

Meeting Minutes

Village of Downers Grove - Council Meeting

Council Chambers

6/19/2018

7:00 PM

In order to give as many visitors as possible an opportunity to speak and in the interest of adjourning the meeting by 9:00 p.m., please limit your comments to 5 minutes in length, unless further time is granted by Council. Thank you.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Martin Tully called the regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Downers Grove Village Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Tully led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Roll Call

Council Attendance (Present): Commissioner Walus, Commissioner Earl, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner White, Commissioner Hosé, Commissioner Barnett; Mayor Tully

Absent: None

Non-Voting: Village Manager David Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca, Village Clerk April Holden

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The Council will follow the rules of conduct for this meeting as provided in Sec. 2.5 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code. These offer the public the opportunity to comment at several points in the meeting. First, immediately following approval of the minutes of past meetings, an opportunity will be given for public comments and questions of a general nature. If a public hearing is scheduled for this meeting, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions related to the subject of the hearing. Finally, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions on items appearing on the Consent Agenda, the Active Agenda and the First Reading.

The Mayor stated that at the appropriate time the presiding officers will ask if there are any comments from the public. Individuals wishing to speak, should raise their hand to be recognized and, after acknowledgment from the presiding officer, approach the microphone and state their name. Remarks should be limited to five minutes, and individuals are asked to refrain from making repetitive statements.

Mayor Tully said there are agendas located on either side of the Council Chambers, and he invited the audience to pick up an agenda and follow the progress of the Council meeting.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

MIN 2018-7821 — A. Minutes: Executive Session Minutes for Approval Only - June 5, 2018

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MIN 2018-7822 — B. Minutes: Council Minutes - June 12, 2018

Motion: Commissioner White moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Waldack seconded the motion.

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried by voice vote.

4. Presentations

Economic Development Corporation Quarterly Report

Michael Cassa, President and CEO of the Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation (EDC), 5159 Mochel Drive, presented the quarterly report for the EDC. He began with the Home Rule Sales Tax, which showed a .35% increase over 2017, with a total of \$655,429 for March 2018. The Municipal Sales Tax for the same period showed an increase of 6.61%. He reviewed the categories generating the most Home Rule and Sales Tax revenues for the 1st quarter 2018. He then noted the decrease in restaurant sales tax revenue saying that the Village is placing priority on restaurants in its future development. He also noted a decrease in sales tax for food pointing out that two grocery stores closed in the Village after the first quarter of last year. Referencing General Merchandise, Mr. Cassa said that the segment of revenue hit the hardest by the Internet was apparel. Two segments, agriculture and manufacturing, will be added in future reports. The total tax revenues were \$4.78 million with a 2.26% increase.

Hotel Tax revenue for January-April 2018 showed an increase of 3.62% over the same period last year. He said that Doubletree is leading the increase, and they currently launched their renovation project.

Mr. Cassa then reported on the EDC's current projects, noting that this fall Aldi's will open a 24,000 square foot space on the property formerly housed by Caputos. Hobby Lobby is taking the remaining space of 54,000 square feet. That Burger Joint, owned by Oberweis, will open next to Oberweis dairy. The Vequity real estate development at the corner of Ogden and Main has six tenants, four of which are national restaurants including Panda Express, Mod Pizza, Core Life Eatery and City Barbeque. Outback Steakhouse has opened at Finley & Butterfield Roads and Grand Duke's Restaurant has leased the former Bohemian Garden Restaurant on 75th Street.

Lincoln began construction of its pre-owned certified auto dealership at 216 Ogden Avenue and is investing \$2 million in their total renovation. They are expected to generate \$22 million in sales annually. Carlotz will open their first location at the northeast corner of Ogden and Finley, the former Packey Webb dealership.

