



Meeting Minutes

Village of Downers Grove - Council Meeting

Council Chambers

May 16, 2023

07:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Barnett called to order the Village Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led those in the room in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He explained the protocol for the meeting and the guidelines to submit public comment.

2. Roll Call

Council Attendance (Present): Mayor Barnett, Commissioner José, Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt, Commissioner Gilmartin, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Davenport

Council Attendance (Not Present): None

Non-Voting: Village Manager Dave Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca, and Village Clerk Rosa Berardi

3. Proclamation

A. Police Week

Mayor Barnett read the Police Week proclamation and presented it to Police Chief Mike Devries and members of the Police Department.

B. EMS Week

Mayor Barnett read the EMS Week proclamation and presented it to Fire Chief Scott Spinazola and members of the Fire Department.

C. Public Works Week

Mayor Barnett read the Public Works Week proclamation and presented it to Assistant Public Works Director Dave Moody.

4. Minutes of Council Meetings

MIN 2023-9900 — A. Minutes: Village Council Meeting Minutes - May 9, 2023

MOTION: To adopt the meeting minutes of the May 9, 2023, regular Village Council meeting, as presented.

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner José

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

AYES: Commissioners Hosé, Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Davenport, Tully, Glover, Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

5. Public Comments

No Public Comment.

6. Consent Agenda

BIL 2022-9781 — A. Bills Payable: No. 6732 - May 16, 2023

COR 2022-9782 — B. Claims Ordinance: No. 6505, Payroll - May 5, 2023

MIN 2023-9953 — C. Minutes: Note Receipt of Boards and Commissions Meeting Minutes

Summary: Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, 3-1-2023; Liquor Commission, 3-2-2023

RES 2023-9948 — D. Resolution: Approve an Amendment to the Contract with Globe Construction, Inc. for Sidewalk Removal and Replacement **RES 2023-36**

Summary: This resolution authorizes an amendment to the contract for sidewalk removal and replacement throughout the Village with Globe Construction, Inc. of Addison, Illinois, in the amount of \$231,000, increasing the total contract amount from \$472,100 to \$703,100.

RESOLUTION 2023-36

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND GLOBE CONSTRUCTION, INC.

MOT 2023-9879 — E. Motion: Approve an Agreement with A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. of Schaumburg, IL for the Sherwood Avenue & Chicago Avenue Drainage Improvements

Summary: This motion awards a contract to A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. of Schaumburg, Illinois, for the Sherwood Avenue & Chicago Avenue Drainage Improvements in the amount of \$1,188,431.00.

MOTION: To adopt the Consent Agenda, as presented

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Hosé

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

AYES: Commissioners Hosé, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Tully, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

7. Active Agenda

ORD 2023-9875 — A. Ordinance: Authorizing a Special Use for 2539 Ogden Avenue to Permit a Personal Vehicle Repair and Maintenance Business **ORD 5980**

Summary: This Ordinance authorizes a Special Use for 2539 Ogden Avenue to permit a personal vehicle repair and maintenance business.

MOTION: To adopt AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR 2539 OGDEN AVENUE TO PERMIT A PERSONAL VEHICLE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE BUSINESS, as presented. **ORDINANCE 5980**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: *Commissioner José*

SECONDED BY: *Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt*

AYES: *Commissioners José, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Tully, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett*

NAYES: *None*

Public Comment

Gary Horak, 4507 Drendel, asked that the steep ditch in front of his house be fixed and garbage be cleaned up.

Resident, did not state name, said she felt that Belle Tire was intrusive on the residents in the area. She handed the staff a petition with signatures of the residents in the area that were against Belle Tire.

Meredith Rogers, 4504 Drendel Road, inquired about follow up to an email sent collectively by the area residents regarding additional accommodation requests. She also asked about the location of the grinding machinery and the brightness of the candle lighting.

