

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING MARCH 13, 2017**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the minutes from the February 27, 2017, Regular Meeting of the Village Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Alison Healy, an employee of Dominican University, expressed her support of the proposed Welcoming Resolution. She further stated that she works with international studies who are experiencing anxiety which is affecting their well-being. Ms. Healy encouraged the Village Council to adopt the resolution.

Ms. Kate Webster, chair of the Diversity Commission, stated that she is in support of a Welcoming Resolution and reported that the Commission is currently working on drafting a Resolution to be submitted to the Village Council for their consideration in the next week. The Commission appreciates the outpouring of support from the community and invited the public to share their concerns at the Diversity Commission meeting, which are held on the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for April 13th at 7:00. Further, anyone can email the members at diversity@forestpark.net.

Mayor Calderone added that the Village Council asked the Diversity Commission to bring a proposed Resolution to them, hoping to calm the anxiety in Forest Park. The Resolution is working its way through the process and once it is reviewed by the Village Attorney, it will be on a Village Council agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes 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 \$348,342.67.

**R-14-17
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$348,342.67
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Novak that the Ordinance amending Title 3, entitled "Business and License Regulations," of the Municipal Code of the Village of Forest Park by adding Chapter 16, entitled "Raffles" be adopted.

**O-07-17
ORDINANCE ADDING
RAFFLE SECTION TO
BUSINESS LICENSE CODE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commission Entler that the Ordinance authorizing the execution of a Lite Software Maintenance Agreement with American Computer & Communications, Inc. for the Tele Ticket Lite J.U.L.I.E. Software for the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-08-17
ORDINANCE APPROVING
J.U.L.I.E. SOFTWARE
MAINTENANCE
AGREEMENT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Novak that the Resolution to approve and authorize the execution of a Change Order Addendum to the Professional Engineering Services Proposal by and between Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. And the Village of Forest Park for Phase Two (2) Design Engineering for the Roosevelt Road Streetscape Project be adopted.

**R-15-17
RESOLUTION FOR
ROOSEVELT ROAD
STREETSCAPE
ENGINEERING PROPOSAL
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Novak that the Resolution approving a construction engineering services agreement for Federal Participation with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. Regarding Roosevelt Road right-of-way improvements be adopted.

**R-16-17
RESOLUTION APPROVING
ROOSEVELT ROAD RIGHT-
OF-WAY ENGINEERING
AGREEMENT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the Resolution approving execution of an application for Invest in Cook Grant Funding be adopted.

**R-17-17
RESOLUTION FOR INVEST
IN COOK GRANT FUNDING
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler to ratify and approve the following agreements for various Senior Citizen events managed by the Community Center:

- Broadway in Chicago Group Sales
- Four Winds Casino Shuttle

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak, Entler and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Byrnes commented that at a recent meeting the Council approved a vehicle tax (vehicle sticker) increase. This increase was, contrary to public comment, discussed at the budget meeting in June. Commissioner Byrnes further stated that all elected officials and all department heads attended this meeting, which was open to the public. There were no citizens present, no members of the press present and no questions whatsoever from anyone other than the meeting participants.

Commissioner Mannix expressed his appreciation for the stellar job the Public Works crews did setting up and cleaning up after the St. Patrick's Day Parade, held on Madison Street recently.

Commissioner Novak expressed his appreciation to the Public Works crews for the wonderful job they do cleaning up the recent snow storms and for keeping the Forest Park streets safe for travel.

Commissioner Entler reported that the Community Art / Circle Bridge project is extending the deadline for applications into April. They have filled about half of the 80 slots for murals on the bridge. There are several sponsors willing to help groups/artists who wish to participate.

Mayor Calderone stated that he appreciates Commissioner Byrnes' remarks and added that the person who made the remarks has participated in the budgeting process four times. Further, Mayor Calderone reported that staff and the Village Engineer hosted a public forum highlighting the \$4.5 million investment the Village is spending to completely re-do Roosevelt Road, and commended the elected officials for their vision and approval of this exciting project. There will be a ground-breaking event on March 23 at 9:00 a.m. at Circle and Roosevelt. Many of Forest Park's elected representatives have been invited and many will attend. This event is open to the public and residents and the press are encouraged to attend. Last, Mayor Calderone stated that the elected officials are very excited about this project and have many plans for jump-starting redevelopment on Roosevelt Road.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Entler seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk