

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2004**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call.

**READING OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the minutes from the Special Council meeting of May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and the regular Council meeting of May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004 be passed without reading, as everyone has received copies thereof and found same to be correct.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Matthew O'Shea of 429 Hannah clarified his statements associated with an article in the Forest Park Review that concerned utilizing a volunteer in the position of water billing clerk. Mr. O'Shea stated that the Council members agreed to budget for the position, the salary associated with the position will be partially paid by the water fund, and the increased efficiency that would be realized by a paid utility billing clerk will bring in new revenue and provide relief to an overburdened Clerk's Office. Mr. O'Shea ended by stating that he did have a conversation with Commissioner Doolin about volunteers, but clarified that he stated that the volunteer could be utilized in the office as an "envelope stuffer" as past practice dictated, never as a full time Clerk's Office employee.

Michael Carlson of 1332 Elgin urged the Council members to vote unanimously in support of the zoning change associated with the Proviso Central Math and Science Academy. Mr. Carlson stated that the district is committed to offering good educational options to children.

Jerry Webster of 627 Circle stated that it is a bad idea to vote for the zoning change because Proviso High Schools are dismal, at best. Mr. Webster stated that Proviso East is operating at 50% capacity, and therefore there is no justification for spending tax dollars to establish another school in the district.

Dr. Frank Yiannis of 1214 Helen Drive in Melrose Park stated that it was his idea to build a magnet school because it is education that matters. Dr. Yiannis stated that the area needs a high school that reflects diversity while vastly improving education.

Glenn Garlisch of 509 Thomas stated that District 91 is witnessing more children attending Proviso High Schools and added that the magnet school is a viable option for many families. Mr. Garlisch urged Council members to vote "yes" to the text amendment that will be proposed this evening.

Chris Welch, President of the Proviso School Board, stated that Forest Parkers have been historically choosing private high schools for their children or alternatively, residents move from the community in order to explore public high school options. Mr. Welch stated that if there is no improvement in public high school education, Forest Park will lose 1000 residents by 2030. Mr. Welch stated that Proviso Central is the answer to the problems, and added that if we all work together, we will move Proviso forward.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Cavallaro, Comcast's Director of Government Affairs, announced that effective July 2004, some of Comcast's in-home cable equipment, installation, and maintenance prices will change. The price list was entered into the record without comments from Council members.

**COMCAST CABLE EQUIPMENT,  
INSTALLATION, AND MAINTENANCE  
PRICE CHANGES**

Lucas Vereline, from Grassroots Campaigns, Inc., requested permission to conduct a Democratic National Committee membership drive in Forest Park June 17<sup>th</sup> through July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004. There were no objections from Council members.

**GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGNS, INC.  
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>  
THROUGH JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2004**

Dave Novak, Director of the Park District of Forest Park, requested permission to use the Village parking lot located across from the skate park on Des Plaines Avenue during its 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Softball Tournament on July 29, 30, 31 and August 1, 2004. There were no objections from Council members.

**PARK DISTRICT OF FOREST PARK  
TO UTILIZE VILLAGE PARKING LOT  
AT DES PLAINES AND I290 FOR  
NO GLOVES SOFTBALL  
TOURNAMENT ON JULY 29, 30, 31  
AND AUGUST 1, 2004**

Village vehicle WCMC auction prices were presented, revealing that the seven vehicles were auctioned for \$23,950. Mayor Calderone stated that this sum was a few dollars less than what was expected and asked Council members if there were any objections to moving the auction process forward. There were no objections.

**WCMC AUCTION OF 7 VILLAGE  
VEHICLES YIELDS  
\$23,950**

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

The Finance Department submitted its report for May 2004.  
The Community Center submitted its report for April 2004.  
The Fire Department submitted its report for May 2004.

## APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the Resolution providing for the payment of bills be adopted. The Commissioner of Accounts and Finance has reviewed the bills as applicable to each department and found the aggregate amounts to be correct and recommends payment when funds are available. The bills totaled \$444,130.83.

Commissioner Hosty asked about a bill associated with Mike Lyons, line item 100-55-552-6180-100. Mayor Calderone stated that bill was associated with Community Center roof repair.

## **R-35-04 RESOLUTION FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

### **ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

Kurt Corrigan, associated with Christopher Burke Engineering, discussed the CMAQ Traffic Flow Improvement Project. Mr. Corrigan stated that the project deals with three major issues: traffic movement through the Jackson/Des Plaines intersection; traffic moving through the CTA area; and traffic movement through Harrison/Des Plaines intersection. Mr. Corrigan stated that the project will improve traffic lights, pedestrian heads, interconnect signals through the three major areas, modernize signals and signage. Mr. Corrigan highlighted the CTA entrance on Des Plaines, stating that a pedestrian crossing will be created there, along with a left turn lane on Des Plaines to get vehicles out of traffic flow, so the incidence of sideswiping would decrease. Additionally, Mr. Corrigan stated that there will be enough room to build turning lanes on Jackson Blvd. The project will go out to bid in July, with construction to begin in October. Mr. Corrigan stated that the project will be completed in 2005.

