



Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

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

Tuesday, August 20, 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 Manager Riccardo Ginex, Village Attorney Enza Petraca and Village Clerk April Holden

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 - August 6, 2002

Workshop Meeting - August 13, 2002

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mayor Krajewski said they would be filed as submitted.

Mayor Krajewski read a proclamation extending the sympathy of the Council and Village to the family of Roland "Smokey" Nelson who served as a volunteer Firefighter with the Village for 30 years, and who passed away this summer. Commissioner Gilbert said he knew Smokey

when he served with the Fire Department as a volunteer. He said that Mr. Nelson was one of the fatherly figures of the Department, and was the fabric of the volunteer force. He said that Smokey was a clockmaker and his clocks are in the fire stations. Mayor Krajewski presented the proclamation to Mr. Nelson's family.

4. Public Comments and Questions

A. Comments and Questions on Active Agenda

Jan Farrington, 5211 Lee Avenue, asked how the Village will patrol the Nuisance Ordinance. Village Attorney Petrarca said it would be on a complaint basis. Ms. Farrington asked how they will prove where the animal has been. The Mayor said that it would be done on a case-by-case basis, and Code Enforcement would have to conduct an investigation. Attorney Petrarca said it would have to be a deliberate and substantial feeding. Each situation is investigated on a case-by-case basis.

Marilynn Gerloff, 4241 Highland Avenue, said she attended the July 23 Workshop regarding the Fee Waiver Policy Ordinance. She said it boggles her mind that the Council is willing to waive \$82,529.00 to the Park District. She suggested there should also be a new category to cover the residents of the Village. This summer she had the opportunity to donate \$50 to the Village of Downers Grove, drove there and presented them with a check. She needed to replace her privacy fence and needed to obtain a fence permit for \$50.00. The fee used to be \$5.00. She was replacing an existing fence in the exact location as the old one but, when she questioned the need for a permit, she was told by staff that it was out of their control, and the fee was paid. She noted that she had the permit, and no one ever asked to see it, nor did Code Enforcement come out to make sure the fence was being installed properly. She therefore suggested that a category D, or #4 be included in the Fee Waiver Policy Ordinance for the residents of Downers Grove. She is retired with a fixed income and would rather have donated the \$50 to the Humane Society as it would have been put to better use.

Laurel Bowen, 829 Clyde Drive, suggested that the Council spend time on valuable issues instead of an Ordinance that cannot be enforced, such as the nuisance ordinance. She suggested the Council reconsider this Ordinance because it is creating a distrustful environment for all residents.

Dr. Luedi, 3244 Highland Avenue, said she spoke previously about the nuisance provisions. She said this Ordinance is pitting neighbor against neighbor. She said that a nuisance animal is one that lives in someone's attic, not in their backyard. Dr. Luedi discussed trapping animals and said she didn't understand how people can be allowed to destroy the animals by using traps. She said Mr. Schiller has no answers for the public regarding this Ordinance. She has spoken with other agencies and they cannot believe that the Village is doing this. Dr. Luedi said this Ordinance is creating problems between neighbors. She recommended that the Village table this Ordinance for a month to obtain professional information and not rely on what is published in the newspapers for facts.

Marc Patno, 4517 Belmont, addressed the issue of the fee waivers, saying he hoped the Village agreed on a fair settlement. He said that the Park District and the taxpayers have expectations to resolve this issue. He said he is not the biggest fan of the Park District. He feels that 100% waiver is too much, and even felt the 50% cap suggested by Commissioner Gilbert is excessive. This is a unique situation. He said that the fee that is waived will be paid with tax dollars, and as taxpayers the residents should expect some services from the Village staff. He said in the future they may wish to revisit the issue.

Eric Kothanek, 5310 Lee Avenue, commented on the process regarding the nuisance Ordinance. He asked what the Ordinance wishes to regulate and what it does not wish to

regulate. He then submitted six items into the record. He said that this year the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission passed a statewide ban on the feeding of wildlife. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources also passed regulations regarding feeding of wild deer. He then referred to an article by Nancy Allen of Oregon State University regarding the negative effects of the supplemental feeding of wildlife. Then he presented a report from the Pennsylvania Department of Natural Resources, and a report from Georgia Stigall on wildlife feeding, and warnings from the Itasca Police Officers against feeding squirrels. Mr. Kothanek said that wild animals should be afraid of people. He asked for the Council look to the safety of the community and maintain its focus on the ordinance. He asked for responsible action.

B. Comments and Questions on General Matters

There were none.

