



Meeting Minutes

Village of Downers Grove – Council Meeting

Council Chambers

December 20, 2022

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Barnett called to order the Village Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led those in the room in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He explained the protocol for the meeting and the guidelines to submit public comment.

2. Roll Call

Council Attendance (Present): Mayor Barnett, Commissioner José, Commissioner Walus, Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt, Commissioner Kulovany, Commissioner Gilmartin, Commissioner Glover

Council Attendance (Not Present): None

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

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

MIN 2022-9668 — A. Minutes: Village Council Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2022

***MOTION:** To adopt the meeting minutes of the December 13, 2022 meeting, as presented.*

***RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

***MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner José*

***SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Walus*

***AYES:** Commissioners José, Walus, Glover, Gilmartin, Kulovany, Sadowski-Fugitt, and Mayor Barnett*

***NAYES:** None*

4. Consent Agenda

BIL 2022-9669 — A. Bills Payable: No. 6706 – December 20, 2022

Summary: Bills Payable: No. 6706 - December 20, 2022

COR 2022-9760 — B. Claims Ordinance: No. 6485, Payroll - December 20, 2022

Summary: No. 6485, Payroll - December 20, 2022

MIN 2022-9752 — C. Minutes: Note Receipt of Boards and Commissions Meeting Minutes

Summary: Note Receipt of Boards and Commissions Meeting Minutes: Stormwater and Flood Plain Oversight Committee 01-24-22; Transportation and Parking Commission 06-08-22; Human Service Commission 10-25-22; Board of Fire and Police Commissioners 10-26-22.

MOT 2022-9713 — D. Motion: Authorize Annual 2023 Funding to the Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

Summary: This motion authorizes the annual 2023 funding to the Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation (EDC) in the amount of \$540, 000 to fund operations.

MOT 2022-9712 — E. Motion: Authorize Annual 2023 Funding to the Downtown Management Corporation (DMC)

Summary: This motion authorizes the 2023 annual funding to the Downtown Management Corporation (DMC) in the amount of \$400,000 to fund operations.

RES 2022-9732 — F. Resolution: Amending the Employee Administrative Rules and Regulations of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois **RES 2022-99**

Summary: This resolution amends the Employee Administrative Rules and Regulations of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois.

RESOLUTION 2022-99

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS

RES 2022-9739 — G. Resolution: Amending the Downers Grove Compensation Plan by Adopting a Revised Plan Effective the First Full Pay Period in May, 2023 **RES 2022-100**

Summary: This resolution amends the Downers Grove Compensation Plan by adopting a revised plan effective the first full pay period in May, 2023.

RESOLUTION 2022-100

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE DOWNERS GROVE COMPENSATION PLAN BY ADOPTING A REVISED PLAN EFFECTIVE THE FIRST FULL PAY PERIOD IN MAY, 2023

RES 2022-9701 — H. Resolution: Amending Certain Purchasing Provisions as Official Village Policy **RES 2022-101**

Summary: This resolution amends certain purchasing provisions as official Village Policy.

RESOLUTION 2022-101

A RESOLUTION AMENDING CERTAIN PURCHASING PROVISIONS AS OFFICIAL VILLAGE POLICY

RES 2022-9746 — I. Resolution: Approve an agreement with Axon, Inc. for the Purchase of Axon Officer Safety Plan 7+ Premium Bundle **RES 2022-102**

Summary: This resolution approves an agreement with Axon, Inc. for the purchase of Axon Officer Safety Plan 7+ Premium Bundle.

RESOLUTION 2022-102

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND AXON, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF AXON OFFICER SAFETY PLAN 7+ PREMIUM BUNDLE

MOTION: To adopt all items on the Consent Agenda, as presented.

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Hosé

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Walus

AYES: Commissioners Hosé, Walus, Glover, Gilmartin, Kulovany, Sadowski-Fugitt, Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

Mayor Barnett reviewed the public comment process

5. Active Agenda

ORD 2022-9711 — A. Ordinance: Amending the Rates Charged for Water

Summary: This ordinance amends the rates charged for water.

MOTION: To adopt AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATES CHARGED FOR WATER, as presented.

ORDINANCE 5972

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Hosé

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Walus

AYES: Commissioners Hosé, Walus, Glover, Gilmartin, Kulovany, Sadowski-Fugitt, Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

ORD 2022-9710 — B. Ordinance: Amending the 2023 Stormwater Utility Rate

Summary: This ordinance amends the 2023 stormwater utility rate.

MOTION: To adopt AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 STORMWATER UTILITY RATE, as presented. **ORDINANCE 5973**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Hosé

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Walus

AYES: Commissioners Hosé, Walus, Glover, Gilmartin, Kulovany, Sadowski-Fugitt, Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

ORD 2022-9702 — C. Ordinance: Amending Certain Purchasing Policies

Summary: This motion amends certain purchasing policies.

