

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING JUNE 26, 2006**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the minutes from the Special Council meeting on June 12, 2006 be approved without reading, as everyone has received copies thereof and found same to be correct.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Steven Backman of 7452 Warren, on behalf of the Cu in FP Organization expressed his thanks to Bob Kutak and Commissioner Doolin for their help with the Gateway Cleanup held by CUinFP. He further stated that they were successful in collecting 18 bags of trash.

Mr. Dan Riley of 1125 Marengo thanked the Mayor and Village Council for their help with the garbage problem reported at a previous council meeting. All positive changes were reported and the garbage has been cleaned up.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

None

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Resolution providing

**R-34-06**

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 \$720,535.41.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Gillian and Hosty and Mayor Calderone

**NAYS:** Commissioner Doolin

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the Resolution approving a grant of easement between the Village of Forest Park and Northern Illinois Nicor Gas Company be adopted

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian that the Resolution honoring Dr. Arthur E. Jones, Ed.D. be adopted

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried.

Mayor Calderone stated that this was a special moment for Art & Sally that Bill and Cathy Hughes were here from Arizona and Jerry Vainisi is here from Forest Park National Bank. In 1999 Mr. Jones helped found the Forest Park Main Street Redevelopment Association partnering with the government and the community. This catapulted the business community to the level it is today. The business community and the Village of Forest Park is proud of these accomplishments. Mayor Calderone then presented Dr. Jones with a key to the Village to remember us and to remember that the door is always here to be opened. An official copy of the

**RESOLUTION FOR THE  
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$720,535.41  
APPROVED**

**R-35-06  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
A GRANT OF EASEMENT  
WITH NORTHERN ILLINOIS  
NICOR GAS  
APPROVED**

**R-36-06  
RESOLUTION HONORING  
DR. ARTHUR E. JONES  
ED.D  
APPROVED**

resolution that was read tonight was presented to Dr. Jones. Mayor Calderone reiterated how thankful we are for all the contributions that Dr. Jones has made. Commissioner Gillian stated that he sees Art and Sally all the time as they have lived next door to one another the entire time the Jones' have lived in Forest Park. He further stated that he has counted on Art as a neighbor, a friend and a confidant and expressed that Art and Sally will truly be missed. Commissioner Hosty stated that he is sad to see Dr. Jones go. Commissioner Hosty further stated that he has learned more than he could imagine from Dr. Jones and that he would miss Dr. Jones. Commissioner Doolin stated that Art was one of the first people he was introduced to in Forest Park and thanked Dr. Jones for his efforts and urged him to stay in touch. Dr. Jones thanked everyone for the kind words and recognition shared with Sally and him. They arrived in Forest Park in 1970 with a 2 month old baby and not much more than their hopes, dreams and aspirations. They were embraced by the community and appreciate all the friends, neighbors and colleagues. He expressed his pride in the past accomplishments and his hopes for continued improvement. Dr. Jones hoped that the community and its leaders would continue to look forward with visions of how they want to continue to improve Forest Park. He expressed his appreciation for the reception last week and thanks to Jerry Vainisi and Bill & Cathy Hughes for seeing his potential to contribute to Forest Park National Bank. He further stated that these people were very much a part of what occurred and will continue to occur in Forest Park. He then expressed his eternal gratitude to his wife, Sally, for being his best friend and partner through good times and bad times.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin that the Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2005 to pay the principal of and interest on an aggregate general obligation bonds, series 2005, of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding ZBA 2006-15 authorizing a variation from sections 9-8-1(B)8 and 9-8-2 to reduce the number of required off-street parking spaces from 18 to zero (0) for a condominium conversion project for the property located at

**O-41-06  
ORDINANCE ABATING THE  
TAX LEVIED FOR  
GENERAL OBLIGATION  
BONDS SERIES 2005  
APPROVED**

**MOTION RE: ZBA 2006-15  
DIRECTING ATTORNEY TO  
DRAFT ORDINANCE  
REDUCING NUMBER OF  
PARKING SPACES TO**

7310 Madison Street, in the DBD Downtown Shopping District.

**ZERO AT 7320 MADISON STREET - APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance authorizing a variation from sections 9-8-1(B)8 and 9-8-2 of the Village Code to reduce the required off-street parking from 36 to 18 parking spaces, and to authorize a variation to section 9-8-1(B)1 to reduce the required width of 16 of the 18 parking spaces from 9.0 feet to 8.25 feet for a condominium conversion project for the property located at 32-38 Elgin Avenue, in a B-2 Community Shopping District.

**MOTION RE: ZBA 2006-17 DIRECTING ATTORNEY TO DRAFT ORDINANCE REDUCING NUMBER AND SIZE OF PARKING SPACES AT 32-38 ELGIN AVENUE APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Steinbach

The motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Village Administrator, Michael J. Sturino reported that late today we reached a tentative agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police which is subject to ratification. This contract is expected to be presented to the Council for approval at the July 10 meeting. In addition Mr. Sturino stated that he is getting close to the replacement of the honor pay boxes at the CTA line. A different vendor has been selected because of reports of customer service issues and a more reasonably priced product. The new pay boxes will accept a Forest Park debit card that can be sold at Village Hall. The change will allow for a more efficient and cost effective operation. Mr. Sturino further reported that he attended the dedication of the CTA Pink Line opening on Saturday. The operation of the Pink line will double the service on the Blue Line in Forest Park. Mr. Sturino was quoted in the Sunday Chicago Tribune as well. Last, Mr. Sturino stated that he is hoping to present an intergovernmental agreement between Forest Park and River Forest in connection to the Harlem Avenue viaduct. River Forest has a grant and Forest Park is planning to use TIF funds for the engineering phase of the project.

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS**

Mayor Calderone reported that this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Forest Park Community Center, we are co-hosting a rollout joint meeting with the new owners of the Roos Property located at 7329 Harrison. Developer John Scheiss will be available to interact with residents of the community and to unveil the first concept of the new development being planned at this time. All are welcome to attend and see the concepts being considered.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin to recess into closed session to consider the purchase or lease of Real Estate for the use of the public body; and to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for the purpose of approval by the body of the minutes, or for the semi-annual review of the minutes as required by the Open Meetings Act.

**MOTION TO RECESS INTO CLOSED  
SESSION AT 7:24 P.M.  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Steinbach  
The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Doolin to reconvene open session.

**MOTION TO RECONVENE OPEN  
SESSION AT 8:04 P.M.  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Steinbach  
The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Doolin to adjourn open session and reconvene closed session.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN  
OPEN SESSSION AND  
RECONVENE CLOSED SESSION  
AT 8:04 P. M.  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Steinbach  
The motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
Village Clerk