

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 14, 2005**

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 THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach that the minutes from the previous Council meeting be passed without reading as everyone has received a copy 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the minutes from the Special meeting of the Council of March 2, 2005, be approved without reading as everyone has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steven Backman of 329 Burkhardt Ct. invited the audience to attend a Park District Candidate's Forum hosted by CU in FP being held tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at the Forest Park Middle School, 925 Beloit.

Jerry Webster of 627 Circle stated that he has been attending the Business Improvement District meetings and felt the village should look at other towns similar to our size and recommends we should build upon our taverns and restaurants which he sees as a big draw for the community. He also reiterated a comment made by Steve Bitter during a Plan Commission meeting whereby Mr. Bitter stated the village should be careful not to revisit the errors made in the 60's and 70's by building too much too fast as it can end up hurting the village as opposed to helping.

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEM ADDED:

Mayor Calderone introduced a Resolution Authorizing and approving the application for the Cook County Community Development Block Grant for 2005 which was added to the agenda just before the meeting in order to meet The timeline requirements of grant. It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach to adopt the Resolution.

**R-17-05
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
2005 CDBG APPLICATION**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Run Chicago submitted a request to host a 5K run in November of 2005 in support of the Golden Apple Foundation. Commissioner Doolin asked if this was an established event and was advised by the title sponsor, Mr. Kenny of Kenny and Kenny CPA, that the race has been in existence for 12 years. It was formerly held in the City of Chicago between the Soldier Field course and the Lincoln Park Zoo course. They have opted to host the race in Forest Park because Run Chicago is opening a business in town at Madison Commons and it seemed appropriate. Commissioner Doolin also asked how many participants were expected and was told by Mr. Kenny that approximately 500 runners would be involved. Mayor Calderone asked if their were any objections to the request and received none. The Mayor informed the Acting Clerk to send written notice to Run Chicago approving the event.

**A REQUEST BY RUN CHICAGO
TO HOST A 5K RUN IN FOREST PARK
SLATED FOR NOVEMBER IN SUPPORT
OF THE GOLDEN APPLE FOUNDATION**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Finance Department submitted its report for February, 2005.

APPROVAL OF BILLS
R-14-05

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian 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 \$171,485.42.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that Mr. Jerry Webster be appointed to the Recreation Board for a term of 5 years.

**MR. JERRY WEBSTER
APPOINTMENT TO
RECREATION BOARD**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and Seconded by Commissioner Steinbach that Mr. Andre Marshall be appointed to the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Dan Danielson who resigned last year. The term expires in 2007.

**MR. ANDRE MARSHALL
APPOINTMENT TO
LIBRARY BOARD**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and Seconded by Commissioner Doolin to adopt the Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Liquor Control, of Title 3 of the municipal code, affecting Class R and

**O-10-05
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3
ENTITLED LIQUOR CONTROL OF TITLE 3
AFFECTING CLASS R AND CLASS E
LIQUOR LICENSES**

Class E licenses. The Ordinance amends the closing hours of a Class R to reflect a 1:00 am closing on Saturdays and Sundays and Increases the number of allowable Class R licenses by one while decreasing the number of Class E licenses by one to accommodate a request by LaPiazza. Commissioner Doolin asked for clarification on the current hours of the Class R License and was advised by the Village Attorney that the license calls for a closing hour of midnight every night of the week in its current form. Essentially, the amendment would allow Class R license holders to remain open until 1:00 am on Friday nights and Saturday nights.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and
Seconded by Commissioner Hosty to adopt the
annual MFT Resolution.

**R-15-05
MFT RESOLUTION**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and
seconded by Commissioner Steinbach to
adopt the Resolution authorizing the execution
of an Interagency agreement for access to
Geographic Information System between
the Village and Cook County Assessor's
office.

**R-16-05
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION
OF AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT FOR
ACCESS TO GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
SYSTEM BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND
COOK COUNTY**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sturino reported that the petitioners for 243 Circle have contacted him and advised they will be formally withdrawing their application. He expects written confirmation tomorrow.

The 7750 Cermak was to come forward this evening but the site plan was not available and therefore it will be presented at the next Council meeting.

He stated that staff has been in contact with the CTA regarding our ongoing efforts concerning the Van Buren/Desplaines intersection. This is going to be a long process. The CTA and Pace have control over certain areas, which are required rights of way and have their own ideas. He will continue dialog with them.

Madison Commons condominium units are sold out. The alley is being replaced. Once the alley is done new curbs and sidewalks will be completed along with the installation of trees and planters. The interior spaces and residential units are currently being completed, along with the fire alarms and sprinkler systems. The Fire, Police, and Health & Safety Departments will be conducting a walk through prior to occupancy to familiarize themselves with the development. Closings for the residential units are being conducted between April, May and June. Three retail leases have been signed which are identified as Run Chicago, Fantastic Sams, and Prep Kitchen. Two other spaces are out to lease, purportedly including a Starbucks Coffee.

Prior to the demolition of the Roos Building, area Fire Departments have been able to use the facility for training purposes and Chief Glinke has facilitated some interagency cooperation.

Chief Ryan and Chief Glinke have developed certain relationships with the Illinois State Police which have resulted in some video interrogation equipment being donated to the Police Department. Video taping of interrogations has recently been mandated under state law. The donation of the equipment will result in some cost savings for the village.

Last Mr. Sturino advised the Council that there are some on going conversations with the Park District for an intergovernmental agreement, which he will present at a future Council meeting.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin and Steinbach did not have anything to report.

Mayor Calderone congratulated Mr. Webster and Mr. Marshall on their appointments this evening and stated that Mr. Marshall brings with him a strong financial background which the Mayor is confident Library Board will take advantage of as everyone has had to navigate through some difficult financial times lately. He thanked both individuals for helping out the Village of Forest Park.

The Mayor announced that as a result of the successful non-home rule sales tax referendum, he has asked the Village Administrator to work with the village engineers and others to try and find a way to begin some needed public infrastructure improvements as promised to the residents. He stated that the village will begin seeing the income generated from the new tax and it's going to provide a dedicated stream of revenue. As a result, he has asked the Administrator to start working in conjunction with the Village Engineer, and others as may be necessary, to look at ways in which the village might be able to do some significant public infrastructure improvements; specifically needed improvements to the streets and alleys. As a result of Commissioner Doolin overseeing a project to evaluate the conditions of the streets and alleys through a comprehensive study conducted by Christopher Burke engineers, the Council is aware of the varying degrees of street and alley improvement needs. He asked for continued support from the Council as they move forward. At some point, Mr. Sturino will present to the Council the sale of some alternate revenue

bonds so that a substantial portion of the work can be done at once rather than doing one street or alley at a time. The construction season is almost here and the Mayor stated it would be nice to begin the project this year rather than next.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, it was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7: 25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally A. Cody
Deputy Village Clerk