Village Council Comments/Questions

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said she spoke with a resident and checked with staff to ensure the lighting was within code and at the lowest level outside of business hours. She stated that the grinding machine would be in the Grinding Room and the noise estimates completed were done with the doors open, which was the loudest the noise level would be. Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt also explained that she spoke with staff about moving the driveway as far north as possible. She also stated that in addition to the installation of the pork chop, she wanted additional measures in place to prevent people from turning left onto Drendel, including police enforcement. The Commissioner stated that she appreciated all of the concessions that Belle Tire made.

Commissioner Davenport said the right process worked with this. He noted that the lot, zoned B-3, was in line with the allowed use on the lot. He said the petitioners had done a good job of addressing concerns and even went a step above in presenting an attractive building. He expressed his concern of moving the driveway further north because flooding in that area was a concern. He said positioning the rain garden in the right place, to be as efficient as possible, was key. Commissioner Davenport concluded by stating that Belle Tire was making the lot look much more attractive than it looked at the present time.

Commissioner Gilmartin echoed the comments regarding the concessions Belle Tire had made. He thanked residents for stepping forward with their concerns. Commissioner Gilmartin stated he believed the care and design of the building made by Belle Tire was better than what was currently there. He welcomed Belle Tire to town and thanked them for their investment.

Commissioner José expressed his support for this and also thanked residents for coming forward, noting they were the reason that changes were made. He noted that the project met the special use criteria. He also stated that mitigation factors, such as the porkchop, had worked in other areas of town. He stated that he believed the measures would work to stop traffic from moving south on Drendel, into the neighborhood. Commissioner José concluded by stating that there were other businesses in the vehicle repair industry located on Ogden Ave. and they were also located next to residential areas.

Commissioner Tully echoed his colleagues in thanking residents for bringing their concerns forward. He explained that automotive repair was not only a permitted use on Ogden Ave, but an encouraged one. He said the additional benefit to this item was the lot consolidation. With respect to other businesses involving automotive use on Ogden, Commissioner Tully explained that there was no history of concerns or complaints from residents about odor, noise, light, etc. He noted that many conditions and restrictions were placed on Belle Tire and they not only made the accommodations, but went above and beyond. Commissioner Tully also explained that he took a trip to 63rd and Cass, Westmont, where another Belle Tire was nearing its opening. He said that it was also near a residential area. He

noted that the Westmont location had less restrictions than what was proposed for the one on Ogden – showing that Downers Grove went above and beyond to do things better. He stated he believed there was a good balance here for both the petitioner and residents. Commissioner Tully said that if there were other issues regarding Drendel Road, not related to the Belle Tire, they could be addressed at a later meeting.

Mayor Barnett explained that the process of having these types of special uses on Ogden Ave. was put into place many years ago by other Village Councils. He said it was a wise decision. The Mayor also thanked the residents for coming forward with concerns and Belle Tire for making accommodations.

ORD 2023-9921 — B. Ordinance: Amending Chapter 14 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code **ORD 5981**

Summary: This ordinance amends Chapter 14 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code concerning motor vehicles and traffic.

MOTION: To adopt AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE DOWNERS GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE, as presented. **ORDINANCE 5981**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner José

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

AYES: Commissioners José, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Tully, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

ORD 2023-9947 — C. Ordinance: Authorizing the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois to Borrow Funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) **ORD 5982**

Summary: This ordinance authorizes the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois to borrow funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The ordinance does not obligate the Village to borrow money, but gives the Village the ability to do so.

MOTION: To adopt AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM OF THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, as presented.

ORDINANCE 5982

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner José

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

AYES: Commissioners José, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Tully, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

ORD 2023-9933 — D. Ordinance: Approving an Amendment to Planned Unit Development #57 to Add Limited Industrial Use and Warehouse as Allowed Special Uses at 3300 Finley Road

***Mayor Barnett stated that the Petitioner requested that Item D be tabled.**

MOTION: To ***table*** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT #57, TO ADD LIMITED INDUSTRIAL USE AND WAREHOUSE AS ALLOWED SPECIAL USES AT 3300 FINLEY.

