

Meeting Minutes

Village of Downers Grove - Council Meeting

Betty Cheever Council Chambers	October 21, 2025	07:00 PM
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1. Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2. Roll Call

Council Attendance (Present): Mayor Barnett, Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt, Commissioner Gilmartin, Commissioner Davenport, Commissioner Sarver, Commissioner Roe

Council Attendance (Not Present): Commissioner Tully

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

3. Proclamations

A. 2025 Montrew Dunham Award

Mayor Barnett read the proclamation and presented it to the 2025 Montrew Dunham Award winner Lisa Rasin.

B. American Pharmacists Month

After reading the proclamation, Mayor Barnett presented Cindy Quach, Student President of the APHA Chapter at Midwestern University's College of Pharmacy Downers Grove. Ms. Quach addressed the Council from the podium on behalf of the students. .

4. Minutes of Council Meetings

MIN 2024-10536 A. Minutes: Village Council Meeting Minutes - October 14, 2025

MOTION: To Adopt Village Council Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2025, as presented.

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

AYES: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Roe, Sarver, Davenport and Mayor Barnett

5. Public Comments

Janet Winningham, resident, expressed her disappointment that there will not be a test run during the winter months before the Village proceeds with committing to the Guiding DG Streetscape Plan in the downtown area.

Bill Ulrich, resident and member of Accessible DG, provided details about the 708 Downers Grove Township Petition Drive taking place on November 4th to get a referendum on the November 2026 ballot to create a 708 Community Mental Health Board.

6. Consent Agenda

COR 2025-10842 A. Claims Ordinance: No. 6625, Payroll - October 3, 2025

BIL 2025-10851 B. Bills Payable: No. 6902 - October 21, 2025

MOTION: To Adopt the Consent Agenda of the October 21, 2025 Village Council Meeting, as presented.

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

AYES: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, Gilmartin and Mayor Barnett

7. Active Agenda

ORD 2025-10914 A. Ordinance: Approving Execution of a First Amendment to and Restatement of the Redevelopment Agreement Between the Village of Downers Grove and Gold Coast Exotic Imports, LLC

MOTION: To adopt ***AN ORDINANCE APPROVING EXECUTION OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO AND RESTATEMENT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND GOLD COAST EXOTIC IMPORTS, LLC***, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6143**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

AYES: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Roe, Sarver, Davenport and Mayor Barnett

8. First Reading

ORD 2025-10957 A. Ordinance: Vacating a Portion of an Unimproved Public Right-of-Way Adjacent to 523 Ogden Avenue

Community Development Director Stan Popovich gave a PowerPoint presentation on this item.

Village Council Comments

Commissioner Davenport shared that he will be in favor of this when it is voted on.

Commissioner Gilmartin asked if the petitioner will be paying the Village an \$8500 fee. He also asked if the access to Douglas will remain unchanged at this time. Mr. Popovich responded yes to both.

Mayor Barnett said this item is straight forward and the Council receives these types of requests periodically.

Commissioner Gilmartin asked whether this item requires a different level of approval from the Council. Village Attorney Enza Petrarca responded that it does, explaining that it requires at least 6 affirmative votes.

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 vacating a portion of an unimproved public right-of-way adjacent to 523 Ogden Avenue.

10. Manager's Report

There was no report.

11. Council Member Reports

Commissioner Davenport said on Saturday, October 25, the Rotary Club and Downtown Management will be hosting a Halloween window painting event downtown. He encouraged all to attend.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt spoke of events scheduled on October 27 and October 29, sponsored by EQDG, as a continuation of United Against Hate Week. She wished everyone a happy and safe Halloween.

12. Mayor's Report

REP 2025-10959 A. Report: Materials to be Placed on file - KR Golf Incorporated d/b/a Legends Indoor Golf, Upgrade to Class "REC-1" Liquor License

Mayor Barnett said that he serves as Liquor Commissioner and explained that this application is to be placed on file in the Village Clerk's Office for two weeks and is subject to public comment prior to its issuance. He said barring any objection, once the waiting period has passed, the REC-1 Liquor License will be issued.

The Mayor then spoke about appointments to Village Boards and Commissions. He explained that this process has been dragged out a little longer than normal because of the Council Governance discussions and also because there was not much of a pool of people to select from. He said he requested that Village Staff push out messaging to recruit new members with an application deadline date of September 30. He said he has started his review of the new pool of candidates and will loop the Council into the process within the next couple of days. He explained that he just wanted to update everyone on where that process stood.

13. Adjournment

Mayor Barnett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: To **Adjourn the October 21, 2025 Village Council Meeting.**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

AYES: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Davenport, Sarver, Roe and Mayor Barnett

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Berardi
Village Clerk