



Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

Civic Center
801 Burlington
Downers Grove, IL 60515
630-434-5500

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

6:30 pm

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Mayor Brian Krajewski called the regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Downers Grove Village Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

2. Roll Call

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

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

Mayor Krajewski said he would like to remind everyone present that 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 the past meetings, an opportunity will be given for public comments and questions on the active agenda items for this evening's meeting. Following this, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions on any subject. Finally, 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.

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

The Mayor 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 Workshop and Council Meetings

Council Meeting - February 5, 2002

Workshop Meeting - February 12, 2002

Commissioners McConnell and Tully said they have given their corrections to the Village Clerk.

4. Public Comments and Questions

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Mayor said that in November the Village conducted a demolition sale in partnership with Sobe for properties owned by the Village in the landbank areas. The profits were split and, at Commissioner Gilbert's suggestion, the Village's profits of \$1100 is being donated to the Downers Grove Historical Society.

Greg Evans, 4641 Saratoga, a member of the Historical Preservation Subcommittee of the Historical Society, accepted the check from Commissioner Gilbert. The Commissioner said the committee has done good work at studying all aspects of preservation in the Village. Mr. Evans thanked Commissioner Gilbert and said the money will be used in their budget. They consider one of their biggest accomplishments this year to be the creation of the honorary historical district. He said that through studying our history and past we come to understand not only where we've been but also where we are going. Commissioner Gilbert also introduced Evelyn Poulin who is the Treasurer of the Historical Society.

The Mayor thanked the Society and Commissioner Gilbert for his work with the Society. He also thanked the Society for their work as caretakers of the downtown cemetery.

A. Comments and Questions on Active Agenda

Leslie Cunningham, 1905 Curtiss, said her concern is the sidewalk schedule for Curtiss. She was upset at the decision to put off the Curtiss Street sidewalk installation, so she obtained a petition of about 40 residents asking the Village to review the matrix again. There are many children using school busses, heavy traffic, and many walkers. The traffic has increased to a high degree with the Public Works facility in the vicinity. She said when the tracks at Belmont close down they will probably get more detour traffic. Ms. Cunningham said she met with a Public Works staff person. Ms. Cunningham forwarded the petition to the Village Manager. She stressed that the residents want the sidewalk.

The Mayor said that another factor to be considered is the budget and whether the funds will be available for all the sidewalks under consideration.

The Mayor said regarding the underpass by METRA, he and the Manager met with METRA last week. METRA is having a public meeting on March 14 at the Public Works building from 5:00-8:00 p.m., and they will have a design for the underpass and staff there to answer questions. He said that their engineers are moving forward to design the bid document. They anticipate construction beginning in the fall of 2003 at the earliest.

B. Comments and Questions on General Matters

5. Public Hearings

6. Consent Agenda

COR 00-00776 Claim Ordinance: No. 5417, Payroll, February 8, 2002
Sponsors:Accounting
A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.
Indexes: N/A

BIL 00-00777 List of Bills Payable: No. 5418, February 19, 2002
Sponsors:Accounting
A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: N/A

BID 00-00797 Bids: Approve Geotechnical Proposals and Authorize Claude H. Hurley Company to Proceed with Geotechnical Study in Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$34,159.00.

Sponsors:Public Works

Summary of Item:Proposals for Geotechnical Studies for Surface Transportation Program (STP) Grant Projects:

1. Fairview Avenue Resurfacing - 55th Street to Ogden Avenue
2. Dunham Road Improvements - Lemont Road to 71st Street/Andrus
3. Main Street Resurfacing - Frankling Street to Ogden Avenue
4. Woodward Avenue Improvements - 63rd Street to Prentiss Drive

A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Geotechnical Engineering, Main Street Resurfacing, STP Funding, Fairview Avenue Resurfacing, Dunham Road Improvements, Woodward Avenue Improvements

Passed The Consent Agenda

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: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

7. Active Agenda

RES 00-00824 Resolution: Authorize Execution of Intergovernmental Agreement re: DuPage County Metropolitan Enforcement Group (DUMEG)