5. Public Hearings

6. Consent Agenda

COR 00-01022 Claim Ordinance: No. 5442, Payroll, August 9, 2002

Sponsors: Accounting

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

Indexes: N/A

BIL 00-01023 List of Bills Payable: No. 5443, August 20, 2002

Sponsors: Accounting

Commissioner Schnell questioned Document #PL055 on page 12, asked if they are pass-through expenses; Document #WA818 on page 12, for which she asked for an update; and Document #W1133 on page 21, for which she requested an explanation.

Mayor Krajewski asked about expenses for high school bands for the Heritage Festival.

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

Indexes: N/A

BID 00-01028 Bid: Award \$23,400 to United Radio for Zetron Equipment and \$4,220 to SEPS for UPS Maintenance Contract and Battery Replacement

Sponsors: VOC

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

Indexes: VOC

BID 00-01029 Bid: Award \$61,515.00 to F&G Construction for 2001 Water Main Replacement Project #04-01 (Prairie/Douglas Road Repair)

Sponsors: Deputy Village Manager

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

Indexes: Water Main 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

ORD 00-01031 Ordinance: Annex 4506, 4508, and 4510 Drendel Road

Sponsors: Village Attorney

Summary of Item: This will annex the properties commonly known as 4506, 4508 and 4510 Drendel Road. Following annexation, this property will be rezoned to R-4 Single Family Residential.

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING 4506, 4508, AND 4510 DRENDEL ROAD TO THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 4440

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: Annexation

ORD 00-01032 Ordinance: Rezone 4506, 4508, and 4510 Drendel Road to Village R-4

Sponsors: Zoning Board of Appeals

Summary of Item: At their meeting of July 23, 2002, the Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously recommended that the properties commonly known as 4506, 4508 and 4510 Drendel be rezoned from County R-4 Single Family Residence to Village R-4 Single Family Residence.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 28 OF THE DOWNERS GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS AMENDED TO REZONE 4506, 4508 AND 4510 DRENDEL ROAD

ORDINANCE NO. 4441

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: Rezone 4506, 4508 & 4510 Drendel to R-4

ORD 00-01033 Ordinance: Amend the Property Maintenance Code

Sponsors: Code Services

Summary of Item: This will adopt the 2000 International Property Maintenance Code and make certain amendments to the Downers Grove Property Maintenance Code.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

ORDINANCE NO. 4442

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: International Property Maintenance Code

RES 00-01021 Resolution: Amendment to a Grant Agreement with Illinois Department of Natural Resources re: Urban Forestry Disaster Recovery Plan

Sponsors: Financial Services and Public Works

Summary of Item: This will authorize an amendment to a grant agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources extending the term to June 30, 2003.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOLUTION 2002-75

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: Forestry Grant - Urban Forestry Disaster Recovery Plan

RES 00-01036 Resolution: Public Hearing to Consider the First Amendment of the Downtown Tax Increment Financing and Redevelopment Project Area, Project, and Plan

Sponsors: Deputy Village Manager

Summary of Item: This will set forth a public hearing to be conducted in the Village Hall Council Chambers on October 15, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. to consider an amendment to the Downtown TIF.

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE DOWNTOWN TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA, PROJECT, AND PLAN

RESOLUTION 2002-76

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: Central Business District TIF

RES 00-01037 Resolution: Authorize Submittal of Grant Award Agreement to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for FY 2002 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program

Sponsors: Financial Services

Summary of Item: This will authorize submittal of a grant award agreement to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for FY 2002 in the amount of \$13,253.00 for the purpose of reducing crime and improving public safety. Note, the Village must also contribute funding in the amount of \$1,473.00 as a condition of receiving the grant.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT TO THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR FY 2002 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 2002-77

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: Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

ORD 00-01040 Ordinance: Amend the Nuisance Provisions

Sponsors: Public Works

Summary of Item: This will amend nuisance provisions.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NUISANCE PROVISIONS OF DOWNERS GROVE

ORDINANCE NO. 4443

Commissioner Gilbert said that this Ordinance is neither preposterous or doing any harm. It is to the benefit of the wildlife and of the communities, as it bans feeding wildlife to the point of becoming a nuisance. He said that must be clear to people. It is essential to animals that they not be fed by the public.

