



Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

Civic Center
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Downers Grove, IL 60515
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Tuesday, February 3, 2004

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 Ron Sandack, Commissioner Stan Urban, Commissioner Marilyn Schnell, Commissioner Martin Tully, Commissioner Mark Zabloudil and Mayor Brian Krajewski
Absent: Commissioner Sue McConnell and Village Clerk April Holden
Non Voting: Village Manager Riccardo Ginex, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca and Deputy Village Clerk Linda Brown

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 - January 20, 2004

Workshop Meeting - January 27, 2004

Commissioner Tully submitted a correction to the minutes of the January 20 Council meeting. Mayor Krajewski said the minutes would be filed as corrected.

*Community Policing Award - Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police
Comcast Recognition*

Community Policing Award - Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police

Chief Porter said that 2003 was an excellent year for the Police Department filled with many national, State and local awards. Some months ago he asked Deputy Chief Pam Church to prepare the application for the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Community Policing Award. The Illinois Chiefs panel conducted an on-site interview, as well as interviewing the schools, etc. In December they were notified that they won the Community Policing Award. He called on Jim Nehls, Barb Leiber and Chief Neubauer from the Elmhurst Police Department. Chief Porter publicly thanked Barbara who has been with Community Policing since its inception, for her efforts. Ms. Leiber is retiring next month.

Mr. Leiber then introduced the civilian members of the team, Jennifer Gornick, Brenda Harris, Andy Matejcek and thanked them for their work. She said she would miss working with them.

Sgt. Nehls expressed his thanks to the Council for their support over the last ten years, and to Ms. Leiber for all of her work. He then introduced Officers Brian Johnstone, Andrew Blaylock, Ken Lister, Ray Jagman, Robert Jacobs, Javier Guzman. Lieutenant Lee Hahn was also present as part of the Community Oriented Police team.

Chief Neubauer of Elmhurst explained the award, and the agencies involved in the distribution of the award. He said that there are 1200 police departments in the State of Illinois, and only 12 awards have been given. He said the assessment team conducted their study on seven different areas, and the Department deserves the award. He also said that nothing gets done without the governing body who supports the Department in its work. He then presented the Award to Chief Porter. He also distributed street signs announcing the receipt of the Award.

Comcast Recognition

Doug Kozlowski said that this is part of the Community Policing and Resource program. He said that Officers Jacobs and Johnstone informed him that some of the students with whom they were involved were required to use the Internet, but there was no connection available. Mr. Kozlowski contacted Comcast through Sharon Douglas, and they generously donated cable modem services to both resources centers. He presented a plaque to Sharon Douglas for Comcast.

The Mayor also expressed the Village's appreciation to Comcast for their generous donation to the Resource Centers.

4. Public Comments and Questions

A. Comments and Questions on Active Agenda

Dr. Gordon Goodman, 5834 Middaugh, commented on the O'Hare Resolution, saying he recommended some modifications at last week's meeting, and asked if they were able to incorporate those points including a western rail connection, parking provisions, and appropriate land use plan. The Mayor said that one of those recommendations has been included. He provided Dr. Goodman with an updated Resolution.

Commissioner Tully then reviewed what the Resolution says, and read the Resolution.

Ralph Gray, 5540 Walnut, said he endorsed Dr. Goodman's proviso for a western access. He spent 30 years of his life involved with O'Hare Field in various capacities, including working as a pilot. The east/west system of runways is something the airline pilots have been seeking for some time.

Tom Sisul, 3624 Saratoga, said he represented the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, stating they unanimously support approval of the Resolution.

Laurel Bowen read a letter from Lura Kiesa of 5520 Cornell Avenue who was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Kiesa was not in favor of supporting the O'Hare expansion. She wrote that western access and further expansion of O'Hare is a very complex and serious type of development that will affect every resident in DuPage County and other collar counties. She notes that additional noise and air pollution, as well as other factors, will cause hardships on community residents. She urged the Council to vote no on this matter. Her letter was provided to the Village Clerk for the record.

Edveta Wolf, 5123 Gilbert, asked why the Village is supporting this and what the Village has to gain. She said roads are so bad now that traffic is a problem. She read piles of paper on this project, she has looked at the TIF funds and the budget. It is difficult for her to watch the town fall apart, with the removal of trees. The area is becoming just like the City, taxes will go up, and TIF is a joke. She is glad that her children and grandchildren no longer live in Downers Grove.

