

Staff Responses to Council Questions
July 19, 2011

6. Consent Agenda F. Motion: Note Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

What is the purpose of accepting materials from boards and commissions? Why do we do this for some boards and commissions and not others?

The Consent Agenda includes a motion noting receipt of minutes of Boards and Commissions. The purpose of noting receipt of minutes is to keep the Council informed of Board and Commission proceedings. This practice is used for all permanent (as opposed to ad-hoc) Boards and Commissions except the three autonomous boards that are not component units of the Village (Police Pension Board, Fire Pension Board and Foreign Fire Insurance Fund Board).

8. First Reading A. Motion: Authorize \$145,912.10 to Zoll Corporation, Chelmsford, MA, for the Purchase of Seven Cardiac Monitors

Could the cardiac units that are being replaced be given to churches, nursing homes etc. that could use these devices but may not be able to pay for them. Or are they fire dept specific?

No, these cardiac monitors cannot be given to other local groups, as they are for different uses than the Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) that are commonly found in public spaces. The cardiac monitors are for Professional Medical Use only and not for general public use. They require specific training and certification to be used in the medical field.

8. First Reading B. Resolutions: Approve OASIS Grants

On the oasis grant applications it does not appear that any of the campaign disclosure forms have been filled out or signed. any reason or don't they have to be filled out.

The forms will be filled out and the agreements will be signed prior to final Village Council consideration on August 9.

Funds are reimbursable? All work as described in the application has to be done before the money is given?

All money is provided after the work is complete through a reimbursement process. The Village makes certain that the public dollars are going toward the improvements that were approved by the Village Council and not toward other business expenses.

Property at 4232 venard - how will this help the Ogden corridor? Is this the vacant building that used to be the martial arts studio behind the vacant Kentucky fried chicken?

This is the vacant building immediately north of the former Kentucky Fried Chicken. The property at 4232 Venard, is in the Ogden TIF District and functions as a part of the Ogden Avenue corridor. The project would help to fill a vacant space with a day care which could generate some additional traffic for the other retail and services uses on Ogden. Further, the physical changes to the site, including a new sidewalk and reduction in curb cuts, will enhance pedestrian and traffic safety on Venard Road. **UPDATE: This property has recently changed hands and the new owner has withdrawn the OASIS grant application.**

How close are we to compliance with the sign ordinance on Ogden?

There are approximately 372 signs on Ogden Avenue (wall signs and free-standing signs). Of those, 51% (190) are compliant, 45% (167) are not compliant and 15 signs (4%) still need to have their status confirmed.

Is there a time limit on the program?

Yes. The Council has approved the OASIS program for 2011 only. \$750,000 was budgeted for 2011. The Council may choose to approve the program for 2012 as part of the 2012 budget process.

Grant recipients will have 1 year to complete their projects from the date of approval.. An additional application period (for August) has been scheduled since not all of the budgeted funds have been committed.

Do all projects include the construction of new sidewalk, or will there be some sidewalk replacement?

All projects proposing sidewalks are installing new sidewalks. In some cases, a sidewalk already exists and does not need to be repaired. In one instance, a business will be providing the Village with a sidewalk easement as no sidewalk exists on adjacent properties.