



Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

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

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

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 Marilyn Schnell, Commissioner Martin Tully, Commissioner William Waldack, Commissioner Sean P. Durkin and Mayor Brian Krajewski

Absent: Commissioner Stan Urban

Non Voting: Village Manager Cara Pavlicek, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca and Village Clerk April Holden

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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 presiding officer will ask, at the appropriate time, 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. Remarks should be limited to five minutes, and asked that individuals refrain from making repetitive statements.

Mayor Krajewski 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 2, 2007

Workshop Meeting - January 9, 2007

Commissioner Tully provided a correction to the January 9, 2007 Workshop minutes, page 11, paragraph 6, second sentence to replace the word "and" with the word "in" following the word "investment." There being no further additions or corrections to the minutes, Mayor Krajewski said they would be filed as corrected.

Holiday Recognition Program

Mary Scalzetti, Director, Community Events, said the Village would like to recognize the

following families for sharing their holiday spirit here in Downers Grove. She said 20 residences were nominated this year and thanked the judges from the Downers Grove Junior Woman's Club.

1st Place Van Hootegem Family, 1335 Andrus

2nd Place Bubenicek Family, 6743 Fairmount

3rd Place Bellavia Family, 410 Indianapolis

Honorable Mention Rumph Family, 5600 Deer Path

Honorable Mention Snisko Family, 1337 Andrus

Mayor's Choice Virginia Weber, 1130 Warren

The Mayor extended his thanks to the judges for their efforts and the residents for decorating their homes.

4. Public Comments and Questions

A. Comments and Questions on Active Agenda

There were none.

B. Comments and Questions on General Matters

1. Tim Meany, 420 Franklin, noted that over the past few weeks the Council has discussed the issue of preserving middle-income housing in the Village. He commended the Council for agreeing to meet on this topic on February 6. This is a complex issue. He said the presentation will be informational and a way to explore the issue. He further noted that the Naperville City Council last week voted to make affordable housing one of their important issues for 2007.

2. Bruce Beckman, 4629 Middaugh, said that the Council made the correct decision to provide time at their February 6 meeting for a presentation on affordable housing. He believes the session can provide the basis for a frank discussion on this issue. He attended the December 1 meeting at St. Joseph's. One item that struck him was that Downers Grove families live in the Village for an average of 21 years, while Naperville's average is 8 years. That says that when people move here they stay here for the schools, parks and sense of community. Mr. Beckman said that the Village cannot afford to break this cycle, noting that his daughter lives in Lombard and is frozen out of the market in her own hometown of Downers Grove. He hopes that the Village will take a leadership and creative role to assure that the cycle of long-term residence remains a part of the Village fabric.

5. Public Hearings

6. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Waldack moved to remove from the Consent Agenda item RES 00-02635, a resolution authorizing execution of an agreement for prosecution services with Dolci & McMahon. Commissioner Schnell seconded the motion.

VOTE: YEA - Commissioner Waldack, Schnell, Sandack, Tully, Durkin, Mayor Krajewski

COR 00-02648

A. Claim Ordinance: No. 5673, Payroll, January 5, 2007

Sponsors: Accounting

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

Indexes: N/A

BIL 00-02649 B. List of Bills Payable: No. 5658, January 16, 2007

Sponsors: Accounting

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

Indexes: N/A

BID 00-02630 C. Bid: Award \$118,415 to Steve Piper & Sons, Inc. of Naperville, IL for FY 07 Tree and Stump Removal Services

Sponsors: Public Works

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

Indexes: Tree and Stump Removal

BID 00-02631 D. Bid: Award \$29,999.98 to The T.L.C. Group, Ltd. of Clarendon Hills, IL for FY07 Mowing Services

Sponsors: Public Works

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

Indexes: Turf Maintenance

MOT 00-02632 E. Motion: Authorize Award of Grants as Recommended by the Community Grants Commission

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: Midwest Ballet Theatre, Production of Cinderella at Heritage Festival, \$4,400