Three industrial projects began with Rexnord's new facility expected to open in September. They will demolish the old building and use that property for their parking area. Green Bay Packaging has purchased the site at the northwest corner of Warrenville and Finley Road across from the former Packey Webb. They are building a 178,000 square foot regional headquarters and distribution center based out of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Bridge Development was approved in December and will develop 700,000 square feet on the west side of Finley, north of Warrenville Road. They are having their groundbreaking ceremony this Friday at 9:00 a.m. Bridge Development will construct three large buildings on the 53-acre site.

As to marketing, Mr. Cassa said the International Council of Shopping Centers held their annual conference in May that he attended with Stan Popovich, the Village's Director of Community Development. The EDC also advertises in numerous publications discussing the Village's location and its excellent access to interstates, proximity to the airport, etc. The Village's location is its biggest asset. Advertising is placed in Site Selection Magazine, Northern Illinois Real Estate directory, West Suburban Living magazine, Crain's, Intersect Illinois Guide, Midwest Meetings Magazine, Business Ledger Meeting and Events Guide, the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau Guide, and the Chamber 630 Community Guide.

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Mr. Cassa announced that the EDC will hold its third annual "Deals Are Brewing" in Downers Grove on October 10 at 5:00 p.m. at Alter Brewing. He noted that the EDC staff will also be volunteering at Rotary Grove Fest next weekend. He thanked the Village for its support.

5. Public Comments

This is the opportunity for public comments.

There were no public comments

6. Consent Agenda

COR 2018-7823 — A. Claims Ordinance: No. 6267, Payroll, May 25, 2018

BIL 2018-7824 — B. Bills Payable: No. 6400, June 19, 2018

RES 2018-7797 — C. Resolution: Authorize a Second Three-Year Extension to the Contract with Andres Medical Billing, Ltd.

Summary: This awards a three-year contract extension and amendment for medical billing services to Andres Medical Billing Ltd. of Arlington Heights, Illinois.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SECOND THREE-YEAR EXTENSION TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND ANDRES MEDICAL BILLING, LTD.

RESOLUTION 2018-44

Commissioner Waldack commented on this item, the medical billing, and why residents are billed for ambulance services. He explained that EMS services are very expensive. By billing the residents, the invoice is generally turned over to their insurance companies, and the charges are limited to what the insurance will cover. The revenue that is available comes from insurance companies. He urged residents to review this item on line. Commissioner Waldack said he will support this and encouraged residents to take advantage of the ambulance service when needed.

RES 2018-7798 — D. Resolution: Authorize an Extension to the Agreement with Redwing Shoes

Summary: This authorizes a three-year contract with Redwing Shoes for footwear for the Fire Department.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND REDWING SHOES

RESOLUTION 2018-45

RES 2018-7799 — E. Resolution: Authorize an Extension to the Agreement with Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital d/b/a Amita Health Adventist Medical Center, Bolingbrook, for Fire Department Physical Examinations

Summary: This authorizes a contract extension for the annual Fire Department Fit for Duty Medical Exams to Amita Bolingbrook Hospital, Downers Grove, Illinois.

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND ADVENTIST BOLINGBROOK HOSPITAL D/B/A AMITA HEALTH ADVENTIST MEDICAL CENTER, BOLINGBROOK

RESOLUTION 2018-46

RES 2018-7820 — F. Resolution: Authorize a Second Extension to the Agreement with the Horton Group for Health Plan Consulting Services

Summary: This authorizes a second 3-year contract extension with Horton Group of Orland Park, IL for plan consulting services for an amount not to exceed \$38,700 annually.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SECOND EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND THE HORTON GROUP

RESOLUTION 2018-47

MOT 2018-7807 — G. Motion: Award \$179,984.00 to A Lamp Contractors, Inc., Schaumburg, IL, for 2018 New Sidewalk Installation

Summary: This awards a contract for 2018 new sidewalk installation to A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. of Schaumburg, Illinois in the amount of \$179,984.00.

RES 2018-7819 — H. Resolution: Authorize an Agreement with Sentinel Technologies, Inc. for Wireless Network Connections

Summary: This authorizes an agreement with Sentinel Technologies, Inc. for wireless network connections for Fire Stations 1, 3 and 5 to connect to the Village's Wide Area Network (WAN) via wireless radios.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND SENTINEL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

RESOLUTION 2018-48

MOT 2018-7826 — I. Motion: Authorize \$36,776.40 to the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference for FY 2018-19 Dues

Summary: This authorizes \$36,776.40 to the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference for FY 2018-19 dues.

MIN 2018-7825 — J. Minutes: Note Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

Summary: Liquor Commission - May 3, 2018

Motion: Commissioner White moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Waldack seconded the motion.

Votes: Yea: Commissioners White, Waldack, Walus, José, Barnett; Mayor Tully

Nay: None

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried.

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7. Active Agenda

ORD 2018-7815 — A. Ordinance: Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County Providing for the Conveyance of Certain Property within Hidden Lake Forest Preserve, Granting Easements within Maple Grove Forest Preserve and Granting a License within Hidden Lake Forest Preserve

Summary: This authorizes an intergovernmental agreement between the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County and the Village of Downers Grove providing for the conveyance of certain property within Hidden Lake Forest Preserve, granting easements within Maple Grove Forest Preserve and granting a license within Hidden Lake Forest Preserve.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF DUPAGE COUNTY AND THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN HIDDEN LAKE FOREST PRESERVE, GRANTING EASEMENTS WITHIN MAPLE GROVE FOREST PRESERVE AND GRANTING A LICENSE WITHIN HIDDEN LAKE FOREST PRESERVE

ORDINANCE NO. 5703

Motion: Commissioner White moved to adopt "An Ordinance Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County and the Village of Downers Grove Providing for the Conveyance of Certain Property within Hidden Lake Forest Preserve, Granting Easements within Maple Grove Forest Preserve and Granting a License within Hidden Lake Forest Preserve," as presented. Commissioner Waldack seconded the motion.

Votes: Yea: Commissioners White, Waldack, Walus, Earl, Hosé, Barnett; Mayor Tully

Nay: None

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried.

ORD 2018-7817 — B. Ordinance: Authorize an Easement Agreement for a Public Sidewalk on the North Side of Maple Avenue within the Maple Grove Forest Preserve

Summary: This authorizes an easement agreement for a public sidewalk easement on the north side of Maple Avenue within the Maple Grove Forest Preserve.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR A PUBLIC SIDEWALK ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MAPLE AVENUE WITHIN THE MAPLE GROVE FOREST PRESERVE

ORDINANCE NO. 5704

Motion: Commissioner White moved to adopt "An Ordinance Authorizing an Easement Agreement for a Public Sidewalk on the North Side of Maple Avenue within the Maple Grove Forest Preserve," as presented. Commissioner Waldack seconded the motion.

Commissioner Earl said she was glad to see this as it provides a safe route to school.

Votes: Yea: Commissioners White, Waldack, Walus, Earl, Hosé, Barnett; Mayor Tully

Nay: None

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried.

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ORD 2018-7816 — C. Ordinance: Authorize an Easement Agreement for Gilbert Avenue Improvements within the Maple Grove Forest Preserve

Summary: This authorizes an easement agreement for Gilbert Avenue improvements within the Maple Grove Forest Preserve.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR GILBERT AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE MAPLE GROVE FOREST PRESERVE

ORDINANCE NO. 5705

Motion: Commissioner White moved to adopt "An Ordinance Authorizing an Easement Agreement for Gilbert Avenue Improvements within the Maple Grove Forest Preserve," as presented. Commissioner Waldack seconded the motion.

Votes: Yea: Commissioners White, Waldack, Walus, Earl, José, Barnett; Mayor Tully

Nay: None

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried.

RES 2018-7811 — D. Resolution: Authorize a License Agreement with the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County Providing for Grading Work on a Portion of Hidden Lake Forest Preserve

Summary: This authorizes execution of a license agreement between the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County and the Village of Downers Grove providing for grading work on a portion of Hidden Lake Forest Preserve.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF DUPAGE COUNTY AND THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE PROVIDING FOR GRADING WORK ON A PORTION OF HIDDEN LAKE FOREST PRESERVE

RESOLUTION 2018-49

Motion: Commissioner White moved to adopt "A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a License Agreement between the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County and the Village of Downers Grove Providing for Grading Work on a Portion of Hidden Lake Forest Preserve," as presented. Commissioner Waldack seconded the motion.

Votes: Yea: Commissioners White, Waldack, Walus, Earl, José, Barnett; Mayor Tully

Nay: None

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried.

8. First Reading

ORD 2018-7776 — A. Ordinance: Amend the Zoning Ordinance

Stan Popovich, Director, Community Development, presented proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, noting the two categories that will be discussed: 1) implementation of the downtown regulatory framework, and 2) minor modifications to update and clarify other sections of the Zoning Ordinance.

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Regarding implementation of the downtown regulatory framework, Mr. Popovich said the Comprehensive Plan was adopted in June 2017 and included goals for the downtown. The regulatory framework was approved in January 2018. The Zoning Ordinance comports with 85-90% of the framework. Staff is proposing two main sections of changes to include: 1) Use Amendments that add the Downtown Core (DC) District to the Use Table, and that modify the Downtown Business (DB) and Downtown Transition (DT) Use Lists. 2) Bulk Amendments add the DC district to the Zoning Ordinance, and include slight bulk modifications to the DT districts. He displayed the revised tables that include the use and bulk amendments. He noted that at the May Plan Commission meeting, the Commission recommended some minor changes to the Zoning Ordinance to Articles 7 on parking, 9 regarding signs and 15 related to definitions.

Mr. Popovich then reviewed Zoning Ordinance text amendments including adding Wine and Beer boutiques, and administrative adjustments for driveway widths. Text amendments also clarified the term “personal improvement services,” and the fence graphic.

Mr. Popovich said the Plan Commission found that the text amendments met the conditions in Sec. 28.12.020.F. Mayor Tully thanked Mr. Popovich and the Plan Commission for its review, suggestions and recommendations. He asked for further clarification on the administrative adjustment option for driveways.

Mr. Popovich replied that these adjustments authorize the Director of Community Development to grant changes to setback areas and provide flexibility to homeowners. The Mayor responded that the change allows staff to use common sense in the field.

Commissioner José commented on the recommendations from the Plan Commission. They had a very thorough discussion. He would, however, prefer to keep DB and DT as it was with regard to permitted use versus special use. He sees that as more consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Earl said that in the DB zone she could go either way on the attached or two-unit houses and the Bed & Breakfast, but agrees with the Plan Commission with regard to special uses.

Commissioner Waldack commented that he is in full agreement with the Plan Commission regarding special uses, but will consider the comments of his fellow Commissioners.

Commissioner Barnett said it might be good to circulate historical examples or hypotheticals of how a special use and a permitted are processed through the system, and whether the uses should be subject to the special use process or not.

1. Dan McCormick, 5205 Washington, in the proposed DT district, said he has no problem with the height restrictions and his neighbors also have no problem with the height restrictions. He then asked about setbacks or parking for the DT district. Mr. Popovich responded that there are no proposed changes, and staff does not anticipate examining them at a future date. Mr. McCormick’s question concerned the hypothetical situation if his house were to burn down. Mr. Fieldman said if a house were to burn down, they would have one year to rebuild it.

2. Steve Jaguilo, 4913 Main Street and 4908 Highland, expressed his concern about the east side of Main Street between Rogers and Franklin. He asked where they are at now on this area. He thought they were going to make some general regulations and then focus on certain areas.

Mayor Tully replied that they started with changes to be made in the downtown area on a conceptual basis. Now they are focusing on the details of the ordinance.

Mr. Fieldman added that this is a three-step process. They began with the Comprehensive Plan for the downtown that they completed a year ago. Then implementation of the plan is the regulatory framework including the rules and the map. Now they are writing the actual ordinances, the written rules with no map changes at this time. Once the written rules are in place and approved, then the rezonings will be initiated to match the framework. Owners would be notified if their property is proposed to be rezoned.

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Mr. Jaguilo said that when the original map was made available his lot was listed as downtown transition. His concern is with the uses. Currently the block has businesses uses, but those are now not permitted because it is all special use. The second map changed the block to downtown business. He said he thinks that block is the definition of transition because behind those businesses are residences. The issue now is the maximum height. At 922 Warren and 911 Rogers there is an issue with the condos. He said he is wearing two hats, one as a business owner and one as a resident. He thinks the fix would be to leave it as transition but change it to permitted use to what it has been for decades. He asked who he can work with to stay involved in the process.

Mr. Fieldman clarified that the map has not been approved yet.

Mayor Tully suggested that Mr. Jaguilo continue to follow the Council meetings. Staff is the starting point. He explained that permitted and special uses are determined per the zoning category.

Commissioner White asked how non-conforming uses are handled.

Mr. Fieldman replied that if rezoning results in a non-conforming use, you can continue to use that use as long as the use continues with the property. Change in ownership does not stop the right to that use. However, if it is changed to a conforming use, it cannot be changed back to a non-conforming use, or if the non-conforming use ceases to operate for a period of six months the non-conforming status is removed.

Mr. Fieldman then discussed non-conforming structures saying that there are limitations on expansions of non-conforming structures, and if the structure burns down you have one year to rebuild it in its exact pre-existing location. If a burned structure has a non-conforming use, Mr. Popovich said there is a twelve-month period for the use to continue as non-conforming.

Mr. Jaguilo then asked why the block was changed to Downtown Business and not Downtown Transition.

Mayor Tully said he thought it was in response to public comments.

Commissioner José said that it was originally proposed to go to DT when the framework was simplified, but it was kept as Downtown Business.

Commissioner White said a decision was not made yet as to the parcels east side of Main Street. He doesn't recall making a conscious decision on it.

Mr. Jaguilo asked what recourse a resident would have if a property on the block were sold and a 70' building were proposed to be built.

Enza Petrarca, Village Attorney, said there would be no recourse as it would be in compliance with the ordinance.

Commissioner Earl asked for an explanation of permitted use versus a special use.

Mr. Fieldman replied that a permitted use is allowed by right and follows all rules and regulations in that zoning district. Whereas a special use is deemed as generally acceptable in that zoning district, but subject to review and approval by the Plan Commission and the Council. If it were to be denied, there has to be something unique about that location that would cause it to be different than that use being put anywhere else in that district, which very rarely occurs. What happens more often is the Council exercises its right to place reasonable conditions on the operation and approval of the use.

The Mayor pointed out that there are also several standards established for granting a special use.

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9. Mayor's Report

Mayor Tully noted that in 48 hours the Rotary Grove Fest begins in downtown Downers Grove. The Council will have a booth at Main Street and Burlington. He said the booth will feature things going on in the Village, and residents will be able to ask questions of the Council. He thanked Commissioners Earl and Walus for choosing their shirts.

The Mayor noted that the Village Council will not meet for the next two weeks. The Village's Independence Day Parade will take place on July 4th. He wished everyone a safe and happy Independence Day, and announced that fireworks will take place on 75th Street as usual in cooperation with the Village of Woodridge.

10. Attorney's Report

Pursuant to Section 2.5 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code, the following are presented for Village Council consideration:

1. An ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance

11. Council Member Reports

Commissioner José said he attended the EDC quarterly Board meeting. The meeting included updates from District 99, the Park District, and a legislative update from Springfield.

Commissioner Waldack noted the upcoming weather forecast and he suggested everyone get ready for the heat.

Commissioner Walus said that the hours for the Council booth are Friday, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

12. Manager's Report - Committee Room

Mayor Tully asked for a motion to recess to the Committee Room to discuss the update to the 2017-2019 Long Range Plan.

Motion: Commissioner White moved to recess. Commissioner Waldack seconded the motion.

The Mayor declared the motion carried by voice vote and the Council recessed at 8:16 p.m.

INF 2018-7778 — A. Information: Update to the 2017-2019 Long Range Plan

Mayor Tully reconvened the meeting at 8:25 p.m. He asked Village Manager Dave Fieldman to introduce the item.

Mr. Fieldman said that the update of the 2017-19 Long Range Plan will identify and discuss issues affecting FY19 and beyond, and will provide a progress report on priority action items. The update discussions will take place in three meetings. The first on the General Fund was held on May 15. Priority Action Items will be discussed at this evening's meeting and Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) will be discussed on July 10.

The Manager explained that focus will be on items presently in progress including:

Create a Plan for the Future of Downtown – Mr. Fieldman said an Ad Hoc Committee group met six times in the last six months. They are on schedule with this project and plan to provide a report to the Village Council in September.

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Update Downtown Zoning - Staff is on track to change the text of the downtown zoning by mid-July. This project is on track and map rezoning will come before Council in the fall.

Plan to address Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) - This plan will come to the Village Council in July and once the plan is presented staff will direct the implementation, which will appear in the 2019 budget documents.

Amendments to Stormwater Regulations – The Village Council has been considering this consistently since 2017. There is no specific end date with many options presently under consideration.

Identify and Implement a Major Service Consolidation, Cooperation or Collaboration – The Village has identified this as the “Peer Jury Project.” Staff intends a report to Village Council on July 17, and Council is expected to provide direction to staff by August. The project is on schedule.

Increase Sales Tax Base & Revenue by Implementing EDC Sales Tax Plan and Strategic Plan – This project is always in progress and is done in partnership with the Economic Development Corporation.

Mr. Fieldman then referenced three projects that have not yet been started:

Updating the Zoning Map – This will start after the update to the downtown zoning project is completed. Completion of his project is expected to be in early 2019.

Amendments to Stormwater Utility Credits and Incentives Programs – This is directly related to the Stormwater regulations that will be put in place for residential properties. The project will begin after stormwater regulation amendments are completed. The target completion is for mid-2019.

Implement Recommendations for Fairview Focus Area – The Manager said this project will likely not begin before May 2019, as it is a very large scope similar to the downtown revitalization project undertaken in the 1990’s. The delay is due to projects such as downtown zoning and stormwater regulations taking longer than expected.

Commissioner White said he thinks everything is on track and it is going quite well. He has nothing more to add.

Commissioner Barnett commented that he feels the opposite of Commissioner White’s comments. He thinks the Council has dragged down projects, and he doesn’t see that as a criticism of staff. He thinks the Council should be doing more and the projects should be accelerated. He believes staff is capable of meeting the projects, but feels that Council has slowed the process down.

Commissioner White responded that he thinks Commissioner Barnett’s comment is contrary to the Council-Manager form of government. It would be difficult to accomplish unless more staff were hired.

Commissioner Barnett asked how that is contrary to the Council-Manager form of government.

Commissioner White responded that it is not the Council’s job to run the Village, but it is their job to give direction. He thinks the plan is a good plan. There are reasons that this should not be discussed on the record right now. Stormwater was a complicated process that staff has dealt with, and he believes the downtown zoning staff came up with was an extraordinarily elegant solution. He thinks it is Council’s job to give staff direction and let the paid professionals run the Village.

Commissioner Barnett expressed appreciation for being reminded of his job. He said that staff has been working to help the Council get past itself. He does not disagree with where the Council fits in the “flight-plan” analogy, but he thinks there have been opportunities to make decisions and the Council has chosen not to. He thinks they are missing opportunities to move forward.

Mayor Tully said that obviously people have differences of opinions. It is reflective of the community. He shares with the frustration but the community is not in complete agreement. He said this is a function of the collective process. This is a well-informed engaged community, and the Council is always mindful of getting community input.

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Commissioner Barnett replied that there are opportunities to move faster. He thinks the Village is hurting itself by not moving faster.

The Mayor said there is a segment of the community that thinks the Council has moved too fast, such as downtown redevelopment. He thinks they move as fast as they can.

Commissioner Barnett said he wouldn't mind being proven wrong if they attempted to move faster.

Mayor Tully said if they were better at bringing along their colleagues, the Council could move faster.

Commissioner Waldack said he thinks they are moving appropriately in most cases. If you move too fast, you pay for it for a long time. He said that sometimes you can only move as fast as your revenue. The Commissioner said he thinks they have moved purposefully. He is pleased with the report made by staff. The Village is very busy. He thinks they need to be careful as to how they move.

Commissioner José agreed that purposeful action and being deliberate is a good thing. He thinks they have accomplished some good work. There is a difference between being purposeful and deliberate and being indecisiveness and missing opportunities. When it comes to downtown zoning they've moved in numerous different directions over the last 18 months, and he sees that as indecisiveness. He thinks they will pay more for facilities because of indecisiveness and missed opportunities. They still have to replace the Police Department and Village Hall and will end up paying more.

Mayor Tully commented that individuals come at things differently. He thinks they are making good progress.

Commissioner Waldack said he doesn't know of a Council member who's been indecisive.

Mayor Tully said that this Council has been creative and thoughtful in terms of its Strategic Plan and the EDC.

Commissioner Earl expressed the fact that some things take longer to do due diligence. It is not a race. She thinks when they must make decisions, they do.

Mayor Tully asked if there are comments regarding any change in directions or additions.

Commissioner White commented on the downtown zoning, saying that the current version is better than any they could have approved in the past. He observed that every department of the Village has a substantive difficult project to work on. He thinks every department of the Village is working at capacity. Had they moved forward with the facilities building, staff would not be able to do this work.

Commissioner Barnett said this discussion has nothing to do with staff. Staff has delivered everything Council has given them to do and delivered it really well. He sees the Council in a major race. All of these things have a push or pull on finances. He still thinks they will be in a situation where they will run out of revenue to complete what has to be done.

A resident said he was baffled by the goal of environmental sustainability. There are no metrics to address this goal. He is perplexed that it is a goal where nothing happens and there is no explanation of what environmental sustainability means to the Village. He agrees it should be a goal but not enough is being done.

Mayor Tully said there is no metric, however, the green business program has been in effect for a number of years. He wants the community and staff to be mindful of this. Leadership is a goal and has been achieved. He said perhaps coming up with a definite metric of environmental sustainability is something they could ask the Environmental Concerns Commission to investigate. The resident replied that he doesn't think there is anyone even on the Environmental Concerns Commission who knows about sustainability. He doesn't think they see Downers Grove moving in the direction of environmental sustainability.

Commissioner Barnett commented that the purposes of the goals are to guide decision-making. They are not making decisions that are in conflict with the goals. Staff is faced with daily decisions that are directed by the goals, even though it is not a metric per se.

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The resident said he would like to see some proof of that, and in his experience he does not see this occurring in the Village.

Commissioner Waldack suggested the resident go back and review decisions that the Council has already made in the past that take into account the environment. He noted items such as bio-diesel fuels, the parking deck, lighting, Grove Street, etc.

The resident then brought up the topic of the Great Lakes Water War.

Mayor Tully thanked him for his input stating that he appreciated the points raised by the resident.

Commissioner White then referenced a post made today on Facebook asking, "Why can't Lisle do a Long Range Plan like Downers Grove." He said he saw that as a compliment.

13. Adjournment

Mayor Tully asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Commissioner White moved to adjourn. Commissioner Waldack seconded the motion.

Votes: Yea: Commissioners White, Waldack, Walus, Earl, José, Barnett; Mayor Tully

Nay: None

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Holden
Village Clerk