Sponsors:Police Department

Summary of Item:This will authorize an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and the Illinois State Police for the coordination of law enforcement activities and resources in an effort to combat multi-jurisdictional illegal trafficking of narcotics.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE METROPOLITAN ENFORCEMENT GROUP (DUMEG)

RESOLUTION 2002-9

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: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: DUMEG

RES 00-00761 Resolution: Adopt Sidewalk Priority Matrix for Fiscal Year 2002/03

Sponsors:Parking & Traffic Commission

Summary of Item: This will adopt the Sidewalk Priority Matrix for Fiscal Year 2002/2003 as recommended by the Parking & Traffic Commission.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SIDEWALK PRIORITY MATRIX FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002/03

RESOLUTION 2002-10

Commissioner Gilbert thanked the Attorney for rewriting the Resolution.

The Mayor thanked the Parking & Traffic Commission and the Staff for their review of the matrix, noting that safety concerns were emphasized in that review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gilbert, seconded by Commissioner Zabloudil, to Adopt this file. Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Sidewalk Matrix

ORD 00-00790 Ordinance: Amend False Alarm Systems Fees

Sponsors: Police Department and Fire Department

Summary of Item: This will amend those fees charged for commercial and residential false fire and security alarms.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FALSE ALARM SYSTEM FEES

ORDINANCE NO. 4369

A motion was made by Commissioner Zabloudil, seconded by Commissioner Schnell, to Adopt this file. Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: False Alarm System Fees

ORD 00-00780 Ordinance: Designate Parker's Place as Planned Development Number 35

Sponsors: Plan Commission

Summary of Item: At their meeting of January 8, 2002, the Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of Planned Development #35 final planned development plans for Parker's Place, to permit construction of a townhouse residential development.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS TO DESIGNATE PARKER'S PLACE AS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT NUMBER 35

ORDINANCE NO. 4370

Commissioner McConnell asked for clarification that Parker's Place is the same as what is shown as Georgian Courts. The Mayor verified that this is the property formerly referred to as the landbank property. Commissioner McConnell said that she saw this as a good example of a public process as there was good interaction between the residents, the Village and the developer. There were some problems encountered, and she encouraged everyone involved to look at how their actions or reactions could have been a benefit or detriment in how the process moved forward.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schnell, seconded by Commissioner McConnell, to Adopt this file. Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Landbank Properties, Planned Development #35-Parker's Place

RES 00-00783 Resolution: Authorize Execution of a Broker of Record Agreement with Marsh USA re: Risk Management Insurance

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: This will authorize execution of a Broker of Record Agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Marsh USA for property, excess liability and fidelity (crime) insurance coverages.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A BROKER OF RECORD AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND MARSH USA

RESOLUTION 2002-11

A motion was made by Commissioner McConnell, seconded by Commissioner Tully, to Adopt this file. Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Insurance - Risk Management

ORD 00-00784 Ordinance: Amend Parking Restrictions - CBD

Sponsors: Parking & Traffic Commission

Summary of Item: This will make certain amendments to parking restrictions in the CBD area as a result of the CBD reconstruction project.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS RESULTING FROM THE CBD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

ORDINANCE NO. 4371

A motion was made by Commissioner Tully, seconded by Commissioner Sisul, to Adopt this file. Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Central Business District, Parking Restrictions - CBD

RES 00-00785 Resolution: Authorize Grant Agreement from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs re: Purchase of Heavy Rescue Squad Vehicle

Sponsors: Fire Department and Financial Services

Summary of Item:This will authorize submittal of Grant Agreement 02-120096 by the Village to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs in the amount of \$82,000.00 for the purchase of a new heavy rescue squad vehicle.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT AGREEMENT APPLICATION TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCCA) - Heavy Rescue Squad

RESOLUTION 2002-12

The Mayor thanked Senator Dillard for helping to secure the funds for this purchase. He noted that there is one more grant coming through the efforts of Senator Walsh in the amount of \$90,000. He reviewed the numerous grants obtained through efforts of various Representatives.