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner José

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

AYES: Commissioners José, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Tully, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

8. First Reading

There were no First Reading items.

9. Mayor's Report

A. Appointing and Reappointing Members to Boards and Commissions

Summary: The resolution appoints Matthew Novak as Chair of the Transportation and Parking Commission for a two-year term expiring August 31, 2025. **RES 2023-37**

MOTION: To adopt A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION, as presented. **RES 2023-37**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner José

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

AYES: Commissioners José, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Tully, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

Village Clerk Rosa Berardi read the resolution that appointed Matthew Novak as Chair of the Transportation and Parking Commission.

Mayor Barnett explained that Matt Novak was already on the Transportation and Parking Commission and since there was a vacancy for a Chairperson, he was appointed as Chairperson (it was not a new appointment). He said that the process to appoint members to Boards and Commission would happen shortly.

10. Council Member Reports

Commissioner Davenport noted there were 37 days left until the Rotary Grove Fest start date of June 22. He said the Rotary just gave out \$52,000 in scholarships, so this would be a celebratory event. Commissioner Davenport noted that District 99 was awarded the Cornerstone Award by the Economic Development Commission and it was presented by the Mayor. He explained that this was the first time that a public agency received this award. Commissioner Davenport stated that he also attended an award ceremony with the Chicago Building Congress, where the projects at South and North High Schools won an award for outstanding architectural building projects in the Chicagoland area. He concluded by stating that graduations were taking place on the weekend of May 20, 2023 for DGN and DGS High Schools.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said to save the date for Pride in the Parking Lot to be held by Equality Downers Grove and United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 11, 2023, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event was scheduled to take place at the United Methodist Church parking lot and Fishel Park.

Commissioner Tully said he had a discussion at the last Coffee with the Council with a couple that lived near the Animal Care Center of Downers Grove, on 63rd and Main St. He explained that this location sparked conversations, similar to those of Belle Tower, about odor, noise, and light. The conversations also caused the implementation of restrictions and conditions. He said that after the vote passed on that project and the couple left upset because they didn't believe there were enough restrictions and conditions in place. The Commissioner stated that during his most recent conversation with the couple, they stated that it had been two years since it had opened and they were happy to report that they did not have any complaints or issues with the site. Commissioner Tully said it was nice to hear from residents that had the same concerns as those that were heard for Bell Tire and two years later they had no complaints.

Commissioner Gilmartin expressed his gratitude to the Police Department and EMS workers for their roles in maintaining peace, order and security. He explained his father was a police officer for nearly 17 years and taught him the value of selflessness and duty to the community. Commissioner Gilmartin stated that the members of our Police

Department and EMS teams were our neighbors, friends and protectors. He thanked the Police Department and Village Manager Fieldman for their help and for keeping him informed during a recent incident that involved a loved one.

11. Manager's Report

Deputy Village Manager Mike Baker presented a video and an update on the Civic Center Project. He explained that in the coming days and weeks, residents would see stormwater connections along Curtiss Street. Mr. Baker said that work on the steel structure also continued. He explained the project remained on schedule and under budget.

Mayor Barnett called for a short recess at 7:37p.m., stating that the Village Council Meeting would reconvene in the Committee Room to begin discussions on the Village's Long Range Plan for 2023-2025. He welcomed the audience to join the meeting in the Committee Room.

REP 2023-9939 — A. Report: Long Range Planning: Introduction and Strategic Goals

After a short recess, the meeting reconvened in the Committee Room. Village Manager Dave Fieldman explained that the Long Range Plan (LRP) included a combination of financial planning and strategic planning for the Village. He stated that when the Long Range Plan was approved in October 2023, it would drive the Village budget, the Village Council's policy decisions, and the daily operations of the Village. He expressed that it was one of the most important policy direction documents the Village Council produced. Manager Fieldman reviewed the four key elements of the LRP: 1) strategic goals; 2) key trends and issues identified now that would affect the Village's future; 3) strategies and solutions to address negative trends or issues identified; and 4) the current Council's work plan for the Priority Action Items over the next couple of years. He explained this was the first of six meetings scheduled to take place through August, further stating that additional meetings would be scheduled, if needed.