Commissioner Steinbach asked about the engineering recommendation for placement of the library drop box.

## **KURT CORRIGAN REVIEWED CMAQ TRAFFIC FLOW IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Mr. Corrigan stated that the engineering firm will work with the library to optimally place the drop box.

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner Steinbach seconded to appoint Kelly Patton and Tom McNamara to the Youth Commission.

**KELLY PATTON AND TOM  
MC NAMARA APPOINTED TO  
YOUTH COMMISSION**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Patton stated that she knows what “tweenagers” want and Mr. McNamara stated that he would like to see the park district sponsor art and hockey clinics.

Commissioner Doolin motioned to approve the Ordinance granting and permitting an amendment to the official Zoning Map and Conditional Use approval in the Village of Forest Park (8601 Roosevelt Road) with an amendment to strike Section 3 in its entirety and insert the map amendment to change the zoning district associated with parcel 1 from I1 to R1 and the zoning district associated with parcel 2 from B2 to R1. Commissioner Doolin stated that a school could still be present with this zoning. Mr. Durkin stated that the Village, however, can have some control when the school is a conditional use, in comparison to a use that is permitted. Commissioner Gillian stated that he didn’t see the wisdom in changing the zoning to R1 because he believes that conditions should be placed on the owners. Commissioner Doolin stated that R1 is the most restrictive zoning. Mr. Durkin stated that a school in R1 is an exception to this rule, as a public school district does not need to follow building codes, and control of a site plan and traffic plan could be sacrificed.

Commissioner Doolin withdrew the previous motion.

Commissioner Doolin motioned and Commissioner Gillian seconded to pass the Ordinance granting and approving an amendment to the official Zoning Map and Conditional Use approval in the Village of Forest Park (8601 Roosevelt Rd.) Commissioner Steinbach stated that language in

**O-24-04  
ORDINANCE GRANTING AND  
PERMITTING AN AMENDMENT  
TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND  
CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL IN  
THE VILLAGE (8601 ROOSEVELT RD.)  
WITH AN AMENDMENT THAT THE  
DISTRICT 209 SCHOOL BOARD  
REIMBURSE THE VILLAGE FOR ANY AND  
ALL EXPENSES RELATED TO PUBLIC  
SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL, INCLUDING A  
FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER LIASION  
AND SAFETY INSPECTIONS**

Section 4 should be less vague to match the Village's transit study. Mr. Durkin stated that the Council could approve the site plan dated April 1, but the plan doesn't show the full access driveway. The school then must request a permit from IDOT that the traffic engineer and Nancy Hill must approve. Discussion ensued regarding the maximum enrollment and Mr. Sterk, attorney for District 209, stated the number is 1200 students. Commissioner Steinbach asked if the building could operate as an administrative office without a high school attached. Mr. Durkin stated that there are too many other contingencies attached and impracticalities associated with no classrooms. Commissioner Gillian stated that although he doesn't believe that the creating of a magnet school is the answer to public high school education in Forest Park, the zoning issue is the question at hand. Commissioner Gillian suggested that an amendment to the ordinance appear in Section 4 (h) to state that the School District shall reimburse the Village for any and all expenses related to public safety at the school, including a full time police office liaison and safety inspections. Commissioner Steinbach seconded the amendment. Mr. Sterk stated that the school district agreed to pay the Village for safety services rendered. Mr. Durkin suggested that the Village send an annual fee schedule associated with police and fire services to Proviso Central so costs of same could be noted. Commissioner Hosty stated that the costs of the school are not shared by all the communities utilizing the magnet school and urged Council members to deny the zoning map amendment and conditional use, as the school board refused to bring the issue to referendum. Commissioner Doolin asked what the dividing line is between the two parcels. Mr. Sterk stated that it is split down the middle and added that Proviso has filed for a plan of consolidation. Commissioner Doolin stated that he shared some of Commissioner Hosty's concerns that the school board's process was suspect and asked if failure is an option at this school. Mr. Welch stated that failure is not an option at this school.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** Commissioner Hosty

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried.

Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to pass the Ordinance fixing the Salaries for the Officials and Employees of the Village of Forest Park from and after May 1, 2004.

**O-25-04  
ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES  
FOR THE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES  
OF THE VILLAGE FROM AND AFTER  
MAY 1, 2004**

Commissioner Steinbach asked if the position is currently vacant and appears on the salary ordinance, must the position be filled. Mr. Durkin stated that the position does not need to be filled.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Doolin motioned and Commissioner Steinbach seconded to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Award of the Contract for the 2003-2004 CDBG Randolph-Bergman Alley Reconstruction Project.