Commissioner Gilbert thanked the Mayor for spearheading this particular grant process which saves the Village a good deal of money.

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: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Fire Equipment - Rescue Squad Vehicle

RES 00-00786 Resolution: Authorize Grant Agreement from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs re: Educational Robot

Sponsors:Police Department and Financial Services

Summary of Item:This will authorize submittal of Grant Agreement 02-220099 by the Village to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the purchase of an educational robot for the Downers Grove Police Department.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT AGREEMENT APPLICATION TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCCA) - Robot

RESOLUTION 2002-13

The Mayor said this was achieved through the Village Manager's initiative for educational purposes in the schools. He said that Senator Dillard helped secure these funds as well.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gilbert, seconded by Commissioner Zabloudil, to Adopt this file. Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Police Department

RES 00-00787 Resolution: Authorize Grant Application to Bureau of Justice Assistance re: Bulletproof Vest Program

Sponsors:Police Department and Financial Services

Summary of Item:This will authorize submittal of Grant Application by the Village to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for funding in the amount of \$4,460.00 for the purchase of twenty bulletproof vests in conjunction with the Bureau's Bulletproof Vest Partnership program.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR THE BULLEPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP

RESOLUTION 2002-14

A motion was made by Commissioner Zabloudil, seconded by Commissioner Schnell, to Adopt this file. Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Police Department, Police Equipment

RES 00-00788 Resolution: Authorize Grant Application to Chicago Area Transportation Study re: Bikeway Program

Sponsors:Public Works and Financial Services

Summary of Item:This will authorize submittal of the 2003 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) grant application to the Chicago Area Transportation Study for grant funds in the amount of \$159,000.00 which will be applied toward the east-west segment expansions of the Central Corridor Route bikeway. Note, the Village must also contribute funding in the amount of \$40,000.00 as a condition of receiving the grant.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY FOR THE CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 2002-15

A motion was made by Commissioner Schnell, seconded by Commissioner McConnell, to Adopt this file. Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Bikeway Plan

RES 00-00789 Resolution: Authorize Grant Application to City of Chicago Department of Environment re: E85 Fueling Facility

Sponsors:Public Works and Financial Services

Summary of Item:This will authorize submittal of a grant application to the City of Chicago Department of Environment for the Regional Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Grant Program for funding in the amount of \$56,000 to support construction of an underground storage tank for E85 (ethanol).

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT FOR THE REGIONAL ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 2002-16

A motion was made by Commissioner McConnell, seconded by Commissioner Tully, to Adopt this file. Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Alternative Fuel

ORD 00-00792 Ordinance: Amend Building Permit Fee Descriptions

Sponsors:Code Services

Summary of Item:This will clarify language with regard to demolition fees and building permit fees.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BUILDING PERMIT FEE DESCRIPTIONS

Commissioner Tully said he spoke with Don Rosenthal with respect to the form of the Ordinance. He thought there was some redundancy between Sections D and A, and the present Ordinance has not revised that redundancy. He understands that this will be Workshopped again once the change has been made.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tully, seconded by Commissioner Sisul, to Table Indefinitely this file. Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Building Permit Fees

ORD 00-00793 Ordinance: Amend Provisions Concerning Private Wells

Sponsors:Village Attorney

Summary of Item:This will make certain amendments to the provisions concerning private wells and will restrict the use of groundwater wells for potable water supply. The ordinance grandfathers all existing wells being used for potable water supply as of the date of passage of the ordinance, but will prohibit the drilling of any additional wells.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS CONCERNING PRIVATE WELLS

ORDINANCE NO. 4372

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: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Private Wells, Wells, private

RES 00-00794 Resolution: Authorize Execution of Corrective Action Objective Agreement with BP Products North America, Inc.

Sponsors:Village Attorney

Summary of Item: This will authorize the execution of a tiered approach to corrective action objective agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and BP Products North America, Inc. in relation to the contamination of soil and groundwater at the Amoco station on the corner of Main Street and Ogden Avenue.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A TIERED APPROACH TO CORRECTIVE OBJECTIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND BP PRODUCTS NORTH AMERICA, INC.

RESOLUTION 2002-17

Commissioner Tully noted that last week both he and Commissioner Sisul asked whether the property is company-owned or leased. He asked if that has been resolved.

Village Attorney Blondin said he believed Joan Radovich was present to address that issue.

Joan Radovich, 10 S. Dearborn, Chicago, representing BP Products North America, Inc., said they confirmed that a portion of the property is company-owned, and another portion is leased. She said that BP is responsible under this agreement for the release. Commissioner Sisul asked whether they assume the responsibility for the release and Ms. Radovich said yes, as BP Products was formerly known as Amoco.

Commissioner Tully asked which portion was company-owned, and Ms. Radovich said the eastern portion of the property. The remainder of the property is 3rd party leased.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gilbert, seconded by Commissioner Zabloudil, to Adopt this file. Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: BP Products North America, Amoco

ORD 00-00795 Ordinance: Amend Traffic Regulations at the Intersection of Summit Street and Benton Avenue

Sponsors: Parking & Traffic Commission

Summary of Item: On Wednesday, January 9, 2002, the Parking and Traffic Commission unanimously recommended that the intersection of Summit Street and Benton Avenue be posted with yield control such that eastbound and westbound Summit Street must yield to Benton Avenue traffic.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AT THE INTERSECTION OF SUMMIT STREET AND BENTON AVENUE

ORDINANCE NO. 4373

A motion was made by Commissioner Zabloudil, seconded by Commissioner Schnell, to Adopt this file. Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Yield - Summit and Benton

ORD 00-00796 Ordinance: Amend Traffic Regulations at the Intersection of Belmont Road and Prairie Avenue

Sponsors: Parking & Traffic Commission

Summary of Item: On Wednesday, January 9, 2002, the Parking and Traffic Commission unanimously recommended that westbound Prairie Avenue traffic at Belmont Road be designated as "No Turn on Red" during certain hours of the day Monday through Friday.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AT THE INTERSECTION OF BELMONT ROAD AND PRAIRIE AVENUE

Following the initial Motion by Commissioner Schnell, Attorney Blondin said there was a request to hold off on this as they are trying to clarify the issue with the Public Works Department. It is not clear whether they want to change the language for all sites or just this one. He asked that it be tabled to a date certain of March 5.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sisul, seconded by Commissioner Gilbert, to Table to a Date Certain this file. Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: No Turn on Red - Prairie & Belmont

RES 00-00798 Resolution: Authorize Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc. re: McCollum Park Satellite Maintenance Facility

Sponsors: Public Works

Summary of Item: This will authorize execution of a Professional Services Agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc. This agreement is for professional engineering services in relation to stormwater management services at the McCollum Park Satellite Maintenance Facility in an amount not to exceed \$20,752.00.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND HAMPTON, LENZINI & RENWICK, INC.

RESOLUTION 2002-18

A motion was made by Commissioner McConnell, seconded by Commissioner Tully, to Adopt this file. Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: McCollum Park-Satellite Maintenance Facility

8. Mayor's Report

Materials to be Received - Minutes

Parking & Traffic Commission - January 9, 2002

A motion was made by Commissioner Sisul, seconded by Commissioner Gilbert, to Note Receipt Of this file. Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

New Business

Mayor Krajewski welcomed the home viewers and the Hillcrest 4th graders whom he recently visited. During his visit they discussed various ideas for some of their individual urban planning projects, and the students also indicated some of the stores they would like to see at the Station Crossing location. They discussed many of the Village's present projects as well. He thanked the students for their ideas and wished them well in their upcoming standardized testing.

Village Clerk Holden read a Resolution appointing Donald Hill to the Tourism and Events Commission.

RES 00-00800 Resolution: Appoint Donald Hill to the Tourism and Events Commission

Sponsors: Mayor

Summary of Item: RESOLUTION APPOINTING DONALD HILL TO THE TOURISM AND EVENTS COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 2002-19

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: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Boards and Commissions

Commissioner Gilbert then provided background information on Mr. Hill noting that he had been on the Tourism Board previously and is now able to return. He is Manager of the DoubleTree Suites on Butterfield Road.