Commissioner Tully said he asked that this be tabled previously because he thought it should be a part of the existing nuisance ordinance. This Ordinance is not a blanket ban on the feeding of animals. This came to the Council shrouded by a neighborhood dispute, which is unfortunate. He said that the concerns raised regarding defining a nuisance is the reason it is part of the nuisance ordinance. He sees no difference in an Ordinance prohibiting the intentional feeding of wild animals to create a nuisance, and a prolonged display of graffiti on a building. Trapping is a separate issue from this Ordinance, and perhaps could be looked at. He said that authorities in this area make a compelling argument that the feeding of wild animals should be prohibited.

Commissioner McConnell agreed that the reason this came to the Council was unfortunate; however, the bigger issue has to do with public safety and health. This Ordinance is for the overall good of the community and she thanked the staff for their work in putting the Ordinance together. She also thanked the public for their participation and expressions of good citizenship.

Commissioner Schnell said she received e-mail regarding the Florida law and spoke with naturalists in Florida. Any intentional feeding of wildlife is not good, and the professional literature tells people not to feed wild animals. In addition to passing laws, the Florida organization provides a lot of public education. She suggested that a brochure be prepared discussing intentional feeding of animals. For a first offense, a warning could be issued and literature provided as to why this is bad for animals. She said that in Florida, it was not just a law but a process.

Commissioner Sisul said that good sense has to be applied in situations involving helping helpless creatures, so that it is not detrimental to the animal. It can be detrimental to the animal and to people if wild animals are brought into domestic situations. He suggested people contact the anti-cruelty societies and agencies who work with wildlife to find a constructive way to assist wildlife in surviving. He agreed with the statement that animals need to be afraid of people for their own survival.

The Mayor said that often issues have emotional sides to them, and the Village Council has to take the emotion out of consideration of the issues. The Council researches the issues before making its decisions. The Mayor said that a lot of information has been provided regarding this subject. He thanked the residents who submitted information to the Council and who submitted website links as well. He repeated that the Council has access to much information and makes informed decisions on issues of this type.

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: Wildlife, Nuisance Ordinance

ORD 00-01039 Ordinance: Extend the Term of Special Service Area #2 (Downers Grove Downtown Service Area) of the Village of Downers Grove

Sponsors: Deputy Village Manager

Summary of Item: This will extend the term of Special Service Area Number 2 for an additional five (5) years.

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TERM OF SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #2 (DOWNERS GROVE DOWNTOWN SERVICE AREA) OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

ORDINANCE NO. 4444

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: Special Service Area 2 - Downtown

MOT 00-01038 Motion: Reconsider Park District Fee Waiver Request - Recreation Center

Sponsors: Deputy Village Manager

Summary of Item: This will authorize a fee waiver request by the Downers Grove Park District in the amount of \$82,529.10 for the construction of the Recreation Center at 4500 Belmont Road.

Motion to reconsider approval of a fee waiver request in the amount of \$82,529.10 for the Downers Grove Park District.

Commissioner Tully said that he agrees that this item needs to be resolved; however, he disagrees with waiving 100% of the requested waiver by the Park District. Cooperation between other governmental agencies and the Village is important, and he agrees with that; however, sometimes agencies must meet in the middle. This is an unprecedented waiver request in terms of the amount. He suggested meeting in the middle and encouraged the Council to apply the policy recently adopted to this waiver request as follows: The total amount of the fee waiver requested was \$82,529.10, less \$5,000 at the Manager's discretion, and waive 70% of the remaining amount, which would be a waiver of all except \$23,258.73.

Commissioner Schnell asked for clarification that the Motion before the Council is to waive the total amount, and that was confirmed. She then responded that she would agree with Commissioner Tully that there should be a compromise because this is an unprecedented amount. She believes the 70% to be reasonable.

Commissioner Gilbert said that he would support a lower amount of waiver, but will not support a waiver of the full amount. He said that there are budget considerations this year and this is not a time to waive fees in this unprecedented amount.

The Mayor said that he agreed that there should be some type of cap on some fees. He agreed with the 70% on a go forward basis. In the past the tradition of the Village has been to waive all fees for government agencies and non-profit groups. He pointed out that under the old fee structure, this Park District fee would have been about \$8900, which is the amount that had been waived for St. Mary's Church a few weeks ago. He said he is not sure the Council would have debated that amount at that time. At that time there were a number of office build-outs along Butterfield and Finley Road, some of which had submitted their plans. Those that were already in the process of construction stayed under the old fee structure. When the Village surveyed other municipalities a year and a half ago, it was found that there were many fees that the Village chose not to established. The Village was charging about 1/10 of what other communities were charging. The Village did increase its fees but stayed below the neighboring communities. The Mayor said that the Village also found that it had fewer code enforcement staff than other communities. Based on the past practice, he is willing to vote to waive the 100% fee, but supports a cap on a go forward basis. He said that the fee is bigger but nothing has changed regarding the Park District's plans.