Our Town Productions, Rip Van Winkle, \$4,500

Downers Grove Concert Association, Artists Showcase West, \$11,000

D.G.H.S. Mustang Band Boosters, Marching Mustang Music Bowl, \$5,000

D.G. Area American Association of University Women, Used Book Sale, \$2,000

Indian Boundary YMCA, Commit to be Fit 5K/10K Run/Walk, \$800

Indian Boundary YMCA, 10th Annual Y-Games, \$900

New World Repertory Theater, Hamlet & Androcles and the Lion, \$5,500

The West Towns Chorus, 2007 Christmas Show, \$3,489

Downers Grove Downtown Management, Hospitality Sunday, \$3,000

Downers Grove Downtown Management, Fine Arts Festival, \$3,000

D.G. Friends of the Library, Storybook Parade, \$500

D.G. Rotary Club, Halloween Window Painting, \$1,500

D.G. Kiwanis Club, Easter Egg Hunt, \$600

Grove Players, 2007 Spring Production Campaign, \$6,000

West Suburban Humane Society, Barkapalooza & Pet Expo & Walk, \$2,000

D.G. Junior Women's Club, Fourth of July Float, \$500

Squires of Downers Grove, Bob Nelson Jr. Golf Amateur Tournament, \$400

D.G. Choral Society, 2007 Concert Season, \$12,000

Senior Suburban Orchestra, Downers Grove Programming for 2007, \$3,000

D.G. Historical Society, Cemetery Restoration

Vox Caelestis, Holiday Concert

TOTAL - \$70,089.00.

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

Indexes: Community Grants

RES 00-02633 F. Resolution: Declare Official Intent Regarding Certain Capital Expenditures to be Reimbursed from Proceeds of an Obligation

Sponsors: Deputy Village Manager

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION DECLARING OFFICIAL INTENT REGARDING CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES TO BE REIMBURSED FROM PROCEEDS OF AN OBLIGATION

RESOLUTION 2007-01

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

Indexes: Fire Station #2, Planned Development #43-Fire Station No. 2

MOT 00-02634 G. Motion: Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Contract with Burns & McDonnell for Design of the Ogden Avenue Corridor Management Module

Sponsors: Public Works

Summary of Item: This is for an amount not to exceed \$72,562.00.

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

Indexes: Ogden Avenue Redevelopment, Ogden Avenue Sidewalks

MOT 00-02650 I. Motion: Note Receipt of Minutes of Village Boards and Commissions

Summary of Item: Events Subcommittee - 12/7/06

Library Board - 12/20/06

Plan Commission - 12/4/06

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

Passed The Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was approved as amended.

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

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Sandack, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin and Mayor Krajewski

7. Active Agenda

RES 00-02635 H. Resolution: Authorize Execution of an Agreement for Prosecution Services with Dolci & McMahan

Sponsors: Village Attorney

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR PROSECUTION SERVICES WITH DOLCI & MCMAHON

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

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Sandack, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: DUI Prosecutions

- ORD 00-02637** A. Ordinance: Authorize a Special Use for 440 Ogden Avenue to Permit a Drive-Through Restaurant Facility
Sponsors: Community Development
Summary of Item: At their meeting of December 4, 2007, the Plan Commission recommended that a Special Use be granted for the property located at 440 Ogden Avenue for a drive-through restaurant facility.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR 440 OGDEN AVENUE TO PERMIT A DRIVE-THROUGH RESTAURANT FACILITY

ORDINANCE NO. 4846
A motion was made by Commissioner Tully, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to Adopt this file. Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried by the following vote:
Votes: Yea: Commissioner Sandack, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin and Mayor Krajewski
Indexes: Special Use - 440 Ogden Avenue
- RES 00-02640** B. Resolution: Final Plat of Subdivision for the Downers Grove Townhomes
Sponsors: Community Development
Summary of Item: At their meeting of December 4, 2006, the Plan Commission recommended approval of the Final Plat of Subdivision for the Downers Grove Townhomes.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION FOR THE DOWNERS GROVE TOWNHOMES

RESOLUTION 2007-02
A motion was made by Commissioner Durkin, seconded by Commissioner Schnell, to Adopt this file. Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried by the following vote:
Votes: Yea: Commissioner Sandack, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin and Mayor Krajewski
Indexes: Subdivision - Downers Grove Townhomes, Planned Development #42-Downers Grove Townhomes
- ORD 00-02641** C. Ordinance: Authorize a Special Use for 922 Warren Avenue to Permit Multi-Family Residential Dwellings with Variations
Sponsors: Community Development
Summary of Item: At their meeting of December 4, 2006, the Plan Commission recommended that a Special Use be granted for the property located at 922 Warren Avenue for multi-family residential dwellings with variations.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR 922 WARREN AVENUE TO PERMIT MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS WITH VARIATIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 4847
A motion was made by Commissioner Schnell, seconded by Commissioner Waldack, to Adopt this file. Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried by the following vote:
Votes: Yea: Commissioner Sandack, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin and Mayor Krajewski
Indexes: Subdivision - Downers Grove Townhomes, Planned Development #42-Downers Grove Townhomes, Special Use - 922 Warren - Downers Grove Townhomes