9. Manager's Report

Manager Ginex said NICOR notified the Village that they will be sending a packet of information to residents in March for the Customer Select Program. He then asked Deputy Manager Brian Pabst to discuss the meeting with residents about the landbank development.

Mr. Pabst said he attended a meeting with residents at 1132 Curtiss, Mr. Larry Rosol of Rosol Development, and the Rosol civil engineer to explain the burying of cables as part of the landbank development. He said about 24 senior citizens attended the meeting. They were receptive to the plan and happy to get the explanation. This provides the opportunity to bury their cables on their property, which includes the cable TV that runs into their building via an external pole. Mr. Pabst said they were happy to hear about the development size and appearance, as opposed to various rumors. The residents asked about drainage, etc. Mr. Rosol said the residents were asked for their permission to come onto their property to bury the cable. Mr. Pabst said the residents like the idea as long as it is paid for by the Village. He estimates the cost to be between \$4,000-\$8,000, and asked if the Council would be amenable to using TIF dollars for that purpose. He said that Mr. Lyons said he believed this to be a legal use of the TIF funds. The Mayor asked that he get a better cost estimate. Mr. Pabst said that they would like to bring all the cable underground for various reasons. The developer is burying all common cables in the development at his expense.

10. Attorney's Report

New Business

Resolution regarding Acquisition of PIN 09-08-303-001

Village Attorney Blondin said that he has a Resolution regarding acquisition of property located at the southeast corner of Burlington and Main Street and currently houses the Fannie Mae store. He said the Village has been in negotiation for this site for some time, and it is considered critical to development of the Curtiss Street block. Attorney Blondin said that an agreement has been achieved and the Village Council is being asked to waive the one-week waiting period, and then to adopt the Resolution authorizing approval for the property acquisition agreement.

Commissioner Sisul moved to waive the one-week waiting period to discuss new business.

Commissioner Gilbert seconded the Motion.

Yeas: Commissioners Sisul, Gilbert, Zabloudil, McConnell, Tully, Schnell, Mayor Krajewski

Mayor Krajewski declared the Motion passed.

RES 00-00799 Resolution: Authorize Execution of a Real Estate Agreement (Main Street & Burlington Avenue)

Sponsors:Village Attorney

Summary of Item:This will authorize execution of a real estate contract between the Village of Downers Grove and Downers Grove National Bank, as Trustee of Trust No. 72-11 dated February 22, 1972 for the property located at the corner of Main Street and Burlington Avenue (PIN 09-08-303-001).

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A REAL ESTATE AGREEMENT (MAIN STREET & BURLINGTON AVENUE)

RESOLUTION 2002-20

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: Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Sisul, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Village Property - Acquisition

Future Active Agenda

ORD 00-00373 Ordinance: Refund of GO Bonds Series 1996 and 2000

Sponsors:Financial Services

Indexes: General Obligation Bond - Refund

11. Committee Standing Reports

Commissioner Schnell said that the Public Services Committee met yesterday and began discussion of the wetland projects. They are gathering information as to what will happen and why. Their next meeting will be on March 11 at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner McConnell said the Finance and Administrative Committee met earlier this evening. They discussed a review of the revised appraisal process, and revenues and reserves. Budget hearings are scheduled for the first and second Saturdays of March.

12. Council Member Reports and New Business

Commissioner McConnell said the Partnership for Healthier Communities meeting was held February 8. The Partnership is made up of a variety of groups throughout the Village. She said that District 99 has been in partnership with Good Samaritan to make students aware of health and nutrition. In addition they are attempting to partner some seniors and kids on computer work. In addition they have the Injury Prevention Program, Car Seat Program, and American Cancer Programs in progress. Commissioner McConnell said that North High students spoke about how the Coalition helped them in putting together their 911 Walkathon. She said it might be worthwhile to have some of them speak at a Council meeting.

