it would be.

Commissioner Gilmartin asked how Metronet chose Downers Grove. Mr. Ruzick explained they started in Romeoville and expanded from there, sharing that it is also partly because he is from Downers Grove and recommended it. He noted Metronet focuses on small, rural areas and builds in clusters of towns. Downers Grove is located in an anchored portion of the work they are doing, so it helps to lower the cost. Mr. Ruzick confirmed the project will cover the entire Village, excluding private properties or HOAs, unless separately arranged. He said construction will likely begin in the southern part of town, and service will go live in phases as areas are

completed. He said Metronet will coordinate with Village leadership regarding fiber access for Village buildings.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt stressed the importance of protecting mature trees during digging and restoration, highlighting the Village's status as a "Tree City". Mr. Ruzick emphasized that being cautious when it comes to trees is an important part of the process for Metronet.

Commissioner Davenport asked about costs and competition. Mr. Ruzick said their service is high-quality and competitively priced, often lower than other providers, and they often have promotions available.

Commissioner Glover asked about the timeline of the completion of work. Mr. Ruzick estimated full coverage within 18–24 months.

Mayor Barnett asked if they will share any spaces with other utilities. Mr. Ruzick said sharing infrastructure space gets dangerous. Mayor Barnett said the restoration component of this is a big deal.

Commissioner Gilmartin asked how many vaults and boxes may be expected. Mr. Ruzick said there should be 1 box for every 4 homes and that those boxes are very small. He explained there are terminal vaults that will be on the rights-of-way and those are a little larger.

Mayor Barnett thanked Mr. Ruzick for being at the meeting to answer the Council's questions.

10. Manager's Report

There was no Manager's Report.

11. Mayor's Report

A. Recognition of Commissioner José and Commissioner Glover

Mayor Barnett asked if the Council had any parting words to share with or about Commissioner Danny Glover.

Commissioner Tully shared a story about when Commissioner Glover reached out to him when he thought about running for Council. He shared that while on the Council, Commissioner Glover shared his perspective as a business owner often and it has been very helpful. Commissioner Tully thanked him for his passion, the perspective he brought to the Council and for his commitment to the community. He also thanked Commissioner Glover's family for supporting him.

Commissioner Gilmartin said he and Commissioner Glover started on the Council together and that Commissioner Glover has proven his desire to give back to the community. He said they may not have seen eye to eye on everything, but they had many meaningful discussions. He shared that he appreciates the time they served on the Council together. He said Commissioner Glover's connection to and in Downers Grove are enviable and his perspectives and knowledge about the town has been beneficial. He said it was apparent that Commissioner Glover's heart was always with the residents, not just because he is a Commissioner, but because of who he is. He shared there are personal sacrifices that come with being on the Council and he thanked Sabrina Glover for her support over the past few years. He said he will miss him as a fellow colleague but he will always be a friend.

Commissioner José said Commissioner Glover has so many connections in Downers Grove. He said he is the essence of Downers Grove and has a common sense approach about business. He said when Commissioner Glover spoke, he made an impact; always trying to make things easier for businesses and residents. He said Commissioner Glover always thinks with a long horizon, not just short term. He said it has been an honor to serve with him.

Commissioner Davenport thanked Commissioner Glover for making him feel welcome when he joined a couple years ago. He said his decision to step down reminds him that there is more to life. He said all he brings, both from a business prospective and because Downers Grove is a part of who is, made an impact. He wished him well and told him to take what he learned on the Council and apply it to other aspects of his life. He wished Commissioner Glover luck in his next chapter.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said Commissioner Glover's big heart and empathy to the community were apparent from the beginning. She valued hearing his perspectives on issues that she may never have considered. She wished him and his family the all the best moving forward and thanked them for their support over the last four years.

Mayor Barnett said that everyone knows "Danny". He shared that Commissioner Glover started his journey on the Council in 2021. He expressed that the amount of support Commissioner Glover showed business owners during his time on the Council was valuable. He spoke to Commissioner Glover's contributions to the Council over the past four years. He said that he offered fewer words from the dais than his peers, but they were meaningful and impactful. He said Commissioner Glover is a lifelong resident of Downers Grove, and his experience as a business owner and love for the town has benefitted the community. He said Commissioner Glover will be missed and thanked him for his time on the Council.

Mayor Barnett presented Commissioner Glover with a "Danny Glover Place" street sign and an award for serving on the Council.

Commissioner Glover expressed that he never thought of himself as a politician, but shared that he has grown so much over the past 4 years. He explained coming into this made him realize he did not know much about running a Village, and he thanked Village leadership and

staff for the time they took with him. He thanked leadership for all they do for the Village and Council, and for their endless and extraordinary work. He shared that being a part of a collective group, with varying opinions, has been a great experience. He spoke to each of the Council members, expressing appreciation for each of them. He thanked the community for trusting in him during his term. He thanked his wife and children for their support during his time on the Council. He shared that he looks forward to the work of the next Council and for the work to be done in the community in the years to come.

Mayor Barnett asked if the Council had any parting words to share with or about Commissioner Greg José.

