



Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

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

Tuesday, March 20, 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 Stan Urban, Commissioner Marilyn Schnell, Commissioner Martin Tully, Commissioner William Waldack, Commissioner Sean P. Durkin and Mayor Brian Krajewski
Absent: Village Manager Cara Pavlicek
Non Voting: Village Attorney Enza Petrarca, Village Clerk April Holden and Deputy Village Manager David Fieldman

3. Minutes of Workshop and Council Meetings

*Council Meeting - March 6, 2007
Workshop Meeting - March 13, 2007*

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

4. Public Comments and Questions

A. Comments and Questions on Active Agenda

1. *Greg Evans, 4641 Saratoga, stated he is the President of the Downers Grove Historical Society. He was present to discuss the topic of Brick Street improvements on Oakwood, Middaugh and Franklin. He said they launched a successful program several years ago entitled Partnering for Preservation focusing on education for historical preservation. He said that he wasn't there to discuss how to pay for things, but mainly to look at this very closely. The brick streets areas are an historical treasure for the Village and need to be preserved. When done correctly, the streets will last a long time. They were not done correctly in the 1980s. The Historical Society sees this as a treasure that the entire Village can be proud of, as most communities in the surrounding areas no longer preserve the brick streets. He believes these need to be preserved.*

2. *Scott Jacaway, 4820 Oakwood, also commented on the brick street motions, requesting that the Council reject the motion on the Ad Hoc Committee because of the way it is written. He said if this is approved they are killing the project for this year. He thinks there is a misconception that they are already behind the construction schedule. Mr. Jacaway pointed out that the actual scheduled date was today, which means they are right on schedule in making the project happen this year. In addition, he said that if the Ad Hoc suggestion is approved it sends a signal that the Council has not been listening, and is continuing to seek a way to force an SSA upon the residents. He noted that 29 out of 41 residents on Oakwood voted "No," or essentially rejected the SSA concept. Two residents had no opinion and there were two vacant homes. Eight did not respond. There was no survey conducted of Middaugh but he assumed that they had the same make-up as the Oakwood residents. Mr. Jacaway added that residents and staff do not need to*

continue to meet and talk about the project because they have been doing this for two years already. Delaying this another year makes no sense. They need the street fixed now and cannot wait until next year. Mr. Jacaway said that last summer he and his son witnessed two broken axles from the condition of the street, and car tires are also being shredded due to the gap between the street and the gutter. He believes that delaying this project would be fiscally irresponsible to the taxpayers, and would add another \$80,000 to the cost of the project based on a 3% inflation factor. He would like to see a vote on the other motion for the Village funding of the project. He said the Council is either for this or it is against it. Mr. Jacoway said that the residents have presented valid arguments, research on historic preservation and research on cost savings to the Village. He said that the Village is not offering any kind of deferred maintenance for past years and has saved a lot of money through this project. Public Works actually gave residents credit for \$136,000 in writing the original Ordinance. That has been taken off the table and hasn't been reinstated. He would like to see that placed back on the table.

3. Tom Casey, 4925 Oakwood, said in fairness to all, that the original intent in 1982 for the reconditioning of these streets was the spirit of preservation. He asked that the Council keep that in mind.

B. Comments and Questions on General Matters

1. Mark Thoman, 1109 61st Street, said that he has been hearing recurring comments by people expressing alarm at Acadia on the Green's extensive use of wood materials on the upper levels of the development. He looked into the topic and the National Building Code has changed recently to allow this design based on pressure treating wood with a specific sodium silicate solution which is a common, low cost material that swells as a result of heat exposure. He said that it is extremely effective and the wood cannot support combustion. In combination with a sprinkler system it would prove beneficial in preventing fire. Mr. Thoman said that it would be in the public interest to address this in two ways, neither of which has any cost attached. First, he suggested putting information on the website about pressure treated wood with sodium silicate with an explanation of why it is allowed and what the treatment does to allay the public fears. Secondly, a random testing of the wood used by the Fire Department could be done with results posted on the website as well.

