

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING APRIL 14, 2008**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian that the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on March 24, 2008 be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Maurice O'Connor of 501 Elgin stated that he lives across the street from the proposed project at 504-508 Elgin and he is in favor of the current proposal. Mr. O'Connor further stated that he would like to see an exit onto Harlem as well as research into the sewer capacity.

Ms. Chanda Plepel of 532 Elgin stated that she feels there were misconceptions that led to the approval of the 504-508 Elgin project and that she does not support the current proposal.

Susan and Jim Rohde of 1318 Marengo stated that their children were told that they can't play basketball in the alley. Mr. & Mrs. Rohde requested that the Village be reasonable and not ban this activity. Mayor Calderone stated that the Village is working on a resolution of the problem with the School District and the Park District.

Mr. Kevin Hibbits of 513 Elgin stated that he is concerned with the proposed project at 504-508 Elgin because he thinks that there will be traffic, parking and water/sewer problems.

Mr. Bob Cox of 419 Marengo spoke against the proposed project at 504-508 Elgin and stated that he thinks the density is excessive and that approval will distort the character of the neighborhood and set a precedent.

Mr. Steven Backman of 7452 Warren requested that the Village Council deny the 504-508 Elgin variance request allowing 5 units per lot and approve with 4 units per lot.

Mr. Franz Vote of 505 Elgin spoke against the 504-508 Elgin project and stated that density is too great. He further expressed concern over drainage problems and requested that the Village Council refrain from approving the current plans.

Ms. Linda Marianiello of 505 Elgin spoke against the 504-508 Elgin project and stated that she felt there were discrepancies between the ZBA meeting and the staff report. She further expressed her opinion that this plan does not comply with the comprehensive plan. Ms. Marianiello distributed a detailed comparison of the ZBA meeting with the Plan Commission Packet.

Mr. John Plepel of 532 Elgin stated that he has issues with the density of the proposed 504-508 Elgin project and further stated that citing financial gain as the reason for requesting a variance is not a valid reason.

Ms. Liz Chilsen of 7310 Adams stated that contrary to the staff report, the comprehensive plan does not support the current proposal for 504-508 Elgin and requested that the Village Council deny the variances requested for this plan.

Ms. Kathy Kucia of 529 Elgin distributed a letter to the Village Council opposing the 504-508 Elgin proposed plan. She further requested that the Village Council deny the requested variances.

Ms. Vivian Adam of 533 Elgin expressed her opposition to the proposed plan for 504-508 Elgin and asked the Village Council to deny the requested variances.

Ms. Julie Herwith of 505 Elgin stated that she also owns 504 Elgin. Ms. Herwith further requested that the Village Council amend the zoning laws and vote against the proposal before them tonight.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Public Health and Safety Department submitted their February report. Commissioner Hoskins stated that although there is no formal Finance Department report, there has been a lot of activity and we are projecting a shortfall in tax revenues this year. The transfers from the VIP fund have been repaid and we have 1.4 months expenses in reserve as of March 31, 2008. First installment real estate tax receipts are expected to come in by June.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Resolution 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 \$779,148.38.

**R-19-08
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$779,148.38
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None
The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between Genesis Business Group, Ltd. and the Village of Forest Park for parking and municipal ordinance violation citation collections services be adopted.

**R-20-08
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING
COLLECTIONS
AGREEMENT WITH
GENESIS BUSINESS
GROUP
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between Municipal Systems, Inc. and the Village of Forest Park for the provision of service and computer software for the Village's code adjudication hearing system be adopted.

**R-21-08
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING SERVICE
AND SOFTWARE
AGREEMENT WITH
MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS, INC.
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Curry to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance to grant certain variances regarding ZBA 2008-02/PC 2008-01: 504 Elgin Avenue and ZBA 2008-03/PC 2008-02: 508 Elgin Avenue.