ORD 00-02643 D. Ordinance: Designate Downers Grove Townhomes as Final Planned Development Number 42

Sponsors: Community Development

Summary of Item: At their meeting of December 4, 2006, the Plan Commission recommended to designate Downers Grove Townhomes as Final Planned Development Number 42.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS TO DESIGNATE DOWNERS GROVE TOWNHOMES AS FINAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT NUMBER 42

ORDINANCE NO. 4848

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

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Sandack, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Subdivision - Downers Grove Townhomes, Planned Development #42-Downers Grove Townhomes

RES 00-02594 E. Resolution: Authorize 2007 Intergovernmental Jurisdictional Boundary Agreement with the Village of Lisle

Sponsors: Deputy Village Manager

Summary of Item: This shall authorize a boundary line agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and the Village of Lisle.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE 2007 INTERGOVERNMENTAL JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF LISLE AND THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

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

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Sandack, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Village of Lisle, Boundary Line Agreement

MOT 00-02652 F. Motion: Direct Staff to Initiate Actions to Establish a Special Service District Area (SSA) re: Brick Street Reconstruction Project (CIP Project ST-002)

Sponsors: Public Works

Commissioner Sandack said he recalled that there were resident questions raised on this issue and asked whether those issues were resolved.

The Manager said that staff did provide a synopsis and the Public Works staff has contacted the residents. Staff is asking Council to take the time to decide if they want to establish an SSA. Staff would then get back to the residents and conduct a survey, followed by a formal public hearing with the Council. The Council is being asked by staff to decide whether they believe this is, or is not in the best interests of the Village.

Commissioner Sandack said that the only issue he has is that he thought the residents were going to take a census among their neighbors. The Manager said that the staff will still do a survey and prepare a direct mailing. There is a statutory threshold that must be met.

Commissioner Schnell commented that this is a first step in allowing more dialogue with the

public, but does not mean that an SSA will be created.

The Manager added that staff also does not take this as an indication that an SSA will be created.

Commissioner Tully explained that this is a voluntary process to support the wishes of the community. There was vast support for this. He indicated that this is a direction from the Council for staff to go through the process of a public hearing, a 60 day objection period, etc. It is an opportunity to obtain additional input.

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

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Sandack, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Brick Streets

RES 00-02644 G. Resolution: Support Continued Participation in Phase 3 and 4 of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference Circulator Study

Sponsors: Public Works

Summary of Item: This will support continued participation in phase 3 & 4 of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference Circulator Study.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN PHASE 3 AND 4 OF THE DUPAGE MAYORS AND MANAGERS CONFERENCE CIRCULATOR STUDY

RESOLUTION 2007-03

Commissioner Tully reviewed last week's discussion regarding amending the language of the Resolution to assure that the Village is not committing any financial support at this time. It allows future Councils to have an informed discussion when this item is brought up for discussion, and it prevents misconceptions as to the Village's part in this project. Any expenditure in relation to this project is contingent upon Council's approval.

Commissioner Tully made a Motion to amend the Resolution authorizing support of continued participation in Phase 3 and 4 of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference Circulator Study to add the following:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the participation of the Village of Downers Grove in Phase 3 and 4 of the Local Circulator Study is limited to administrative staff participation and the Village will not allocate front line resources such as equipment, operators, drivers, fuel or funding without express approval of the Village Council.

Commissioner Durkin seconded the Motion.

Commissioner Sandack asked for the amendment to be re-read, which Commissioner Tully did.

Commissioner Schnell asked for clarification that the intent of Phases 3 and 4 is investigative, and they are not asking for staff time. The Manager responded that they are making a commitment to actively seek grant funding. She said that the Village must be very clear with the DuPage Mayor and Manager's Conference (DMMC) to reserve the right to withhold its approval until all facts and information are made available to the Village.

Commissioner Waldack said that the last item of the original Resolution says that the Village

will continue pursuing potential funding and submitting applications to sources. He has a problem with the amendment as it sends a message that the Village will pursue this maybe. He sees it as redundant, unnecessary and confusing, and sends a negative message.