The Mayor asked Deputy Village Manager Fieldman to look into putting this information on the website. Mr. Fieldman said that everything Mr. Thoman said was correct and the Village Fire Department has assured that work is being done to Code, and has also conducted some of the tests mentioned.

5. Public Hearings

6. Consent Agenda

COR 00-02726 A. Claim Ordinance: No. 5681, Payroll, March 2, 2007

Sponsors: Accounting

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

Indexes: N/A

BIL 00-02727 B. List of Bills Payable: No. 5666, March 20, 2007

Sponsors: Accounting

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

Indexes: N/A

- BID 00-02713** C. Bid: Award a Bid to Ozinga, Illinois RMC, Inc. for the Supply of Ready-Mix Concrete
Sponsors: Public Works
Summary of Item: This is in an amount not to exceed \$15,642.60 based upon prices that range from \$89.53 per yard to \$107.94 per yard depending on the mix design.
A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.
Indexes: Public Works - Crushed Limestone & Ready Mix Concrete, Public Works - Cement and Concrete Materials
- BID 00-02714** D. Bid: Award a Bid to Chicago Materials Corp. for the Supply of Asphalt Materials
Sponsors: Public Works
Summary of Item: This award is for an amount not to exceed \$51,000.
A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.
Indexes: Street - Resurfacing , Public Works - Standard Supplies & Services
- BID 00-02715** E. Bid: Award \$30,186.25 to Western Gradall Corporation, Naperville, IL, for Roadside Ditch Reconstruction and Maintenance Services
Sponsors: Public Works
A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.
Indexes: Roadway Improvements
- BID 00-02716** F. Bid: Award a Bid to Salce, Inc., Downers Grove, IL, for Debris Hauling and Crushed Limestone Supply Services
Sponsors: Public Works
Summary of Item: This is in an amount not to exceed \$125,780.00.
A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.
Indexes: Public Works - Crushed Limestone & Ready Mix Concrete
- RES 00-02717** G. Resolution: Authorize a Rental/Lease Agreement with RJ Recording
Sponsors: Community Events
Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RENTAL/LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND RJ RECORDING

RESOLUTION 2007-23
A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.
Indexes: Heritage Festival 2007
- RES 00-02719** H. Resolution: Authorize an Agreement with Principal Decision Systems International re: Telestaff
Sponsors: Fire Department

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND PRINCIPAL DECISION SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL

RESOLUTION 2007-24

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

Indexes: Fire Equipment, Miscellaneous, Fire Department

RES 00-02720 I. Resolution: Authorize a Second Amendment to a Software Maintenance Agreement with Crowe Chizek and Company, LLC

Sponsors: Information Services

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SECOND AMENDMENT TO A SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND CROWE CHIZEK AND COMPANY, LLC

RESOLUTION 2007-25

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

Indexes: Computer Licensing

RES 00-02721 J. Resolution: Authorize Submittal of a Grant Application to the US Department of Homeland Security for 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

Sponsors: Fire Department

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR 2007 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 2007-26

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

Indexes: Firefighters Grant Program

RES 00-02722 K. Resolution: Authorize a Second Amendment to a Grant Agreement with Metra for Eminent Domain Services for the Belmont Grade Separation Project

Sponsors: Village Attorney

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SECOND AMENDMENT TO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH METRA FOR EMINENT DOMAIN SERVICES FOR THE BELMONT GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT

RESOLUTION 2007-27

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

Indexes: Metra, Belmont Road Grade Separation Project

MOT 00-02723 L. Motion: Authorize a Contract with Geocon, Oak Forest, IL, in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$30,000 for Construction Materials Testing Services for Fire Station 2

Sponsors: Deputy Village Manager

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

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

BID 00-02724 M. Bid: Award \$28,005 to Tecnica Environmental Service, Inc., Chicago, IL, for Soil Removal at Fire Station 2

Sponsors: Deputy Village Manager

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

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

RES 00-02729 N. Resolution: Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Downers Grove Sanitary District to Construct a Sanitary Sewer in Lacey Road from Virginia Street to Ogden Avenue