Manager Fieldman gave a brief overview of the goals as follows:

1. Steward of Financial, Environmental and Neighborhood Sustainability

In this goal, financial stability would be achieved on a long-term basis, with revenues and expenses that are aligned and resilient. The Village would continue to carry fund balances at the recommended levels.

Environmental sustainability refers to the Village's responsibility to deliver its services in a way that protects or enhances natural resources and seize opportunities for green operations. The Village would continue to seek grants to introduce new environmentally friendly practices.

Neighborhood sustainability refers to the Village's role in crafting and applying policies and codes that help in maintaining or achieving the desired character of existing neighborhoods. The Village's neighborhoods are valued in the community and define the overall community in many ways.

2. Exceptional Municipal Services

This goal states that services provided by the Village to residents, businesses, and all stakeholders should be of the highest quality and exceed expectations. Village services are to be delivered at a value to the community – the taxpayers and the recipients of the services.

3. Top Quality Infrastructure

This is a goal that the Village has been on a journey to provide for well over a decade. The Village now owns and operates several infrastructure systems. Staff has been making sure that specific performance standards and maintenance objectives have been met for each of the systems and that they are operated at the lowest possible

lifecycle cost over time.

4. *Strong, Diverse Local Economy*

To achieve this goal, Village staff works closely with the Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation (DGEDC), a partner organization. In its work with the DGEDC, the Village looks to implement the recommendations of its Comprehensive Plan and attract and retain businesses, while growing and maintaining the local economy.

5. *A Safe Community*

This goal was added two years ago, during the LRP process. With this goal, the Village would strive to provide and maintain a safe and welcoming community by prioritizing safety in services and infrastructure. Additionally, this would mean that all community members felt safe while participating in daily activities like riding a bike, going for a walk, and spending time in and around their homes and neighborhoods.

6. *Continual Innovation*

This is a long standing goal and a source of pride for Village staff. This is how the Village challenges the status quo, embraces technology, and always looks for better ways to provide the most efficient services to the community.

Village Council Questions/Comments

The Mayor noted that the point of this meeting was to discuss and decide if anything needed to be changed or adjusted. He said this was the starting point, and since everything the Village did tied back to one of the goals, it was important for the Village Council to be on the same page. He welcomed a discussion.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt stated she was happy with the breakdown of the goals. She said she believed the paradigm of DEI was shifting to “belonging.” Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt noted that she wanted to be sure that “a sense of belonging” was included within the Safe Community goal, so that it aligned with the goals set by the school districts (D99 and D58).

Commissioner Gilmartin discussed how the header read Safe Community and he would also like to add “Welcoming” as part of the heading. He stated that feeling welcome was an important part of a safe community.

Commissioner Tully suggested also adding a “sense of pride in the community”. He said that branding was important to municipalities, as people chose to live in one community over another because they liked to associate with it - a source of attraction and retention.

Commissioner Davenport expressed that he loved what he had heard from his peers. He spoke of the DEI movement at District 99 and the renovations at Downers Grove South High (DGS). He said that District 99 was looking to do something transformational, so that the students felt a sense of pride in and of belonging to their school. The Commissioner stated that it was something hard to measure, but the objective was for the students to forever be proud they attended DGS. He said he felt he was hearing the same type of thing during this meeting.

The Mayor agreed that it was hard to measure. He said Downers Grove was in permanent competition and he wanted to continue to attract new residents and business owners, which was a very important part of the brand.

