

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK HELD IN THE POLICE STATION COMMUNITY ROOM AT 9451 BELMONT AVENUE APRIL 19, 2021

MEETING MODIFICATION DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR PRITZKER'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-07, DATED MARCH 16, 2020, WHICH SUSPENDS THE REQUIREMENT OF THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PERTAINING TO IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE BY MEMBERS OF A PUBLIC BODY DURING THE DURATION OF THE GUBERNATORIAL DISASTER PROCLAMATION, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING THROUGH AUDIO ACCESS TECHNOLOGY. THE MEETING ROOM REMAINED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC WAS ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING. ALL PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING PRACTICED APPROPRIATE SOCIAL DISTANCING. AS GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-10, DATED MARCH 20, 2020, AND CDC GUIDELINES, REQUIRE THAT NO MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED IN THE BOARD ROOM AT ANY ONE TIME. THE PUBLIC WAS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING TO VILLAGE CLERK ROBERTA JOHNSON AT RJOHNSON@VOFP.COM.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Pedersen called to order the Board of Trustees of the Village of Franklin Park in regular session at 7:01 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL; ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Village Deputy Clerk April J. Arellano called the roll:

Present at Board Meeting: Mayor Pedersen. Trustees: Ms. Avitia, Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, Mr. Ybarra, Joe Montana (Village Attorney); Roberta Johnson (Village Clerk); April J. Arellano (Village Deputy Clerk), Tom Dailly (I.T. Director), Lisa Anthony (Director of Human Resources/Health and Welfare), and Mike Witz (Director, Police Department), John Schneider (Director, Community Development), Frank Grieashamer (Treasurer),

Guest: Kristen Hersemann (Representative for Clear Channel)

The Village Deputy Clerk declared a quorum was present.

Staff Members Present Via Telecommunication: William Brehm (Fire Department Chief), Joe Lauro (Utilities Commissioner), Lisa Manzo (Building Department Deputy Director), Tom McCabe (Village Engineer), David Gonzalez (Comptroller)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit to 2 minutes per speaker, Ordinance 1415-G-43)
(Public was also give the opportunity to submit comments to the Village Clerk via email to be read at the meeting) There was no one from the public in the meeting that stepped forward for a comment and no emails were submitted to the Village Clerk to be read at the Board Meeting by 4:30 p.m.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEES (Mr. Johnson, Chair)

- 1. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED THAT THE COMPTROLLER AND STAFF WILL BE REVIEWING DRAFT BUDGETS SUBMITTED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND WILL BE SCHEDULING MEETINGS WITH EACH DEPARTMENT HEAD STARTING APRIL 26. THE BOARD IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE VILLAGE BUDGET BY MAY 7**
- 2. MR. JOHNSON REPORTED THAT THE VILLAGE IS MOVING ALONG WITH REFUNDING OF THE 2011 BONDS WHICH IS EXPECTED TO SAVE THE VILLAGE AROUND \$160,000 PER YEAR OVER THE NEXT 9 YEARS. THE VILLAGE IS EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON BY MAY 31**
- 3. MR. JOHNSON STATED THAT THERE WAS NO REPORT FOR FINANCE AND NO REPORT FOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

B. WATER AND SEWER/FLEET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (Ms. Avitia Chair)

- 1. MS. AVITIA REPORTED NO WATER MAIN BREAKS SINCE THE LAST BOARD MEETING, ONE HYDRANT REPAIRED, THREE WATER SERVICE LEAKS DUG UP AND REPAIRED**
- 2. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THAT THREE HYDRO EXCAVATIONS AND TWO HYDRO EXCAVATIONS WERE COMPLETED FOR FRANKLIN AVENUE TOLLWAY PROJECT**
- 3. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THAT M.E. SIMPSON COMPLETED THE ANNUAL WATER METER TESTING. M.E. SIMPSON ALSO COMPLETED THE HYDRANT FLOW PROGRAM AND COMPLETED THE DOCUMENTATION FOR MAINTENANCE REPORTS FOR THE I.S.O. RATING. THEY ALSO STARTED THE LEAK DETECTION PROGRAM AND FOUND TWO SMALL LEAKS**
- 4. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THE SEWER DIVISION HAS CLEANED OUT 9 STORM BASINS AND 1 SANITARY BASIN, AND RODDED 1,925 FEET OF STORM SEWERS**
- 5. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THAT I.D.O.T. DITCH PROJECT ON FULLERTON AVENUE WILL START BACK UP THIS WEEK AND ALL RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED**
- 6. MS. AVITIA REPORTED THAT WATER BILLING COMPLETED 17 WATER BILL FINALS, 6 F.O.I.A. REQUESTS, 91 SERVICE CALLS FOR HIGH WATER BILL CALLS, 23 COMPLETE WATER METER CHANGE OUTS AND 15 WATER METER TELE CODER HEADS CHANGED OUT**

C. POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE (Mr. Ruhl, Chair)

- 1. MR. RUHL STATED THAT THERE WAS NO REPORT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**
- 2. MR. RUHL ANNOUNCED THAT BEGINNING MAY 1, ANYONE WHO RECEIVED A PARKING TICKET OR CITATION FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO PAY ONLINE BY GOING TO PAYQUICKET.COM. PERSONS INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC CRASHES WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO USE THE SAME SITE TO REQUEST A COPY OF THEIR TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT FOR A SMALL FEE**

D. STREETS, ALLEYS AND FLEET MAINTENANCE (Mr. Ybarra, Chair)

- 1. MR. YBARRA ANNOUNCED BRANCH PICKUP STARTED TODAY**
- 2. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THAT VILLAGE STAFF AND SMITH LASALLE ATTENDED THREE MEETINGS ON THE TOLLWAY FRANKLIN AVENUE PROJECT REGARDING TRAFFIC CONTROL AND TRUCK ROUTES, UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE, WOLF AND THE FRANKLIN LIGHT SIGNAL**
- 3. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THAT REUTERS PHASE THREE AND FOUR IS MOVING ALONG. THE INTERSECTION AT NEVADA AND ROSE STREET IS STILL CLOSED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION. SMITH LASALLE STAFF IS WORKING ON GETTING ALL THIS SUBSTANDARD CONCRETE REPLACE BY REUTERS PHASE 1B DUE TO FAILING CONCRETE**
- 4. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THAT 3,000 TONS OF ROCK SALT WERE ORDERED. THIS IS LESS THAN THE VILLAGE USUALLY ORDERS BUT BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE LOWER PRICE LAST SEASON WE WILL BE IN GOOD SHAPE**
- 5. MR. YBARRA STATED THAT NUMBER 18 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION IS TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND EXCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL FROM MCLOUGHLIN LANDSCAPING FOR THE 2021 LANDSCAPING AND GRASS CUTTING PROGRAM**
- 6. MR. YBARRA REPORTED THAT STAFF ADDRESSED 102 PHONE CALLS, 143 EMAILS, AND 51 VARIOUS SERVICE CALLS**
- 7. MR. YBARRA REPORTED IN FLEET THAT 27 VEHICLES WERE SERVICED OR REPAIRED FOR THE POLICE, 2 VEHICLES FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, 17 VEHICLE REPAIRS IN WATER/SEWER, AND 19 VEHICLES REPAIRED IN STREETS DEPARTMENT**

E. PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING, AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

(Ms. Special, Chair)

- 1. MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THAT 45 CONTRACTORS APPLIED AND REGISTERED FOR LICENSES, 95 BUILDING PERMITS, 18 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, 2 SIGN PERMIT, 5 DUMPSTER PERMITS, 13 FIRE PERMITS FOR A TOTAL OF 133 PERMITS ISSUED. THERE WERE 6 PROPERTY CLOSINGS INCLUDING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, 9 NEW BUSINESSES APPLIED FOR OCCUPANCY AND 3 OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES ISSUED AND NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS/INCIDENT REPORTS AND FOLLOW UPS**

2. **MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THAT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION TO CONGRESSMAN QUIGLEY'S OFFICE FOR A REQUEST THROUGH THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING PROGRAM. THE PROPOSAL IS REQUESTING FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT GRAND AVENUE AND GEORGE STREET. IF APPROVED, THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL WILL BRING MUCH NEEDED IMPROVEMENT TO THE INTERSECTION. IDOT WILL ALSO BE SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO CONGRESSMAN QUIGLEY'S OFFICE FOR THE REPAVING OF BELMONT AVENUE FROM ELM STREET TO 25TH AVENUE**
3. **MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THAT STAFF ATTENDED A WEBINAR HOSTED BY CMAP THAT PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THEIR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM WILL ALLOW FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN FRANKLIN PARK CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING.**
4. **MS. SPECIAL REPORTED THAT STAFF HAS COMPLETED THE REVIEW OF 41 BUILDING PERMIT, OCCUPANCY PACKETS AND BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND CONTINUES TO FIELD INQUIRIES**

F. HUMAN RESOURCES, SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE (Mr. Hagerstrom, Chair)

1. **MR. HAGERSTROM STATED THAT HE HAD NO REPORT FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING**

VI. STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS; DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEM

1. **Community Development Director, John Schneider reported that there are 8 items for consideration on the agenda that deal with transferring funds from one TIF district to another. The TIF district that is expiring this year is Life Fitness. Money is taken from those TIF districts to other districts such as WMRA, Grand/Mannheim, and Resurrection TIF districts.**

John Schneider also reported that Community Development applied to Congressman Quigley's office for a request through the Congressional Community Project Funding Program. Grand Avenue and George street is important because there have been fatalities, and adding a traffic light will provide for a safer intersection