MOTION: To adopt AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PURCHASING POLICIES, as presented.

ORDINANCE 5974

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Hosé

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Walus

AYES: Commissioners Hosé, Walus, Glover, Gilmartin, Kulovany, Sadowski-Fugitt, Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

Mayor Barnett stated that this was something that had not been updated for in excess of a decade. Further stating that there were various Village policies that allowed certain expenditures with Council approval and others without. The Mayor said in the current economy, especially with the increase in costs, this allowed the Village to operate without interruption. He concluded by stating that he was glad this change was in place.

ORD 2022-9743 — D. Ordinance: Repealing Chapter 8, Article 5 of the Municipal Code Concerning Raffles

Summary: This ordinance repeals Chapter 8, Article 5 of the Municipal Code concerning raffles.

MOTION: To adopt AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE 5 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING RAFFLES, as presented. **ORDINANCE 5975**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Hosé

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Walus

AYES: Commissioners Hosé, Walus, Glover, Gilmartin, Kulovany, Sadowski-Fugitt, Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

6. First Reading

There was no First Reading Agenda.

7. Manager's Report

Village Manager Dave Fieldman thanked the Mayor and Council for providing great policy direction over the past year. He also thanked the Village staff for their contributions throughout the year and for always operating in the most professional way while serving Village residents. Manager Fieldman stated that the Village Annual Report was going to be presented in February

Mayor Barnett thanked Manager Fieldman and the Village staff for their hard work. He said it was a good year and that was due to the hard work of all Village departments.

Deputy Village Manager Mike Baker played a video that showed the current progress made on the Civic Center Project.

Mayor Barnett reminded all that this project was a big deal for the community and that it had taken the better part of two decades to accomplish. He said they were trying to keep people apprised, while building some history along the way with the videos; further stating they would be fun to put together at the very end. The Mayor thanked the Village Communications team for their efforts in putting them together, as they would be a wonderful archive.

8. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

9. Mayor's Report

10. Council Member Reports

Commissioner Kulovany thanked his colleagues and said it had been a pleasure to serve with them over the past year. He said it had been a tough year, but everyone on the dais served their community with dedication and effort. He further stated that even if his colleagues disagreed, they acted in a way that was best for the Village. He thanked and congratulated staff for their work and said that Village staff was always striving to be excellent. Excellence was representative of the way the organization operated as a whole. The Commissioner stated that Village constituents and residents should feel proud of that. He wished all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt wished everyone the happiest of all of the holidays and a happy New Year. She asked everyone to stay safe and hoped that everyone would be with their loved ones, even with the expected snow storm.

Commissioner Gilmartin thanked Village management, Village staff and his colleagues. He wished all a happy holiday and thanked first responders for their efforts and for keeping the Village residents safe and healthy – especially on days when everyone else was off. The Commissioner said he was the son of a police officer, so he knew the commitment and sacrifice it took to be a first responder. He also gave thanks to the Village snow removal team and wished all of the residents the happiest of holidays and a happy New Year. Commissioner Gilmartin said he hoped this time of year provided everyone with peace, tranquility and good times with the ones they loved.

Commissioner Hosé thanked his colleagues and Village staff for a great year and said that there was no other community that did things better than Downers Grove. He wished everyone the safest, healthiest and happiest of holidays and a happy New Year.

Mayor Barnett said on behalf of his family, the Village Council and the Village of Downers Grove, he wished everyone that celebrated Christmas, a Merry Christmas. He spoke of people loving where they live and the hashtag he often used #loveDG, further stated that love conquered all and by putting each other - and the love for our community first - we could create a better tomorrow than yesterday. The Mayor cited a couple of quotes by Martin Luther King Jr.: "Hate is too great a burden to bear, I've decided to love" and "I'm concerned about a better world. I'm concerned about justice. I'm concerned about brotherhood and sisterhood. I'm concerned about the truth." Mayor Barnett said that Martin Luther King Jr. also reminded everyone that people cannot murder hate. The Mayor said that love did not guarantee agreement or that every moment was enjoyed, but rather putting love first helped people to find ways to build and grow with each other. He said for those concerned with truth, justice, a better world and banishing hate, love should be put first. He said whether one celebrated Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa, they should choose to focus on love first to bring smiles to faces and made everyone's life better as we enter the new year. The Mayor said there was much to be thankful for as a community. From his perspective, the list started with his colleagues, the Village team and each and every person watching the meeting. Mayor Barnett concluded by wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

11. Adjournment

Mayor Barnett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: *To adjourn the December 20th, 2022 Village Council meeting.*

RESULT: *Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: *Commissioner Hosé*

SECONDED BY: *Commissioner Walus*

AYES: *Commissioners Hosé, Walus, Glover, Gilmartin, Kulovany, Sadowski-Fugitt, Mayor Barnett*

Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Berardi
Village Clerk