Commissioner José spoke of Downers Grove and how it was always in competition with other municipalities. He said while some people grew up in Downers Grove and stayed there, others found it later in life. He further stated

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that no matter what, all the Council members wanted others to come to Downers Grove. He said he wanted his kids to come back when they were grown. The Commissioner concluded by stating he wanted to continue to build the town for generations to come.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt noted it was good to really emphasize that Downers Grove was not only welcoming to those that grew up there, but also to newcomers.

Commissioner Davenport said in order for people to want to stay in Downers Grove, it was important to emphasize the things that Downers Grove did to differentiate from the surrounding communities. He said he thought all of the goals would do that.

Commissioner José stated that many of the things discussed were already a part of the community's DNA, but he thought they could do a better job of pushing "safe and welcoming."

Commissioner Davenport added to the discussion by stating that when it came to neighborhood sustainability, he thought that there were many things in the Comprehensive Plan that could be incorporated.

Manager Fieldman stated that the "Safe Community Goal" would be tweaked to include language that included "welcoming" in the explanation.

The Mayor explained that the Council's decision making process in the years ahead needed to support the goals and explanations they were discussing. He stated that the Councils over the past 10-15 years put a lot of work into getting standards up from a technical standpoint, i.e. quality of pavement, when to repave, etc. The Mayor said he believed this was a good time to talk about aesthetics and gave examples, one of which was simply designing a street vs. designing a street that was aesthetically pleasing. He wanted aesthetics to be a part of future decision making.

Commissioner Tully commented that he thought aesthetics already fell into several of the strategic goals already. He explained he felt as if all of the goals came together not just for pure functions, but also for form and aesthetics. The Commissioner said it was just a matter of elevating the elements of what the goals were already composed of.

Commissioner Davenport suggested adding the word "sustainable" as well. He spoke of aesthetics and sustainability going hand in hand. He stated when doing something with quality in mind, it would last longer. The Commissioner also emphasized that when keeping sustainability and aesthetics in mind, trends needed to be avoided. This was so that things did not need to be replaced before their time simply because they become an eyesore.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said she thought that aesthetics fit in well with the Neighborhood Sustainability goal, not just for residential areas, but also for the downtown.

The Mayor agreed with the Commissioner when it came to the public spaces in the downtown.

Commissioner Gilmartin said he believed that aesthetics warranted a strategic goal of its own in order to create a paradigm shift of addressing things. He noted that if it was tied to some of the other items, it could get lost. He explained the importance of having something to point to when deciding exactly what should be done and cited examples such as lighting down Main Street or a gateway sign.

Commissioner Tully suggested that aesthetics be a sub-bullet point under Continuous Innovation. He referenced other innovative things where multiple goals were combined, such as stormwater management and placing permeable pavers over the North parking lot. He explained that the permeable pavers didn't have to be used but they were aesthetically pleasing, while being functionally advanced and consistent with infrastructure and stormwater management. The Commissioner also expressed that he was fearful of adding too many goals.

Commissioner Davenport asked if there is a limit to the number of strategic goals there should be.

Manager Fieldman said yes, that the goals were fundamental and applicable to what and how things were done in the Village. He said in that past goals were not only comfortable to work with, but also to deliver. Manager Fieldman also stated that “Safe Community” was brought up by Commissioner Gilmartin two years ago and the Village was already doing it but the goal helped to fine tune it. He continued by stating that he wasn’t worried because it was so fundamental and easy to apply. Manager Fieldman said that if the Council came up with a list of goals that was long and nuanced, it may be difficult to figure out how to apply them. He concluded by stating this was easy to understand, work with, and apply.

Commissioner Davenport concurred with the idea of having aesthetics as its own bullet point because it elevated its importance.

The Mayor stated that whatever execution had been done on the existing list, he did not always think that the end result was where it should be from an aesthetic standpoint. He stated that the duration of design should be a part of everything the Village did.

Commissioner José admitted that was the reason he didn’t want it as a bullet point. He said this was especially the case if it was written in a manner that insinuated the Council did not like the way things had been done over the last few years. Commissioner José said he would be ok with it depending on how staff drafted it.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said she wanted to see how it would look as a sub-bullet point versus its own item. She referenced the example of Village Facilities and how aesthetics was a big part of it, without it being its own goal.

