



Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes

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Downers Grove Village Council - Special Session

Mayor: Brian Krajewski

**Commissioners: Michael Gilbert, Sue McConnell, Marilyn Schnell,
Thomas Sisul, Martin Tully, Mark Zabloudil**

Village Manager: Riccardo Ginex

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Council Chambers - Following
Workshop

1. Call to Order

Mayor Brian Krajewski called the special session of the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove to order at 7:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Downers Grove Village Hall.

Mayor Krajewski said the National League of Cities Conference will be held next week, so there will be no Council meeting on December 4. The next Council meeting will be on December 18, and the Workshop will be December 11.

2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Mark Zabloudil, Commissioner Martin Tully, Commissioner Sue McConnell, Commissioner Michael Gilbert, Commissioner Thomas Sisul, Commissioner Marilyn Schnell, Mayor Brian Krajewski

Non Voting: Village Manager Riccardo Ginex, Village Attorney Daniel Blondin, Village Clerk April Holden

3. Public Comments and Questions

A. Comments and Questions on Active Agenda

There were none.

B. Comments and Questions on General Matters

Rita Martin, 4942 Montgomery, commented on the Park District, stating she was opposed to approving waiving their fees. They have a budget of just under \$10 million for this project. The project was voted down by residents as being inappropriate for this site, and she believes the Park District should fund the project as they chose to do it. The Village needs to find ways to save money.

The Mayor said that the Council has asked for additional information. Over a number of years it has been the practice to waive fees of other government bodies. They are looking at other waivers and the amount of the fees that have been waived.

Mayor Krajewski asked Mr. Lyons about the tax levy and what the increase was. Mr. Lyons said the levies for Police and Fire operating are the same as last year. He said that the actuary has recommended an increase in the Police and Fire pension levies. He said the tax levy is below the per household cost of 1999, which was \$138/person for a house with a market value of \$150,000. It currently is at \$114/person. He said that even with an increase they would be well below the 1999 levy.

Ms. Martin said she received a notice from the Assessor's office that their valuation was increased by \$3,000 by the County. That would bring their assessed valuation up by a large percentage. She said the County will put their budgets together and decide if there is enough

money coming in. She said residents will be paying more taxes because of the increased assessment.

Commissioner Sisul explained that whether or not her individual tax bill increases, it has nothing to do with the Village portion. The Village portion of the tax bill is not increasing.

The Mayor said that the Village receives very little from real estate taxes. He said 75% of the tax bill is for the grade and high schools.

4. Consent Agenda

BIL 00-00705 Claim Ordinance: No. 5409, November 27, 2001

Sponsors:Accounting

Commissioner Gilbert questioned items XN 183 and EN 839 on page 2; Commissioner McConnell questioned item EL 052, specifically the second point, on page 3; and Commissioner Schnell also questioned EL 052.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sisul, seconded by Commissioner Gilbert, that the consent agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioners Sisul, Gilbert, Zabloudil, Tully, McConnell, Schnell; Mayor Krajewski

Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried.

Indexes: N/A

5. Active Agenda

The Mayor Called for a Motion waiving the one-week waiting period for new business.

Commissioner Sisul moved to waive the one-week waiting period to consider new business. Commissioner Gilbert seconded.

Votes: Yea: Commissioners Sisul, Gilbert, Zabloudil, Tully, McConnell, Schnell; Mayor Krajewski

Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried.

RES 00-00706 Resolution: Authorize Execution of Agreement for Engineering Services with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.

Sponsors:Public Works

Summary of Item:This will authorize execution of an agreement for professional engineering services related to appointing P. Kay Whitlock, P.E. of Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. to the position of Administrator of Stormwater for the Downers Grove Stormwater and Flood Plain Ordinance; and to provide other municipal and stormwater engineering as requested.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD.

RESOLUTION 2001-102

A motion was made by Commissioner Sisul, seconded by Commissioner Gilbert to adopt this

file. Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioners Sisul, Gilbert, Zabloudil, Tully, McConnell, Schnell; Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., Stormwater Administrator

6. Mayor's Report

The Mayor congratulated the Village Manager and staff and the Downtown Management Board for Sunday's events.

The Mayor asked Doug Kozlowski to put the items on Cable TV regarding the Council and staff's work with community senior centers to provide bus tours for seniors to view the holiday lights. He also asked that this be put in the Village Corner. He read the centers and the dates and times for the tours.

10. Council Member Reports and New Business

Commissioner Zabloudil said the weekend was enjoyable, and extended his congratulations to South High School's football team.

Commissioner Gilbert echoed the congratulations to South High.

Commissioner Sisul said that some reporters at Hospitality Day commented on the attractiveness of the downtown area and the hometown atmosphere.

Commissioner Schnell said her kids have participated in championship teams and said the team and their families should enjoy and savor it.

Commissioner McConnell commented on the huge crowd present on Sunday. She said that they saw sportsmanship and character displayed by the members of the team.

Commissioner Tully said it was nice for the Downtown Management Board to have a parade for the Mustangs! He noted what a beautiful celebration it was. He congratulated Downers Grove South on their accomplishment. He then commented on the installation of the new water meters because there are a number of people who have not responded. People living in the area north of the railroad tracks east of Main Street and south of Ogden Avenue will be receiving a letter from an organization known as Water Resources, Inc. It is important that residents respond to this letter. He said homeowners should call 1-800-642-2648 or call 434-5940 and speak with Bob Shoger at the Village. Commissioner Tully said the next area to receive notification will be south of the tracks, north of Chicago, between Main Street and the eastern boundary of the Village.

The Mayor said he was at the game and congratulated Downers Grove South. There were a number of people present. He said that there have been a number of State championships in the Village in the past few years. Both schools have many good extracurricular activities.

11. Adjournment

Commissioner Sisul moved to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act to consider property acquisition; Section 2(c)(6) of the Open Meetings Act to consider setting a price for property; Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act to consider litigation; and Section 2(c)(12) of the Open Meetings Act to consider settlement of claims. Commissioner Gilbert seconded.

VOTE: YEA - Commissioners Sisul, Gilbert, Zabloudil, Tully, McConnell, Schnell, Mayor

Krajewski

Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried and the Council convened into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.