**MOTION TO GRANT
CERTAIN VARIANCES RE:
ZBA 2008-02/PC 2008-01:
504 ELGIN AND ZBA 2008-
03/PC 2008-02: 508 ELGIN
FAILS**

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian to deny the variance to section 9-3B-03B-3 regarding minimum lot area and deny the variance to section 9-3B-3C-3 regarding front yard setback regarding ZBA 2008-02/PC 2008-01: 504 Elgin Avenue and ZBA 2008-03/PC 2008-02: 508 Elgin Avenue.

**MOTION TO AMEND
MOTION TO GRANT
VARIANCES FOR 504-508
ELGIN RE: LOT AREA &
SETBACK
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioners Curry and Hosty

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Tellalian to deny the variance to section 9-3B-3A regarding maximum height and allow a maximum of 3 stories and 35' in height regarding ZBA 2008-02/PC 2008-01: 504 Elgin Avenue and ZBA 2008-03/PC 2008-02: 508 Elgin Avenue. The motion died for lack of a second.

**MOTION TO AMEND
MOTION TO GRANT
VARIANCES FOR 504-508
ELGIN RE: HEIGHT
DIES FOR LACK OF
SECOND**

The clerk was instructed to take the Roll Call vote on the motion to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance to grant certain variances regarding ZBA 2008-02/PC 2008-01: 504 Elgin Avenue and ZBA 2008-03/PC 2008-02: 508 Elgin Avenue, as amended.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioners Curry, Hosty and Tellalian

ABSENT: None

The motion failed.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoskins and seconded by Commissioner Tellalian that the Resolution in support of the City of Chicago's Bid for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games be adopted.

**R-22-08
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT
OF CHICAGO BID FOR 2016
OLYMPIC AND
PARALYMPIC GAMES
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Proclamation designating May, 2008 as "Older Americans Month" in the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**PROCLAMATION
DESIGNATING MAY, 2008
AS "OLDER AMERICANS
MONTH"
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Hoskins, Curry, Hosty, Tellalian and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator, Michael J. Sturino reported the following:

- That we are close to final numbers on the intergovernmental agreement with Oak Park and River Forest regarding the Harlem viaduct and noted that the cost for the realignment of Circle and South Boulevard has been eliminated. A meeting with the CTA is scheduled next week to discuss feasibility.
- That he is discussing with the CTA, the possibility of allowing access to the Blue Line at the Circle Station.
- That there is a possibility that the agreement with West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center regarding sharing in the cost for repeaters will be on the Council Agenda at the next meeting.
- The Mayor is meeting with the Canadian National Railroad to discuss painting of the viaduct and the elimination of the train traffic in Forest Park.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Hoskins reported the following:

- The clerk's office has completed preparation for the 2010 Census and has added over 300 new residential addresses to the list. When the census figures come out, we should expect significant growth.
- That he attended the West Cook Municipal Conference's annual legislative Lobby day in Springfield and met with representatives Yarborough, Lightford and Harmon to express our priorities for upcoming projects. In addition, he met with the Director of IDOT and requested a school crossing sign be posted on Roosevelt. Meetings with State Treasurer Giannoulis, Lieutenant Governor Quinn and the Illinois EPA were also held to make our priorities known.

Commissioner Curry reported the following:

- That this is the season for residents to do their Spring cleaning and repairs. If any contractor solicits work, Commissioner Curry urged residents to contact the Building Department to confirm that the contractor is licensed and that permits for work have been issued.
- The Library is holding a book sale on June 20 and 21.

Mayor Calderone reported the following:

- That on Friday May 16th, the West Suburban Seniors Lunch will be held. The cost is \$1.75.
- Electronics recycling can be dropped off at the Public Works facility through the last week of May. Public Works employees will transport the recyclables to the Triton College collection center for the WCMC electronics recycling event.
- That today is Village Attorney, Mike Durkin's birthday and that tomorrow is Commissioner Rory Hoskins birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Hosty motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk