

COUNCIL WORKSHOP ITEM

ITEM: Improvement of O'Hare International Airport
DATE: January 21, 2004
PREPARED BY: Riccardo F. Ginex, Village Manager
PURPOSE: Resolution Supporting the Improvement of O'Hare International Airport

DISCUSSION:

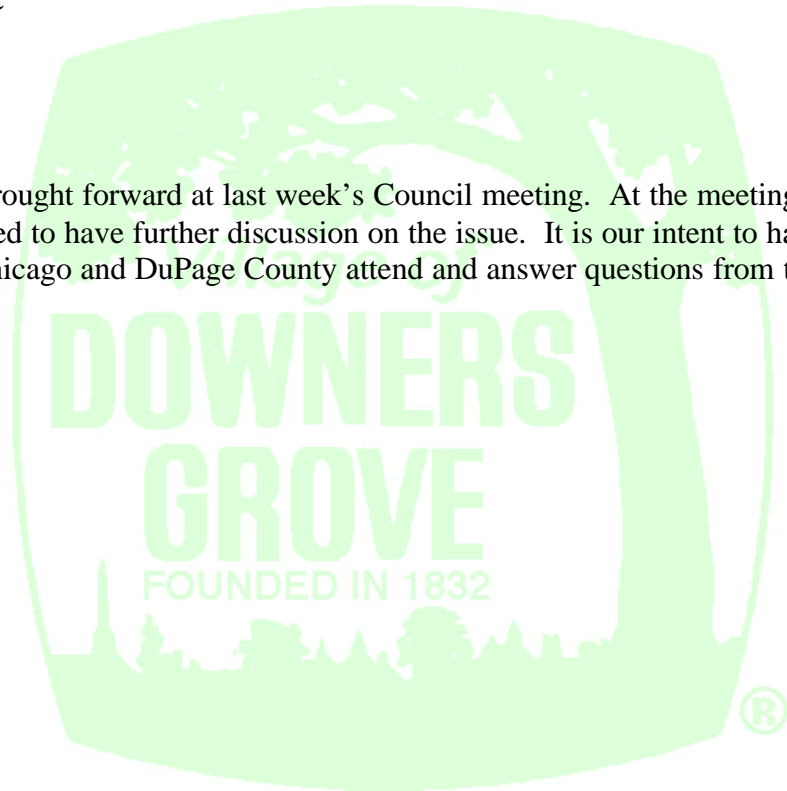
A resolution for support was brought forward at last week's Council meeting. At the meeting, several Council members wished to have further discussion on the issue. It is our intent to have individuals from the City of Chicago and DuPage County attend and answer questions from the Council.

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the resolution.



**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
THE IMPROVEMENT OF O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, finds that O'Hare International Airport is a vital hub in the national air transportation system of the United States, and that O'Hare International Airport's ability to efficiently process takeoffs, landings and passenger needs impacts the quality of air transportation throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council further find that O'Hare International Airport has had a profound and positive effect on the economic success and vitality of the Northeastern Illinois Region by creating jobs related both directly and indirectly to airport operations and by attracting innumerable businesses to the Northeastern Illinois Region, and thereby promoting economic prosperity for the region; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council further find that O'Hare International Airport's continued, long-term ability to perform its vital transportation function and to meet future demand for air transportation services is indispensable to the Airport's survival and to the economic prosperity of the Northeastern Illinois Region; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council further find that the Village of Downers Grove shares substantially in the economic benefits created by O'Hare International Airport, and that it is therefore fitting and proper that the Mayor and Village Council take an active interest in and express their collective voice concerning the future of O'Hare International Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council further find that the Mayor of the City of Chicago and the Governor of the State of Illinois have engaged in and have now concluded discussions concerning the future of O'Hare International Airport and the improvements to the Airport that may be needed to ensure its ability to reliably and safely handle the volume of air traffic it needs to service, both now and in the future, and that these discussions have resulted in agreement concerning same being reached between the Governor and the Mayor, and that said agreement will now likely be the subject of legislation considered by the Congress of the United States in order to provide for such improvements to O'Hare International Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council further find that the interests of the Village of Downers Grove and of this region would be best served by adoption of said 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor and Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove hereby express their collective support for the passage of legislation by the Congress of the United States providing for implementation of the plan of improvement for O'Hare International Airport agreed to between the Governor of the State of Illinois and the Mayor of the City of Chicago, which will enable O'Hare International Airport to meet its current and anticipated future air transportation needs, and urge the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Congress of the United States to work collectively and cooperatively towards this end, and thereby preserve the economic prosperity of the Northeastern Illinois Region and O'Hare International Airports Place as a vital hub in our nation's air transportation system.

SECTION 2. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

Mayor

Passed:

Attest: _____
Village Clerk