Commissioner Tully thanked the Council for adapting to last week's experiment in having him phone-in his participation the Workshop meeting. He said he intends to do it again at the next meeting as he will be in Texas. He then complimented the Mayor and Manager for an

outstanding State of the Village address, and thanked Mike Baker for his work on the graphics portion of the presentation.

The Mayor also thanked the Council and staff for their involvement in the State of the Village presentation. He said it was good to have it on live TV as well. He said that several residents mentioned having seen the Address live.

Commissioner Schnell then made her presentation about the National League of Cities conference in Atlanta. She thanked the residents and Village Council for allowing her to attend this conference.

Commissioner Schnell discussed the four seminars she attended:

- 1) The Courage to Lead: 12 Steps to Leading Your City*
- 2) Creative Problem Solving: Looking for the Ordinary, Seeing the Extraordinary*
- 3) High Impact Relationship Strategies*
- 4) Resolving Conflict with Difficult People: Getting from Conflict to Confrontation to Resolution*

Commissioner Schnell discussed the following techniques for improving communication:

*Improve interpersonal communication skills
Learn to better understand each other
Look beyond incorrect perceptions of each other
Understand strengths & weaknesses of others
Maximize potential for communication*

She said interpersonal differences occur because our personalities shape the way we accept and send information. The information you want to send and are willing to hear may not be as important to the person you are communicating with.

In order to be a better communicator, Commissioner Schnell said it is important to show sincere interest and find areas of common involvement. Actively listen, and take issue with facts, not the person. Ask "how" and "what if" questions; look at the big picture and not the details. Focus on tasks and priorities. Remember that everyone can contribute. Set goals, focus on solutions, and provide alternatives. Provide ideas and concepts for implementation.

Regarding Techniques for Resolving Conflicts, Commissioner Schnell said the goals of this seminar were to provide insight into the various sources of conflict and how to resolve conflict, determine common behavioral conflicts and develop solid principles of effective negotiation.

Commissioner Schnell discussed the following facts about conflict: It will occur in personal and professional relationships. It is a sign of health and vitality -- the problem is how to handle conflict. It opens doors to new ideas. Openly dealt with, conflict can stimulate alternatives and better ideas can occur, however, if it goes on too long, it can get personal.

Commissioner Schnell said it is important to determine the source of conflict -- emotions, data, or interest. Regarding emotions, conflict can result if one has an emotional attachment to an issue. Further, poor or miscommunication, stereotyping, or repetitive negative behavior can result in conflict. Regarding data, conflict may result from lack of information to make decisions, misinformation, and disagreement as to which data is relevant or what the data means. Conflict may result from interests if there is competition over the need, either actual or perceived, or an unwillingness to compromise such that in order to get one's way the other side must be sacrificed.

Commissioner Schnell said to resolve conflict it is necessary to respond, state the problem, outline one's response, list the alternatives, visualize consequences and evaluate the results. She said effective negotiation techniques include not reacting, but thinking before you speak; assuring a fair process; attacking the problem and not the person; practicing direct communication, looking at interests, not positions; focusing on the future; and generating solutions for mutual gains.

Commissioner Schnell suggested using the six pillars of Character Counts to develop a Standard of Behavior for Council Meetings which would apply to both the Council and the public. She said she and Commissioner McConnell would be willing to work on this.

Commissioner Sisul commended Commissioner Schnell on her report. He said it was very well done and most helpful. He said the issues covered can be most helpful to elected officials as they help to channel energies in areas which are most important.

Commissioner Schnell added that the seminars were growth experiences with considerable interaction, and a realization of the kinds of problems that many other communities experience.

Mayor Krajewski said it has been a major goal of the Council to increase the communication between the Council, residents and Village staff. He said that results of the Village survey are coming in and it appears that many residents consider themselves to be well-informed about issues in the Village. The Mayor said this is a measure of how the Village has performed over the past two years.

13. Adjournment

Commissioner Sisul moved to adjourn. Commissioner Gilbert seconded.

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

Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.