Commissioner Tully shared that he cannot think of the Village Council without Commissioner José and thanked him for the 12 years he dedicated to serving on the Council. He thanked his family for their support during Commissioner José's time on the Council. He said that Commissioner José's commitment to the community is unmeasurable, and that this is just a pause in his service to the community because of term limits. He spoke of Commissioner José's time serving on Village Boards and Commissions prior to the Council. He said the past several years has brought a lot of growth not only in the community, but also to them as friends. He shared the many highlights of Commissioner José's time on the Council, but most importantly their work together to make the Civic Center a reality. He said Commissioner José's passion and commitment to the community was always apparent in not only his work, but also in the personal time he spent communicating with the community. He spoke of Commissioner José's role as a liaison to the EDC and the passion and pride he showed for the community and to Village staff in his roles as Mayor Pro Tem and Commissioner. He thanked him for his service and his family for their support. He said he will be missed.

Commissioner Gilmartin said he has been on the Council with Commissioner José for the past 4 years. He thanked him for the impact he has had on the community and said he has been an example of what good governance should look like. He highlighted many of the things accomplished by Commissioner José during his time on the Council. He said many times Commissioner José spoke to the Village's history and he always used that to further conversations. He spoke to Commissioner José's knowledge of procedure, his respect for labor workers and fairness, and his critical questions during Council processes. He said though they have not always seen eye to eye on things, Commissioner José has helped him understand how things get done. He said Commissioner José's support for him during his 2021 Village Council run is a profound memory because Commissioner José opened doors and gave him advice and introductions, even though they were running against each other. He said he is grateful for their time serving on the Council together, and also shared that Commissioner José has made him better at what he does. He thanked Commissioner José's family for their support during his time serving.

Commissioner Davenport said he was happy to have been a part of Commissioner José's service over the past couple years. He said Commissioner José made him feel welcome when he joined the Council. He thanked Commissioner José for his passion and articulation. He

said he will miss the institutional knowledge Commissioner José brought to the Council and thanked him for bringing his real world experience as an attorney to the Council. He shared that he wished that people understood the time and sacrifice it takes to serve on the Council and shared that Commissioner José led by example. Commissioner Davenport said he hopes that Commissioner José takes his experience and knowledge and applies it to the other parts of his life. He thanked him for his time on the Council and for what he has done for the community.

Commissioner Glover shared that Commissioner José's knowledge has been instrumental in his time on the Council. He also thanked his family for their support over the years.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt shared that Commissioner José supported her during her first run for office. She said she will miss his expertise. She said he has always put people first and always makes decisions that are the best for the Village. She said the Council will miss what Commissioner José has brought during his past 3 terms. She thanked his family for their support over the last 12 years. She thanked him for all he has done for the Village.

Mayor Barnett thanked Commissioner José. He shared that the Mayor Pro Tem position involves a lot that happens beyond the dais. He said Commissioner José has enabled the Mayor to do his job. He shared that Commissioner José has served the Village over the last 16 years, starting with Village Boards and Commissions prior to serving on the Council. He said they met in 2013 and have not only worked together but have developed a lasting friendship. He said Commissioner José has been an asset to the community. He highlighted the many projects and much of the work that Commissioner José was a part of, pointing out the work they shared to make the Civic Center a reality. He spoke to Commissioner José's focus on environmental efforts and his time serving on the EDC Board of Directors. He said Commissioner José has been a force to advocate and support the people. Mayor Barnett thanked Commissioner José's family for their support during his time on the Council. The Mayor thanked Commissioner José for giving them the opportunity to work side by side for many years.

Mayor Barnett presented Commissioner José with a "Greg Hose Drive" street sign and an award for serving on the Council.

Commissioner José thanked his wife and children for their support during his time serving on the Council. He spoke about his 2013 campaign and thanked Kevin Allen, who ran all his campaigns. He thanked his mom for her support as well, sharing that she modeled public service both personally and professionally. He thanked the colleagues he has served with over the years. He spoke to each of his current colleagues and thanked them for their support during their time together on the Council. He thanked Village Leadership for their countless hours of work and expressed his gratitude to them; the residents of Downers Grove for allowing him the privilege to serve them; and the Village's first responders for all they do. He spoke to the work he has done on the Council and explained that the work the Council does is for their neighbors and the community. Commissioner José said he looks forward to the work of the next Council.

Mayor Barnett thanked all for being at the meeting and sharing in the recognition of Commissioner José and Commissioner Glover.

12. Council Member Reports

Commissioner Tully thanked Commissioner José for his parting words. He said he is glad that there are two separate meetings to give accolades to his departing colleagues and to welcome his new colleagues to the Council. He reminded all that Hope's Front Door is hosting the Hands of Hope luncheon on April 29th at the Seven Bridges Golf Club to celebrate its 25th year serving the community.

Commissioner Gilmartin reminded all, with it being National Telecommunicators Week, that "911" now accepts text messages for those individuals that cannot call. He said always try to call first, but if circumstances do not allow you to call, you can now text.

13. Adjournment

Mayor Barnett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: To **Adjourn the April 15, 2025, Village Council Meeting.**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner José

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Berardi
Village Clerk