Laurel Bowen, 829 Clyde Drive, said that O'Hare's expansion could cost in excess of \$32 billion at taxpayers' expense. She quoted news articles regarding the federal deficit and the air transit losses. Ms. Bowen said the important issue is who is going to pay for this improvement since the airline industry has not generated cash flow. There are significant public health impacts according to EPA studies, and Ms. Bowen said that the O'Hare pollution causes increases in health care costs. She believes the expansion will not fix congestion and pollution, but will only make it worse. Ms. Bowen said that the role of the Downers Grove Council should not include political favors. She asked where the representatives of the City of Chicago and DuPage County were. She encouraged the Council not to approve the Resolution.

Lilian Dreiser, 1132 Curtiss, said she has been a resident of Downers Grove for 45 years. She said she ignored the original expansion of O'Hare in complete ignorance. She has since learned of the many problems of pollution, health impact, etc., and does not understand how the community interests have been considered. Ms. Dreiser said that for the Village to support this issue would be deleterious to this and other communities. She believes the residents of the Village should be permitted a say, with extensive information on the effects of this on the communities.

B. Comments and Questions on General Matters

5. Public Hearings

6. Consent Agenda

COR 00-01501 Claim Ordinance: No. 5517, Payroll, January 17, 2004
Sponsors: Accounting
A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.
Indexes: N/A

BIL 00-01502 List of Bills Payable: No. 5512, February 3, 2004
Sponsors: Accounting
A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.
Indexes: N/A

BID 00-01504 Bid: Award \$21,000 to Sutton Ford for a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor

Sponsors: Police Department

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

Indexes: Vehicle Purchases, Police Vehicles

Passed The Consent Agenda

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

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Sandack, Commissioner Urban, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

7. Active Agenda

ORD 00-01505 Ordinance: Establish No Parking Restrictions on Authority Drive

Sponsors: Parking & Traffic Commission

Summary of Item: At their meeting of December 10, 2003, the Parking and Traffic Commission moved to recommend no parking restrictions be established on both the east and west sides of Authority Drive, from Ogden Avenue to Warrenville Road.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON AUTHORITY DRIVE

ORDINANCE NO. 4567

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

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Sandack, Commissioner Urban, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: No Park - Authority Drive

RES 00-01506 Resolution: Intergovernmental Agreement for Joint Administration of Employee Health Insurance Program with the Downers Grove Public Library

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: This shall authorize an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and the Downers Grove Public Library for joint administration of the employee health insurance program.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM BETWEEN THE DOWNERS GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

RESOLUTION 2004-08

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

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Sandack, Commissioner Urban, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Insurance - Health, Employee

RES 00-01507 Resolution: Intergovernmental Agreement for Joint Administration of Employee Health Insurance Program with the Downers Grove Park District

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: This shall authorize an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and the Downers Grove Park District for joint administration of the employee health insurance program.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM BETWEEN THE DOWNERS GROVE PARK DISTRICT AND THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

RESOLUTION 2004-09

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

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Sandack, Commissioner Urban, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Insurance - Health, Employee

RES 00-01488 Resolution: Support Improvement of O'Hare International Airport

Sponsors: Village Attorney

Summary of Item: This will express Village support for the passage of legislation by Congress for the implementation of the O'Hare International Airport improvement plan.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE IMPROVEMENT OF O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

RESOLUTION 2004-10

Commissioner Sandack said he will support this Resolution. He said that everyone should understand that this is simply a support Resolution which will have a negligible effect on what might occur. There is a direct effect on the community, however, in that many residents go to O'Hare daily. He believes O'Hare is an economic engine for northeast Illinois. Its viability has an effect on jobs and economic development in general on a macro scale. It is the most important airport in the United States. The modernization will result in runways configured for the most efficient use of the airport. He said he received 11 e-mails/voice mails and 8 were overwhelmingly in favor of the resolution, and 3 against.

Commissioner Schnell thanked the residents who contacted her, saying that some of the information provided by residents was better than that provided by the City of Chicago. Her concern is not whether they should support the improvement on the airport, but the impact it will have on the Village and its residents. She has concerns about the environmental impact of the modernization, and those concerns were not answered by the City of Chicago's correspondence. Her comments from the residents were about half supporting and half opposing the expansion.

Commissioner Urban commented that his responses were also about 50/50 from the residents. He agreed that the information provided by residents was extremely informative. He personally favors western access improvements for O'Hare, and he sees that it will have a trickle down economic effect on the Village. He also looked for answers regarding the environmental issues. A packet from the City of Chicago refers to the environmental issue, stating that the FAA is conducting an environmental study on the project. Commissioner Urban said he questions why they are voting on this now since there is no conclusive evidence provided as yet regarding that study. He also said that no diagrams have been provided as to the actual plan under consideration. He agreed that this is nothing more than a support Resolution and will not effect a decision to modernize or not. He was disappointed at the lack of information provided by the City of Chicago on a project that has been under consideration for years and years. He noted that Commissioner Tully's transportation committee provided hundreds of documents

supporting their recommendations regarding the bus system and they were only working on their project less than a year. Commissioner Urban said that the Village should remain nonpartisan.