Sponsors: Deputy Village Manager

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND THE DOWNERS GROVE SANITARY DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT A SANITARY SEWER IN LACEY ROAD FROM VIRGINIA STREET TO OGDEN AVENUE

RESOLUTION 2007-28

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

Indexes: Sanitary District

MOT 00-02734 O. Motion: Note Receipt of Minutes of Village Boards and Commissions

Summary of Item: Human Services Commission - February 7, 2007
Plan Commission - January 22, 2007 & February 5, 2007

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

Indexes: Boards and Commissions Minutes

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 Waldack, Commissioner Durkin and Mayor Krajewski

7. Active Agenda

MOT 00-02684 A. Motion: Brick Street Improvements - Oakwood/Middaugh/Franklin

Sponsors: Public Works

Commissioner Urban moved to direct staff to consider an amendment to the Village Council policy which pertains to Special Service Areas and to amend the FY07 Capital Projects Fund budget by May 1, 2007. Commissioner Sandack seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schnell commented that if this involves historical preservation and the Village is going to change the policy that has been in place since 1995, she thinks the Motion needs to be amended to reflect the fact that they value all brick streets presently in place in the community, and that the policy of this Council and future Councils would be that the maintenance costs for all brick streets would be covered under normal budgetary issues as opposed to future SSA's. She wants to be sure that whatever policy is in place is consistent with all brick streets and not just the two before the Council now. She said that residents have been paying the SSA since 1988. She believes that if the Village pays for this, she wants to be sure that all brick streets are

included. There has to be some amendment by May 1 to cover all brick streets.

The Mayor said that he had a difficult time trying to figure out the policy. In 1982, the area was designated as an historical area as part of the 150th celebration of the Village. The Village picked up all of those costs. He thinks the policy Commissioner Schnell mentioned regarding the additional costs of the project, would amount to about \$130,000 as opposed to asphalt. He said that the last reconstruction was done in 1934. The Village has spent less money on brick streets than others, and money is in the budget. The only change is that the SSA would not be reflected in the 5-year plan. The Mayor said that this is an issue that would have to be addressed next year. He is not sure this is a change to the policy that is in place.

Commissioner Tully said he appreciates the comments having been made through meetings and e-mails. He thinks the Council has been listening quite a bit and is disappointed that this came to the Council in this form. It is unfortunate that the residents are unhappy with the situation. It was not staff or Council's intention that a project that came about from the desire of a neighborhood to retain a special enhancement to their street would be a source of discontent, and it is unfortunate that this has spawned as much resident criticism as it has. No one has tried to force an SSA on anyone. The policy provides for something above and beyond what the budget provides for whether it is curb and gutter, sidewalks, traffic calming devices, or brick streets. If this is done solely as an aesthetic enhancement to a street, the neighbors benefit from a better looking street and it is only fair that the residents participate in the cost. He agrees that the process and accounting could have been much better and was questionable. He said they need to look at what makes sense in terms of costs and maintenance. Based on previous discussions the total additional cost is \$130,000 over twenty years, which is about \$160 per year for a home in the \$450,000 range., He believes that cost for an aesthetic enhancement to a street is reasonable and fair. Some will argue that with finite Village resources the money could be better spent on other projects such as sidewalks, curbs and gutters, etc. Commissioner Tully said that it is difficult to say these things to residents on the block, and is more difficult to take into account the interests of the entire community. He said he has asked a number of questions about the historical aspects of this as to the actual age of the bricks, the purpose of the project in 1982, who paid for the 1982 work, etc. He said if this project is viewed as the continuation of the historic project of 1982, then perhaps a meaningful distinction exists. He feels that this segment of streets might be sufficiently unique from others and it may be that the 175th anniversary provides an opportunity for more attention to a number of historic components of our community, and this may be an appropriate investment by the Village to preserve its historical heritage, having undertaken it 25 years ago in the first place. Viewing it as a historical preservation project he sees it as something that normally falls outside of the normal SSA policy, and it is not unlike the action the Council took in the preservation and refurbishing of the cemetery. He said if the Village and Council agree that this project falls outside the policy because of the historic preservation aspect of it, that the Council then does not run afoul of the existing policy which is a sound one. He would not support Commissioner Urban's motion because it seeks to change the policy. Commissioner Tully thinks the policy is sound and should be followed, but not here because it does not apply. He sees this as an opportunity for the Village to invest in an historic asset. He doesn't want to change the policy. He would support a Motion to amend the budget if necessary. He believes the Council needs to be true to the fiscal policy. He can support the maintenance of the streets because they are in an historic area, and he would like to see the Council step up on other historic preservation projects.

Commissioner Urban asked Commissioner Tully for clarification of his statement that they would eliminate the first portion of the motion amending the Village Council's policy pertaining to SSAs.

Commissioner Tully said the simplest way to address that is to eliminate #1 in the motion, and #2 would be acceptable.

The Mayor asked if staff knows what in the budget is projected on the revenue side. Mr.

Fieldman said approximately \$18,000 per year as of 2008.

Assistant Manager Mike Baker said that the staff puts together a 5-year Community Investment Project to look at future potential projects.

Commissioner Urban thanked Commissioner Tully for the clarification. He said that in 1982 this area was identified as unique to the town. He is familiar with it because his first home was in the Prince Pond area. He said that the Council needs to identify not just the brick streets, which he feels are historical landmarks in the community, but they also need to do an inventory of historical assets which will take a lot of community involvement. He mentioned the tree on Rogers Street as an historical landmark, and the Council has to discuss all these issues. He agrees with Commissioner Tully that this is an historic enhancement to the street, but he will take it further because he thinks it is an enhancement to the community. This is not a gated community and should be looked at as an historic landmark within the community and not just the Prince Pond area. He will not even address the mistakes made in the accounting system, but asked that Commissioner Tully make an amendment to Commissioner Urban's motion. He said he spoke with Manager Pavlicek last Friday morning regarding the motion. It was his understanding from her that the wording of the motion would only be changing the policy of this particular SSA. He apologized for not verifying this and clarifying his understanding before he made the motion.

Commissioner Waldack said the amendment reads "which pertains to Special Service Areas," and asked if they can instead add the words "as pertains to brick streets" which would not effect all the Special Service Areas policies.

Commissioner Schnell said she agrees this is an historic issue. She has a problem with treating Oakwood and Middaugh differently than the other brick streets for which people are now paying. Her concern is that the other streets will need repair and if this passes, all brick streets should be included. Staff could then find a way to state it more clearly that all brick streets are valued as an historic part of the community and the Village will pay to maintain them and repair them in the future. She could support that wording.

The Mayor noted that perhaps Commissioner Urban's suggestion to identify historical assets in the community should be considered.

Commissioner Sandack said we need to take a step back. There may be some emotion that is out of place. He said he lives on a brick street, though it is not one of the streets under consideration and is not part of the specific SSA. He said that staff and residents have met for some time, and the cost has been a moving target. He said that a fair question has been put forward as to whether there really is an extra price, and if so, is it material. If it is material, then it is in the Council's policy. The number has gone down continually, and they have not put in a deferred maintenance expense. He said that if they are not giving any credit for deferred maintenance, then these residents have paid for other streets over the years. He has no problem talking about the policy and welcomes it, but he doesn't think the policy is implicated here. Commissioner Sandack said he doesn't think there is an extra cost, and he doesn't think anyone has said this is an aesthetics-only component. Many have said that it is an historical component as well as a traffic calming component. He said he welcomes a policy decision on this issue, and if the policy is not good, they can vary from it.

Commissioner Tully said he didn't sense any anger or emotion. It is heartfelt by the residents. He said that there have been positive emotions expressed in the e-mails received, and he sees that as fair and making sense. He said that the Village has an SSA policy that addresses anything above and beyond the Village budget, and they want to facilitate that. The policy is a good one, and it is not implicated here. He can support the amendment to Commissioner Urban's motion if it is in the context of historical preservation, and he thinks the deferred maintenance argument is illogical because people could ask for credits if no work was done in

specific areas, such as for sidewalks, or other things not maintained.

Commissioner Schnell said she wants to see a brick street policy that from this point forward stated that the Village will pay for all brick streets.

Commissioner Tully said he doesn't agree with that. He doesn't think they should alter, amend or change the policy which goes far beyond brick streets.

Commissioner Schnell said that if the Village pays for these streets, the residents on other brick streets will have to continue to pay for their streets because the Village doesn't perceive them as historic. If the brick streets are valued as historic, it should refer to all the brick streets. There has to be a fairness to this, and she does not think it is fair to have some streets covered and not others. It sends a message that the Village doesn't think other streets are as valuable as these.

Commissioner Tully said that the distinction is that in 1982 these streets were singled out and dedicated, and that is the real distinction. He said if the Council wants to discuss all brick streets as part of the budget, he would like that discussion to be made as part of the Strategic Plan, capital needs, etc. They cannot make a decision in a vacuum, but should be part of a broader discussion of community investment. He said that this Motion has a narrow focus. Tonight they need to decide whether they will require funding in the future for this particular neighborhood.

Commissioner Schnell said that by following Commissioner Tully's direction the Council is saying that these brick streets are more important than others. If the Village values these particular brick streets it values them all. She said she would ask that the staff develop a policy by May 1 that looks at the policy of the historical significance of all the brick streets.

Commissioner Tully suggested that under New Business they bring this up as a Motion to have this discussion and he would be happy to second that Motion.

Commissioner Schnell said that from her perspective her vote hinges on the fact that the Village values all of the streets. It is really important to her and she does not know how to get around that.

The Mayor said that in 1982 these two were determined to be an historic area.

Commissioner Durkin said he appreciates the debate, and he agrees with Commissioner Schnell. He views streets as public assets and should all be treated the same. If the brick streets are an asset they should all be treated the same. They are public streets.

Commissioner Tully moved to amend Commissioner Urban's Motion to delete Item 1 which read "consider an amendment to Village Council policy which pertains to Special Service Areas." Commissioner Sandack seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for questions or comments.

Commissioner Sandack said that all that has been done is taking off the policy discussion. This would be essentially amending the budget to provide for a full payment of these improvements. He thinks further debate is not necessary, and if they have consensus on this amendment they should move forward.

Commissioner Urban said that he can understand Commissioner Schnell's concerns and Commissioner Tully's rebuttal. He thinks they need to do something as soon as possible about inventorying all historical assets in the community including brick streets.

Commissioner Schnell asked Commissioner Tully if she were to make the Motion under New

Business to direct staff to create a policy concerning all brick streets in the community in regard to maintenance, would he second it, and Commissioner Tully said that he would second it with a date certain.

Commissioner Waldack said that in terms of the figures given, he thinks the numbers are reasonable. He agrees with the historical component of the issue; however, he has problems with the amendment as the current Motion is just to consider an amendment to the Village Council policy which pertains to special service areas on brick streets. He's trying to understand the difference between the later Motion proposed by Commissioners Schnell and Tully and what they are voting on now.

The Mayor said they have to amend the budget so as not to reflect the revenue from the residents, and also to pay for the maintenance. The later Motion will include other aspects of the brick streets SSA.

Commissioner Waldack asked about the bond situation and whether they are also considering making a choice between the two, or alternatively will they make a Motion to note changes in the fiscal year budget, or will they reflect the reduction in the SSA #4. The Mayor said it is a Motion to direct staff to note such changes in the budget, as there is no reduction in revenue.

Mr. Fieldman said if the Motion were passed, staff would determine which would be most appropriate and present it back to the Council by May 1.

The Mayor asked for a roll call on the amendment to the Motion.

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

NAYS: None

The Mayor said the Motion passed.

The Mayor asked for a roll call the the Motion as amended.

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

NAYS: None

The Mayor said the Motion passed.

The Mayor then reviewed the schedule for the brick streets starting with ads on April 20th, project starting June 11 and completion by November 21.

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

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

Indexes: Special Service Area 4 - Brick Street Improvements

RES 00-02728

B. Resolution: Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District

Sponsors: Fire Department

Summary of Item: This will authorize an intergovernmental agreement between the Village and the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District for the Village's use of the facility located at 5901 Belmont during the construction of Fire Station #2.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND THE DARIEN-WOODRIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2007-29

Commissioner Schnell commented that there has been a lot of discussion about an ambulance at Village Hall, and asked whether they are still going to try to pursue that. Deputy Village Manager Dave Fieldman said staff will bring more information to the Public Safety meeting and provide further information to Council within the next few weeks regarding the temporary move of Fire Station 2 personnel and equipment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, 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 Waldack, Commissioner Durkin and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District

ORD 00-02730 C. Ordinance: Amend Parking Restrictions on Sherman Street and Amend Village Lot W

Sponsors: Public Works

Summary of Item: This will restrict parking on certain portions of Sherman Street and amend Village Parking Lot W near Downers North High School.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON SHERMAN STREET AND AMENDING VILLAGE LOT W

ORDINANCE NO. 4856

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 Urban, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Parking Lots, Parking Restrictions - Sherman

ORD 00-02710 D. Ordinance: Adopt and Approve Publication of the Village of Downers Grove Zoning Map

Sponsors: Community Development

Summary of Item: This will approve and authorize publication of the 2007 Village of Downers Grove, IL, Zoning Map, corrected to 03-20-07. Pursuant to state law, the Village is required to approve and publish its Zoning Map on an annual basis.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING PUBLICATION OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE ZONING MAP

ORDINANCE NO. 4857

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 Urban, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Zoning Map

8. Mayor's Report

The Mayor said he hosted a District 3 meeting with the Mayors of surrounding communities. He said that Mayor Murphy was elected to serve on the DuPage Water Commission. They discussed the ComEd situation, and also discussed Hinsdale's efforts to start their own utility. He indicated that Hinsdale will go to referendum in April. A study was done by Latham & Associates from Iowa and consultants surveyed the village, inventorying all their power lines. The consultants stated that with the existing rates they could do a complete infrastructure with better reliability. They also were amazed at how much was not going back into the infrastructure. In addition, they discussed Operation Lightspeed, or House Bill 1500, and he suggested that the Village write a letter to legislators. In addition, they discussed the County-wide plan to put a stormwater fee in place.

Mayor Krajewski then said that there was a problem with IDOT delaying the project on Woodward Avenue. He said that Diane O'Keefe is going to send a letter to provide the information needed.

Materials to be Received

Materials to be Placed on File

9. Manager's and Directors' Reports

Fire Chief Ruscetti said that there was a potentially dangerous situation that occurred when a trench collapsed trapping a person beneath it. The individual was very fortunate. The call was received at 3:55 p.m. with a 3-minute response, and within 44 minutes the patient was extricated from the trench. It was a successful event.

Doug Kozlowski, Communications Director, presented the 2006 Annual Report which focuses on the successes and highlights for the past year. He said this information is also posted on the website. He reviewed some of the content of the report including the Mission Statement, a community profile, highlights of the downtown development, community events, the Strategic Plan, Fire Station 2, and the Ogden Avenue improvements, etc.

Director Kozlowski then noted the launch of the 175th anniversary souvenir website. It is an e-commerce site which will launch on March 23. He said that ads will appear in the Reporter, and the url is www.downers.us where people can click on the souvenir site. He said that events associated with the 175th anniversary can be registered with the Village and placed in the publications. He announced the tree sponsorship program and how people can sponsor one of the 175 trees to be planted this year, and each tree will feature an historical event marker placed at the base of the tree. The cost to sponsor a tree is \$400 and includes a one-year membership in the Downers Grove Historical Society. He reviewed some of the items that can be purchased with the 175th anniversary logo such as clothing, art work, etc.

Mary Scalzetti said that a local artist has been commissioned to paint five watercolor prints featuring scenes from the Village, as well as a collage. The prints can be purchased framed or unframed. All items can be picked up locally at Village Hall, or delivered to your home via UPS shipping. She said that information can be obtained by calling 434-5555.