Commissioner McConnell said she is concerned that the Council changed the process and rules in the middle. Historically, under the old rules, people were allowed to complete the process; therefore, she will be voting in support of waiving 100% of this fee, but is in support of a cap for future projects.

Commissioner Tully reiterated that he will support a compromise, but would not support the 100% waiver. He said it is more prudent to compromise. He encouraged the Council to deny the 100% waiver.

Commissioner Sisul said that it took about a year for the Council to come up with the fence ordinance, and it was a never-ending saga. He said the Council should be deliberate in its considerations, but they need to resolve this issue. He will vote in favor of the Motion to reconsider waiving the total fee.

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

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

Indexes: Fee Waiver

8. Mayor's Report

Materials to be Received - Minutes

Liquor Commission - July 11, 2002

Plan Commission - July 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

Materials to be Received - Monthly Reports

Materials to be Placed on File

9. Manager's Report

10. Attorney's Report

Attorney Petrarca said the Village has reached a settlement of the condemnation suit of 5151 Main Street. She asked the Council to consider waiving the one week waiting period in order to approved the ordinances tonight.

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

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

Mayor Krajewski declared the Motion carried.

ORD 00-01026 Ordinance: Authorize Execution of a Settlement Agreement for the Acquisition of Certain Property (Partial of PIN 09-08-306-037)

Sponsors: Village Attorney

Summary of Item: This will authorize execution of a settlement agreement for the acquisition of a portion of the property commonly known as 5151 Main Street.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY (PARTIAL OF PIN 09-08-306-037) FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES RELATED TO THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE TAX INCREMENT DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT

ORDINANCE NO. 4445

Attorney Petrarca said the acquisition of the property is at \$275,000.00.

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

ORD 00-01027 Ordinance: Provide for the Settlement and Closing of Certain Property (Partial of PIN 9-08-306-037)

Sponsors: Village Attorney

Summary of Item: This will provide for the settlement and closing for a portion of the property commonly known as 5151 Main Street.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SETTLEMENT AND CLOSING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY (PARTIAL OF PIN 09-08-306-037) FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES RELATED TO THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE TAX INCREMENT DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT

ORDINANCE NO. 4446

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: 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

Finance Committee

Commissioner Zabloudil said the Finance Committee met this evening and discussed items related to the budget. He said they agreed on the format of the budget update. An ordinance will be prepared for Council consideration. They also discussed items related to the TIF. Discussion was held regarding reports including those having to do with the Village's compliance with GASB 34. The Committee will be continuing its discussions on business licensing, and reports will be obtained regarding the water fund usage as well.

Public Services

Commissioner Tully said the Committee did not meet this week. They are scheduled to meet on September 3 regarding the Village staircases and options.

12. Council Member Reports and New Business

Commissioner Zabloudil thanked Tourism and Events for the work done for the bike race this weekend. It was a great event and a fair representation of what the Village does. He noted that riders compete from all around the globe.

Commissioner Sisul said it was good to be back. He said he traveled to New Zealand and Australia. He said they have cameras on the highway and will take pictures if a vehicle is traveling four miles over the speed limit.

Commissioner McConnell said that the bike and in-line skating races were wonderful. She said that she received e-mails from participants and spectators regarding the weekend. She said she spoke with some of the judges who said it is unusual to have spectators lining the streets during the race. They like that, since there are no other races in the States where that occurs. She also said that large donations were made for Crowd Prime, and the Village raised the most amount of money in the US for that purpose.

Commissioner Tully said he also visited the race, and thanked the staff for their efforts in making it a success. He also received various e-mails from residents who participated in the event lauding Downers Grove as the race site.

The Mayor thanked the staff for their work as well. He said that some of the Commissioners rode in the pace car. He said he received many e-mails of thanks to the Council, and then read some of the e-mails from residents as well as participants lauding the Village's hosting of the weekend. There were many comments on the downtown facilities as well.

Mayor Krajewski referenced the ordinance passed earlier tonight regarding a public hearing to consider the first amendment of the Downtown TIF area. He said there will be a meeting on Thursday night concerning this issue for the PTA presidents and other school officials. He encouraged them to attend the meeting, noting he and Commissioner McConnell will be in attendance. He said there will be a number of meetings with residents in the future.

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 7:50 p.m.