**R-36-04  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
AWARD OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE  
2003-2004 CDBG RANDOLPH-  
BERGMAN ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION  
PROJECT**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to execute a letter of understanding for the performance of audits rendered by PTW for the Village of Forest Park for fiscal years ending 2004 (\$29,500), 2005 (\$30,975), and 2006 (\$32,530.)

**PTW TO PERFORM VILLAGE  
AUDITS 2004, 2005, 2006**

Commissioner Steinbach asked the reason to move into a three year contract with PTW versus the normal yearly contract. Commissioner Gillian stated that it was a great cost saving and consistency in review is assured.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to adopt the Resolution supporting Emission Reduction Requirements for Coal-Fired Power Plants in the State of Illinois.

**R-37-04  
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EMISSION  
REDUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR  
COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS IN THE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner Steinbach seconded to authorize the lease of three Chevrolet Impalas from Miles Chevrolet, 150 W. Pershing Road, Decatur, IL 62524 for a total cost of \$1,181.76 per month.

**AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE THREE  
CHEVROLET IMPALAS FROM MILES  
CHEVROLET, 150 W. PERSHING ROAD,  
DECATUR, IL 62524**

Commissioner Doolin asked if these vehicles are full service squads or detective cars. Chief Ryan stated that these vehicles are replacing four administrative vehicles, namely three detective cars and one Chief vehicle.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner Steinbach seconded to pass the Ordinance amending Chapter 7, entitled "Alcoholic Liquor" of the Municipal Code of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois, affecting Class "R", Class "F", and Class "B" licenses, eliminating all references to Class "R" licenses.

**O-26-04  
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7,  
ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR" OF  
THE MUNICIPAL CODE AFFECTING  
CLASS "R", CLASS "F", AND CLASS "B"  
LICENSES**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Hosty, Doolin, and Steinbach

**NAYS:** Commissioner Gillian and Mayor Calderone

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried.

Commissioner Steinbach motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to approve the erection of signage (Local Traffic Only) at the Lehmer end of the 600 Circle/Marengo alley, install an additional "No Parking Sign" on the east side of Circle, and to paint

**TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED:  
DOG PARK AREA**

the current “no parking” curb area on Circle yellow to facilitate traffic near the dog park.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Doolin motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to approve the Traffic and Safety Committee recommendation to install a removable speed bump to be placed on the north end of the 800 Dunlop alley, and to erect signage on both ends of the alley indicating “Local Traffic Only.”

**TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED:  
800 DUNLOP ALLEY**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner Steinbach seconded to have staff notify IDOT of the dangerous pedestrian crosswalk at I290 westbound entrance at Harlem.

**TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION: CROSSWALK  
AT HARLEM AND I290**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner Doolin seconded to approve the speed bump recommendation from the Traffic and Safety Committee. Speed bump placement is warranted if the area meets most or all of the following criteria: it is in close proximity to a school; it is in close proximity to a park; the area is in the proximity of a major thoroughfare which causes excessive traffic to reroute; or there are blind exits at the alley end.

**TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATIONS:  
SPEED BUMP PLACEMENT CRITERIA**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

## COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hosty thanked all the hardworking volunteers at this year's Summerfest event.

Commissioner Doolin stated that alley sweeping will begin for the summer and alley maintenance continues. Commissioner Doolin stated that his relationship with Matt O'Shea was caustic when Mr. O'Shea was employed by the Village, and based on Mr. O'Shea's comments earlier tonight, that situation is not going to change. Commissioner Doolin stated that he broke a rule by not having Mr. O'Shea place his comments about the use of volunteers in the Clerk's Office in writing. Commissioner Doolin stated that the search for the water superintendent continues and Mr. O'Shea is not privy to this employment issue. Commissioner Doolin stated that he will be spending Thursday interviewing a water superintendent candidate face-to-face, as the applicant resides currently in Ohio.

Commissioner Steinbach stated that the Public Works Department is performing maintenance work at the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Park and the Circle and Randolph Park.

Commissioner Steinbach motioned and Commissioner Doolin seconded to recess into closed session to consider litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal; to set a price for the sale or lease of property owned by the public body; and to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

**MOTION TO RECESS INTO  
CLOSED SESSION: 8:45PM**

### **ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner Gillian seconded to end closed session.

**CLOSED SESSION ENDED:  
10:56PM**

### **ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner

**REGULAR SESSION REOPENED:**

Hosty seconded to reopen regular session.

10:58PM

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to approve the agreement as discussed in closed session.

**APPROVED: MOTION TO APPROVE  
THE AGREEMENT AS DISCUSSED IN  
CLOSED SESSION**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Steinbach motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gillian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. White  
**Village Clerk**