Commissioner Schnell said she agrees that the amendment sends a negative message, and she did not get the sense that they were asking for anything other than staff time. She thinks the Village was picked because it has a positive attitude about community transportation, and she believes the amendment wording sends a mixed message.

Commissioner Tully said that there is no negative intention, just clarification. He said that the existing wording does not include "grant funding," but does include potential funding resources, which could be from any location. His concern is that this has been a controversial issue in this community and on the basis of the very close vote he thinks the Council owes it the residents to pursue opportunities like this based on the Village's decision to invest in transportation in its own community. However, he thinks there should be no message that the Village will wave a blank check around, or provide staff or a potential vehicle. The amendment only asks that any substantial contributions on a going forward basis to participate in this program receive the approval of the Council. He thinks they owe it to the residents of the Village to discuss this as it continues.

The Mayor said he was concerned last week that if the DMMC wanted to go forward with this, the Village needed to be very clear about its position from the start.

Commissioner Schnell said that she did not read in the Resolution that the Village would not have discussion at the appropriate time. The added wording sends a negative message that "we're in it but we're not in it."

Commissioner Sandack said that Phases 3 and 4 do not seek additional capital. The additional language may be superfluous but he doesn't think it is harmful. He would like to propose that the Council move beyond the wording, because he thinks it is important to go forward as a participant in the program.

Commissioner Waldack asked whether Lombard, Wheaton and Addison have passed this, and the Manager said that the DMMC has not communicated their status. Commissioner Waldack said that if they did pass this without an amendment, he would not feel betrayed if they decided not to go further with funding.

Commissioner Tully said that another reason for this language is that it may allow someone to go forward who otherwise might not. He thinks it makes sense to pursue participation in Phases 3 and 4, and if this language allows some comfort to move forward, he thinks it is important.

Commissioner Durkin commented that he does not support the buses, but with the language of Commission Tully added he would support this Motion. He would have a problem if the Village committed any additional resources outside of staff time. He would support it as amended by Commissioner Tully.

Roll on the Motion to amend the resolution.

AYES: Commissioner Tully, Durkin, Sandack, Schnell, Mayor Krajewski

NAYS: Commissioner Waldack

The Motion carried.

The Motion as amended carried.

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

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Sandack, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: DuPage Mayors & Managers

RES 00-02645 H. Resolution: Amend Village Council Cash Management and Investment Policy

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: This will amend the Village's Cash Management and Investment Policy.

A RESOLUTION AMENDING VILLAGE COUNCIL CASH MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT POLICY

RESOLUTION 2007-04

Commissioner Tully said that last week Commissioner Waldack made a point about unnecessarily broad and duplicative exceptions in Sec. 6.1 regarding Diversification and Investment Parameters. Commissioner Tully said that bullet point four currently references the word "generally," and he prefers the more specific language of the 3% in excess to the 50% deviation, than the term "generally."

Commissioner Tully made a Motion to amend the Resolution authorizing amending the Village Council Cash Management and Investment Policy to delete the word "generally" from Section 6.1 Diversification, fourth bullet point, first sentence. Commissioner Schnell seconded the Motion.

The Mayor commented to the Finance Director that staff will have to be aware to closely monitor this on the day of the large deposit of real estate taxes.

Commissioner Waldack thanked Commissioner Tully for the amendment.

Roll on the Motion to amend the resolution.

AYES: Commissioner Tully, Schnell, Waldack, Sandack, Durkin, Mayor Krajewski

NAYS: None

The Motion carried.

The Motion as amended carried.

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

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Sandack, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Village Council, Cash Policy, Investment Policy

RES 00-02646 I. Resolution: Designate Signatories for Investment Purposes

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: This will designate Cara Pavlicek, Judy Buttny and Rita Kruse as signatories for investment purposes.

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SIGNATORIES FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES

RESOLUTION 2007-05

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

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Sandack, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Banking Services, Investment Policy

ORD 00-02647 J. Ordinance: Amend Provisions for Meeting Attendance Via Electronic Means

Sponsors: Village Attorney

Summary of Item: This will make certain amendments to the Municipal Code relating to the provisions for meeting attendance via electronic means.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS FOR MEETING ATTENDANCE VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS

ORDINANCE NO. 4849

Commissioner Tully explained that this Ordinance brings the Village into compliance with State law regarding attendance of members at meetings by electronic means, such as phoning in for Council meetings. The statute did not previously allow for participation of a member of a public body while on vacation. He said that Representative Joe Dunn introduced HB183 which would amend the Open Meetings Act by allowing a member on vacation to attend a meeting other than by physical presence. Under the proposed legislation, as long as there is a physical quorum present, a vacationing member may participate by electronic means. Commissioner Tully then asked that the Village send a letter of support for this legislation.

