



Public Comments for August 18, 2020 Village Council Meeting
 (Comments published as of 4:30pm. Public comments can still be submitted any time before or during the meeting)

Agenda Section	Agenda Item	Comment	Commenter
Manager's Report	A. INF 2020-8588 2019-2021 Long Range Plan	<p>Regarding priority action item "Create a Plan for the Future of the Downtown," I'd like to request that the council include residents on any future boards, commissions, or teams associated with the future of downtown. Previous efforts have been business-heavy and thus not necessarily representative of our downtown area. Thousands of people now call the downtown neighborhood home. In just the last couple decades the customer base for the downtown area has started to include a larger share of local residents as opposed to just persons driving to the area. People who live in downtown will have an important perspective on the needs of the area and suggestions for moving forward.</p> <p>Also related to priority action item "Create a Plan for the Future of the Downtown" specifically the funding for the downtown area services, it is important to note that the downtown area generates more property tax revenue per acre than other commercial areas such as those at 63rd and Main and 75th and Lemont. The downtown area to some extent is subsidizing other parts of the city yet paying additional taxes for services.</p> <p>Regarding the priority action item "Develop a Permanent Outdoor Dining Program in the Downtown," I wanted to express my strong support for this plan as a downtown resident. One of the positive aspects of our recent difficult period has been seeing steps our village has taken to adapt to our new health concerns and rules. The outdoor dining and drinking currently allowed due to the COVID19 pandemic is something that, in hindsight, I think we should have had all along. Our downtown has become more lively and vibrant, which hopefully is acting as an advertisement for those passing through. I would miss this feature of downtown if it were taken away.</p>	<p align="center">Scott Lincoln 5133 Washington Downers Grove</p>