Commissioner Tully said the question has been asked as to why the Village is considering this. He said the Village is asked all the time to vote on support resolutions, and this is nothing new. It is the subject matter of this particular Resolution that has caused the response. He said the issue has been widely publicized and debated. The Council has reviewed a great deal of information, not just in the last few weeks, but over the past few years. The majority of businesses and residents that he has heard from are in favor of the modernization. Commissioner Tully said with respect to this particular Resolution, he concurs that it is a very benign Resolution which supports the modernization of O'Hare and the provision of western rail access. As to whether the airport is important to DuPage County, Commissioner Tully said it is very important to the Council and to the Village, and has been an asset to this community for many years.

Commissioner Tully said he appreciates all of the input that has been received in regard to this issue and considers it a healthy debate. It is his intention to vote in favor of the Resolution as it is worded.

The Mayor asked if he wished to add western access into the Motion.

Commissioner Tully moved to amend the proposed resolution to 1) point out that the Village is in favor of and encourages that as part of the plan there be western access; 2) the second to last sentence of Section 1 of the Resolution should read O' Hare International Airport's, and 3) the following word "place" has an upper case P which should be lower case.

Commissioner Urban seconded Commissioner Tully's motion.

Commissioner Urban moved that in Paragraph 6, regarding the wording "said plan" the word "said" be removed since no plan has been received, and replace it with the word "a". Commissioner Sandack seconded the Motion.

Commissioner Zabloudil commented that there are two sides to all issues. He said that looking at the modernization aspect of this project, it is sorely needed. It boils down to what impacts it will have on people who have to deal with this on a regular basis. He taps into resources from an Air Traffic Control perspective, and said the project will reduce circling and increase safety. He travels to various airports around the country and all that have east-west access minimize the amount of circling the airports. He believes this will make a huge difference on the local communities and will eventually positively effect the Village.

The Mayor thanked everyone who e-mailed him and commented on this issue. The majority of those comments supported the modernization of the airport. One resident indicated there is more noise from the air traffic from Brookeridge, at the south end of Downers Grove.

Mayor Krajewski said that the original plan for the airport was not designed to handle the traffic it now handles. As areas grow, they have to make it more efficient. Many people move to Downers Grove because it has good access to O'Hare Airport. He said that the reports would be made available at the Library.

Vote on Commissioner Urban's Motion:

AYES: Commissioners Urban, Sandack, Zabloudil, Tully, Schnell, Mayor Krajewski

NAYS: None

The Motion passed unanimously.

Regarding the Motion made by Commissioner Tully to amend the resolution to add wording regarding the western access, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca read from the draft resolution: "Whereas the Mayor and Village Council further find that the interests of the Village of Downers Grove and this region would be best served by adoption of a plan for improvement of O'Hare International Airport, which will permit it to safely and efficiently serve the flying public and satisfy current and future demands for air transportation, and which will enhance western access and western rail transit." She noted that the reference to the western rail transit in the first paragraph has been deleted. She said that we must clearly say this is in the best interest of the Village.

AYES: Commissioners Tully, Urban, Sandack, Zabloudil, Schnell, Mayor Krajewski

NAYS: None

The Motion passed unanimously.

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

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Sandack, Commissioner Urban, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Zabloudil and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: O'Hare Airport

8. Mayor's Report

Materials to be Received - Minutes

Finance Committee - January 6, 2004

Liquor Commission - January 8, 2004

Plan Commission - December 2, 2003

Public Services Committee - Local Transportation Subcommittee - January 14, 2003

Zoning Board of Appeals - December 3, 2003

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

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Sandack, Commissioner Urban, 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

Future Active Agenda

11. Committee Standing Reports

Commissioner Urban said the Public Safety meeting has been rescheduled, and the Performing Arts ad hoc Committee will meet tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m.

Commissioner Zabloudil said that the Finance Committee discussed an update on insurance, a budget update, and capitalization threshold for fixed assets.

12. Council Member Reports and New Business

Commissioner Tully congratulated District 58 on their Science Fair at O'Neill Junior High. It was an amazing display of creativity and ingenuity, and encourages the study of science. He thanked everyone who attended and the students who participated.

The Mayor said he attended the Rotary lunch yesterday and a number of the Rotarians commented as to how great the Science Fair was.

13. Adjournment

Commissioner Tully moved to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to consider collective negotiating matters, and pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to consider pending litigation. Commissioner Urban seconded.

VOTE: YEA - Commissioners Tully, Urban, Sandack, Zabloudil, Schnell, Mayor Krajewski

Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried and the Council convened into Executive Session at 7:36 p.m.