John Schneider stated that his department finished the zoning code rewrite internal review with attorney, Matt Welch. The next step is to send it to the rest of the departments for input and then be able to hold public meetings. John reported Economic Development Commission had a consideration of an old Interplex building that has been empty. Exeter is in the process of rehabbing and leasing this property out

2. **On the Des Plaines River Trail, Mayor Pedersen received a call from Chris Slattery of the Cook County Forest Preserve with the news that the Department of Federal of Transportation will fund the whole the project. The Des Plaines River Trail will be receiving a total of 16 million from CMPA and an additional 2.1 Million from the Department of Federal Transportation. Franklin Park from received letters of support from Mayor Dave Guerin of River Grove and Skip Saviano of Elmwood Park**

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

(Items on the Consent Agenda will be enacted/approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless so requested by a member of the Village Board, in which case that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in the normal sequence of the Agenda.)

Village Deputy Clerk April Arellano read aloud public recital of Consent Agenda items

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM:
(a) REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 05, 2021
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER EXPENDITURES LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 2,172,068.17
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021 R**
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROVIDING FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN VERBATIM RECORDINGS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETINGS
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021 R**
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING THE CONTENT OF CERTAIN EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021 R**
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021 R**
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ALLOCATING INCREMENTAL REVENUES TO FINANCE OUTSTANDING REDEVELOPMENT COSTS NECESSARY FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE BELMONT AVENUE/WILLIAMS STREET REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021 R**
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ALLOCATING INCREMENTAL REVENUES TO FINANCE OUTSTANDING REDEVELOPMENT COSTS NECESSARY FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE WMRA REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021 R**
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ALLOCATING INCREMENTAL REVENUES TO FINANCE OUTSTANDING REDEVELOPMENT COSTS NECESSARY FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE MANNHEIM/GRAND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021 R**
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF INCREMENTAL REVENUES FROM THE SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUNDS OF CONTIGUOUS TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4(q) (LIFE FITNESS TIF DISTRICT/WMRA TIF DISTRICT TO RESURRECTION TIF DISTRICT)

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021 R**
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF INCREMENTAL REVENUES FROM THE SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUNDS OF CONTIGUOUS TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4(q) (WMRA TIF DISTRICT TO MANNHEIM/GRAND TIF DISTRICT)

11. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 VC**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-2-7 OF CHAPTER TWO OF TITLE THREE OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF LIQUOR LICENSES

12. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 VC**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING SECTION 9-6A-3 OF THE ZONING CODE REGARDING AIR, MOTOR, RAILROAD, AND WATER FREIGHT TERMINALS (ZBA: 21-03)

13. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO CONTRACT FOR GRASS CUTTING SERVICES FOR PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN JESSE'S LAWN SERVICE AND THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

14. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE FOR VEHICLE LICENSES FROM JUNE 30, 2021 TO JULY 31, 2021 TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY

15. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 G**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-G-30 (AMENDING SALARY SCHEDULE ORDINANCE)

16. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 Z**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR A “WOODWORKING AND WOOD PRODUCTS” USE WITHIN THE I-1 RESTRICTED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (ZBA 21-04: 3521 MARTENS STREET)

17. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021 Z**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR A “DIGITAL BILLBOARD” USE WITHIN THE I-2 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (ZBA 21-05: 11020 KING STREET)

18. MOTION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE THE LOWEST PROPOSAL FROM MCLOUGHLIN LANDSCAPING, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FOR THE 2021 LANDSCAPING AND GRASS CUTTING PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$159,760.00, TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME

19. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A STRYKER MODEL 6085 PERFORMANCE-PRO STRETCHER FROM COTWAREHOUSE, ISLANDIA, NEW YORK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,495.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION TO EFFECTUATE SAME

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Avitia to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll Call: Ayes – Ms. Avitia, Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, and Mr. Ybarra. Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS/SWEARING IN

1. NONE

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK

1. NO COMMENTS

X. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

- 1. Mayor Pedersen stated that Marek Paszkowski has announced that he will be retiring end of May. He has great institutional memory and a great leader. He is an instrumental part of Inspectional Services with a focus in large developments. In addition, he was great with residents. His experience and expertise will be missed

XI. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Mayor Pedersen stated there is a need for Salary Schedules for one or More Classes of Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) and Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of certain Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

Motion made by Mr. Hagerstrom, seconded by Mr. Johnson to go into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. for "Salary Schedules for One or More Classes of Employees; Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Certain Employees"

Roll Call: Ayes – Ms. Avitia, Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special and Mr. Ybarra, Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0

RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 8:21 P.M.

Village Deputy Clerk, April Arellano, stated to let the record reflect that all members returned

No action was taken in Closed Session

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hagerstrom to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes – Ms. Avitia, Mr. Hagerstrom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruhl, Ms. Special, and Mr. Ybarra.

Nay – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0.

ATTEST



April J. Arellano, Village Deputy Clerk

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