

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 27, 2017**

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Byrnes, Mannix, Novak and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call. Commissioner Entler was absent due to a work commitment.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Novak that the minutes from the November 13, 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
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Entler

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amber Ladeira commented that she is so impressed with the people of Forest Park's willingness to look out for each other and encouraged contributions to Empowering Gardens as tomorrow is Giving Tuesday.

Shannon Wood expressed her satisfaction with her experience dealing with the village staff regarding the request for a stop sign at Hannah and Jackson and her hope that since the stop sign was deemed unnecessary, that other measures can be made for student safety.

Julianne Bonwit stated that several Garfield parents asked her to request safety measures at Hannah and Jackson at the Citizens' Advisory Council, and she was directed to the village by the school district. She presented the Village Council with a petition, signed by approximately 120 residents requesting a stop sign at Hannah and Jackson. Ms. