

Meeting Minutes

Village of Downers Grove - Council Meeting

Council Chambers

01/07/20

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 Robert Barnett 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 Barnett led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Roll Call

Council Attendance (Present): Commissioner Hosé, Commissioner Earl, Commissioner Walus, Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt, Commissioner Kulovany, Commissioner Gray, Mayor Barnett

Absent: None

Non-Voting: Village Manager David Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca, Deputy Village Clerk Megan Miles

The Council meeting is broadcast over the local FM radio station, WDGC. In addition, a tape recording and videotape of the meeting are being made using Village-owned equipment. The videotape of the meeting will be used for later rebroadcast of the Council meeting over the Village cable television Channel 6.

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 Barnett 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 2019-8457 — A. Minutes: Council Minutes – December 17, 2019

Motion: Commissioner José moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Earl seconded the motion.

Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried by voice vote.

4. Public Comments

This is the opportunity for public comments.

1. Cheryl Popielarz stated she lives on Grand Avenue near Whittier School, with St. Joe’s Creek running behind her home. Her neighbors have been reaching out to the Village since October of 2017 after the torrential rains that eroded their stream banks. She and her neighbors are concerned that they are no further along than they were two years ago, and are actually set back further. There have been no updates on recent assessments put in the budget and they are concerned with the next steps as their backyards continue to shrink.

Mayor Barnett said he would get an update to the residents as quickly as possible. Stormwater is always a focus and they will receive an update.

2. David Rose said he had a handout for the Council and staff which is a follow-up on prior material he has given on environmental sustainability. (“Logical Simplicity, Historical Difficulty of the Problem of Environmental Sustainability”). He asked whether economic growth is environmentally sustainable, and read portions of the handout that he presented to Council verbatim. Mr. Rose summarized the remainder of his report and left the rest of the material to be read by Council.

5. Consent Agenda

BIL 2019-8459 — A. Bills Payable: No. 6500, January 07, 2020

COR 2019-8460 — B. Claims Ordinance: No. 6343, Payroll, December 20, 2019

MOT 2019-8436 — C. Motion: Award a Three-Year Contract in the Amount of \$139,260.00 to WaterSmart Software, San Francisco, CA, for a Water Customer Portal Project

Summary: This authorizes a three-year agreement for a water customer portal to WaterSmart Software in the amount of \$139,260.00.

RES 2019-8446 — D. Resolution: Express Intent to Continue Participation in the Suburban Tree Consortium and Authorize Certain Purchases for FY 2020

Summary: This expresses intent to continue participation in the Suburban Tree Consortium and authorizes certain purchases for FY2020.

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE SUBURBAN TREE CONSORTIUM AND TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PURCHASES FOR FY 2020

RESOLUTION 2020-01

MOT 2019-8454 — E. Motion: Award \$25,216.00 to KLOA, Inc., Rosemont, IL, for Neighborhood Traffic Study Area 7

Summary: This awards a professional services contract in the amount of \$25,216 to KLOA, Inc. for preparation of a neighborhood traffic study area 7.

RES 2019-8455 — F. Resolution: Appoint Megan Miles as Village Clerk for the Village of Downers Grove

Summary: This appoints Megan Miles as Village Clerk for the Village of Downers Grove.

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEGAN MILES AS VILLAGE CLERK FOR THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

RESOLUTION 2020-02

RES 2019-8456 — G. Resolution: Appoint April Holden as Deputy Village Clerk for the Village of Downers Grove

Summary: This appoints April Holden as Deputy Village Clerk for the Village of Downers Grove.

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING APRIL HOLDEN AS DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK FOR THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

RESOLUTION 2020-03

MIN 2019-8458 — H. Minutes: Note Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions Stormwater and Floodplain Oversight Committee - September 16, 2019

Motion: Commissioner José moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner Earl seconded the motion.

Votes: Yea: Commissioners José, Earl, Gray, Kulovany, Sadowski-Fugitt, Walus; Mayor Barnett

Nay: None

Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried.

6. Active Agenda

ORD 2019-8160 — A. Ordinance: Establish an Administrative Procedure for Assessing and Determining Claims under the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act (PSEBA)

Summary: This establishes an administrative procedure to determine eligibility for continued health insurance benefits under the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE FOR ASSESSING AND DETERMINING CLAIMS UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ACT (PSEBA)

ORDINANCE NO. 5807

Motion: Commissioner José moved to adopt "An Ordinance Establishing an Administrative Procedure for Assessing and Determining Claims under the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act (PSEBA)," as presented. Commissioner Earl seconded the motion.

Mayor Barnett asked Village Manager Dave Fieldman to summarize PSEBA.

Dave Fieldman, Village Manager, explained that it is a state mandated program that provides benefits to public safety employees and beneficiaries of employees who have been catastrophically injured on the job.

Votes: Yea: Commissioners José, Earl, Gray, Kulovany, Sadowski-Fugitt, Walus; Mayor Barnett

Nay: None

Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried.

7. First Reading

ORD 2019-8447 — A. Ordinance: Amend Class “O” Outdoor Liquor License Provisions

Village Attorney Enza Petrarca said this item removes the dining requirements allowing brewing facilities licenses to qualify for outdoor licenses. It was forwarded by the Liquor Commission.

Commissioner Kulovany asked about an agreement with a local restaurant regarding food delivery. Attorney Petrarca said this was discussed at the Liquor Commission.

8. Manager’s Report

9. 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 Class "O" outdoor liquor license provisions

10. Mayor and Council Member Reports

Commissioner Kulovany said that the Downers Grove Historical Society is sponsoring an event on January 22 at Emmett’s. He said that Stan Popovich will present the Downers Grove Landmark Ordinance at that event.

Commissioner Gray reminded residents of the Christmas tree pickup/drop off deadlines.

RES 2019-8464 — A. Resolution: Appoint Members to Village Boards and Commissions

Summary: This makes the following appoints to Village Boards and Commissions:

Architectural Design Review Board

Appoint Amy Gassen to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2022.

Plan Commission

Appoint Steven Toth to a term expiring August 31, 2021.

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO VILLAGE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

RESOLUTION 2020-04

Motion: Commissioner Hosé moved to adopt “A Resolution Appointing Members to Village Boards and Commissions,” as presented. Commissioner Earl seconded the motion.

Commissioner Earl thanked Amy Gassen who has given so much of her time to work on the Village Plan Commission, and is moving to the Architectural Design Review Board.

Commissioner Kulovany commented on the members whose appointments were made by the Mayor.

Mayor Barnett responded to the reading of the Resolution stating he and the Council appreciate all the input they receive from all Board and Commission members.

Votes: Yea: Commissioners Hosé, Earl, Gray, Kulovany, Sadowski-Fugitt, Walus; Mayor Barnett

Nay: None

Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried.

11. Adjournment

Mayor Barnett asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session.

Motion: Commissioner Hosé moved to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to consider personnel matters. Commissioner Earl seconded the motion.

Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Miles

Village Clerk