Manager Fieldman stated that whether it had its own bullet point or was part of another, the concerns the Council had were understood. He said the Village had been on an evolution lately, as reflected in the Civic Center Project, and also in projects in the downtown. There had been more emphasis on beautification. He said more was to come on this topic over the summer. Manager Fieldman emphasized that staff was listening and following their direction.

The Mayor spoke of the creation of public spaces and how they could go in a number of directions. He said he wanted to be sure that all of the Village’s public spaces, whether they be sidewalks, streets, or plazas, were all spaces that people were pleased with.

Commissioner Davenport said when function was paired with aesthetics on projects, they could win awards and gained attention from the public.

Commissioner Tully expressed that wording was important when putting the goal together.

Manager Fieldman said Village staff could work on it and then revisit it in June, to see how it fits into the work plan and if there were any issues with it.

Commissioner Davenport thanked past Councils for coming up with good goals.

The Mayor said the process had evolved.

Commissioner Gilmartin noted that looking at the list with the potential new addition, there could be some conflict. He said he believed the Council’s commitment needed to be clearer.

The Mayor stated it was a functional process.

Commissioner Davenport asked for clarification.

Commissioner Gilmartin said he thought the goal of *Steward of Financial Stability* had been a long-standing goal,

with the Village being historically low in taxes, and there could be conflicts regarding the value of aesthetics.

Commissioner Tully said it was a classic situation of checking multiple boxes, and it was ultimately the Council's challenge to figure out how to balance the values. He spoke of how the parking deck in the downtown could have been built for less money than it cost. He explained that because it was located in the middle of the downtown, it was decided to make the facade brick to blend in with the surrounding buildings; to make the ceilings high, so that people could see further; that it had better lighting, so that people felt as safe as possible. The Commissioner explained though it cost a bit more, it was still reasonable. He added that together, a sense of branding, innovation, and exceptional service created a balance for staff and the community.

Commissioner Gilmartin said the parking deck was a great example and that the Civic Center Project was also a great example. He said that they needed to evaluate beyond function and the commitment needed to be there for both big and small projects. The Commissioner said it was the aggregate of all projects that would make the biggest impact.

Commissioner Leslie Sadowski-Fugitt stated she didn't think there would be a conflict with the goals, further stating that keeping financial sustainability in mind showed that the Village had a long term perspective on projects - no matter if they were big or small.

Commissioner José commented that there was still the subjectivity piece of what was considered aesthetically pleasing. He referenced older-styled buildings that were sustainable, but may not be aesthetically pleasing to everyone. He suggested keeping an eye on picking things that were timeless.

The Mayor said it was like the Downtown Design Guidelines, setting a sense of place with desired characteristics.

Manager Fieldman explained that over the years it had been a journey setting strategic goals. He explained that when it came to projects, the Village had positioned itself to go from lowest cost, to value, and was now adding the aesthetic component to the goals. He stated the evening's conversation was very helpful from a staff perspective.

Commissioner Davenport commented that past councils moved to making value decisions and now there was more latitude financially to make even more value decisions moving forward. He said expenses were lowered in the future by doing the right things. The Commissioner said he hoped that meant there was a bit more luxury to do more than they had in the past. He concluded by stating that economically, it was really good for the Village.

Public Comments

A resident, unnamed, stated that people felt that the downtown was in jeopardy because the new developments were taking away its historic charm. He also stated he thought the restaurants had taken too many parking spaces for their outdoor dining.

The Mayor concluded the meeting by stating that all watching could continue to follow the Long Range Planning process through August.

12. Adjournment

Mayor Barnett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: To adjourn the May 16, 2023 Village Council Meeting.

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner José

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

AYES: Commissioners José, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Tully, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosa Berardi
Village Clerk