Mr. Kozlowski then reviewed the other items including hand-made chocolates, signature label wines, and informational material on DVD or in print on the history of the Village.

Commissioner Durkin said they have done a great job, and asked if any local stores are going to

be carrying any of the products besides the wine. Ms. Scalzetti said they may put the items in an open store front as Heritage Festival approaches.

Commissioner Tully complimented staff on the materials they have put together. He was pleased to see that at the last game of the indoor soccer league a resident had a jacket with the 175th anniversary logo. Mr. Kozłowski said that they don't keep a large inventory of items to assure a low overhead.

The Mayor said that he was invited as a guest to the Lions' Club lunch and they asked about the 175th anniversary. He told them about the website and the items. He noted that the Rotary also has their 80th anniversary in April and are tying it into the 175th anniversary.

Commissioner Schnell suggested that they wear the t-shirts at a Council meeting so the public can see them.

Ms. Scalzetti said she spoke with the Lions Club about their events. The wine is available for not-for-profit organizations to use as fund raising.

The Mayor asked that staff find a way to be more proactive in notifying organizations of the website and projects related to the 175th anniversary.

10. Attorney's Report

ORD 00-02712 Ordinance: Authorize the Acquisition of Property Known as the Belmont/Burlington Grade Separation and Transportation Safety Project/ 4940 Belmont (Konopacki Parcel)

Sponsors: Village Attorney

Summary of Item: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE BELMONT/BURLINGTON GRADE SEPARATION AND TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PROJECT/4940 BELMONT (KONOPACKI PARCEL)

ORDINANCE NO. 4858

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 Waldack, Commissioner Durkin and Mayor Krajewski

Indexes: Village Property - Acquisition

ORD 00-02711 Ordinance: Provide for the Settlement and Closing of the Property Known as the Belmont/Burlington Grade Separation and Transportation Safety Project/ 4940 Belmont (Konopacki Parcel)

Sponsors: Village Attorney

Summary of Item: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SETTLEMENT AND CLOSING OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE BELMONT/BURLINGTON GRADE SEPARATION AND TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PROJECT/4940 BELMONT (KONOPACKI PARCEL)

ORDINANCE NO. 4859

A motion was made by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, 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 Waldack, Commissioner Durkin and Mayor Krajewski

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Future Active Agenda

11. Council Member Reports and New Business

Commissioner Sandack congratulated the Fire Department on the extraction.

Commissioner Schnell moved that Council direct staff to create a policy regarding brick streets and the continued maintenance of all brick streets in the Village of Downers Grove by May 1. Commissioner Tully seconded the Motion.

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

NAYS: None

The Mayor said the Motion passed.

Commissioner Schnell said that at the Mayors and Managers meeting today they discussed HB 1500. There will be municipal representatives testifying on Thursday against the bill. She said it is felt this will be passed this year in some form. Municipalities throughout DuPage County are being asked to send people to Springfield to let them know their objections to the Bill. She said that some of the more onerous parts of the Bill would allow AT&T to go onto private property and condemn land in order to put up cable equipment. There are problems with right-of-way issues as well. She asked that if the Mayor goes to Springfield next month he speak to people about this. She indicated that AT&T claims this Bill will lower cable rates; however, in actuality, this will not occur. There is a lot of bad information being disseminated to the public.

Commissioner Urban said he has been looking at communities that generate or co-generate electricity, and he asked that staff be cognizant of this. He said that the few communities he has found have shown positive results. He also said that there will be a Public Safety meeting set up in the near future.

The Mayor commented on the proposed recycling facility and asked staff for information. Mr. Fieldman said they are waiting for a traffic study to be completed. The staff can bring it forward to the Council as directed. He said this can be brought to the April 10 Workshop.

Mayor Krajewski then said he would like to finish up with the year end accounting. They may find that there are additional funds over what was expected.

12. Adjournment

Commissioner Tully moved to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to consider personnel. Commissioner Urban seconded.

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

Mayor Krajewski declared the motion carried and the Council convened into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.