Commissioner Waldack said that when this was originally introduced, he did not support this. However, he is now glad that it went through and complimented the Council on how it handles electronic participation. He said that other changes also include that there has to be notice, and there has to be a vote taken as to whether the member is allowed to participate electronically. He does not favor that provision in the State's law. He thinks that language should be changed to allow participation without a member vote. He would also like to see residents given the opportunity to call into a meeting if they cannot attend.

The Mayor asked whether the Village can handle more than one caller. Manager Pavlicek said that it cannot because the equipment that the Village rents can only handle one caller.

The Mayor asked if there was an objection by any Council member to sending a letter to the State Legislature as suggested by Commissioner Tully, and there were no objections. The Village Attorney said she would see to that letter.

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

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Sandack, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Council Rules

8. Mayor's Report

Materials to be Received

Materials to be Placed on File

9. Manager's and Directors' Reports

April Holden, Village Clerk, informed the Council that on she was notified of the death of Anthony (Tony) Berardi today. Mr. Berardi died on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 in Pennsylvania. Mr. Berardi filed nominating papers for the Office of Mayor position for the 2007 Mayoral Election. He was one of three candidates for Mayor and, as such, the Mayoral ballot was

certified for a primary election to be held on February 27, 2007. Due to Mr. Berardi's death, there are only two candidates for Mayor; consequently, a primary election is no longer required. The Village Clerk recertified the ballot for Mayoral candidates and the DuPage County Election Commission has confirmed that a primary election for the Commissioner candidates will be held in the Village of Downers Grove on February 27, 2007. There will be no primary election for Mayoral candidates.

The Village of Downers Grove extends condolences to the Berardi family.

Liangfu Wu, Director, Information Services, said in the last 1 1/2 years a team has been working on a new generation for the Village Web site. He and staff member Dave Hanks showed the current web site and its new design. It is more graphically enhanced with the ability to connect to other areas and entities in the Village. He noted rotation of the graphics, a location for top stories, and a survey section. In addition, examples of permits are provided. This newer technology will be hand held compatible. He stated that the newer web site would be up by next week.

Commissioner Durkin commended the staff for the new site. He said that the permits seem to be hidden and asked whether they could be placed on the home page. The Manager said that there is a main box on the home page.

Commissioner Sandack asked whether they have map capacity, and Director Wu said that it is not interactive yet.

Commissioner Waldack said it looks good, and asked if there is anything that prevents someone from completing the survey more than once. Director Wu said it is not really a "survey" but a test of knowledge about the Village.

10. Attorney's Report

Future Active Agenda

11. Council Member Reports and New Business

Commissioner Sandack expressed his condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Berardi.

Commissioner Waldack extended his sympathy to Mr. Berardi's family.

Commissioner Waldack then made reference to a song that was sung by the Downers Grove Choral Society with revised words to fit the Village. The EDC Director suggested that it be placed on the web site, however, Director Scalzetti said that there are legal problems with this. Commissioner Waldack encouraged people to create a hometown song for Downers Grove.

Commissioner Schnell expressed her condolences to the Berardi family.

Commissioner Schnell then added that it was good to see the signs up for the Ice Festival.

Commissioners Durkin and Tully extended their sympathies to the Berardi family.

The Mayor said he met Mr. Berardi eight years ago and echoed the expressions of sympathy to the family and friends.

Mayor Krajewski then said that the Council will receive information from the Village Manager soon regarding the DuPage Water Commission's request that members support a resolution regarding the rebate of excess funds back to the member communities. He said that the Council may have to act on this next week.

The Mayor then congratulated Amy Liss as a 50 under 50 recipient, and was the youngest of the honorees. She is 23 years old, confined to a wheelchair, and volunteers for Easter Seals as well as other charitable work. She was recommended by the Hinsdale Community House for her efforts as a volunteer in her community.

12. Adjournment

Commissioner Tully moved to adjourn. Commissioner Durkin seconded.

VOTE: YEA - Commissioners Tully, Durkin, Waldack, Sandack, Schnell, Mayor Krajewski

Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.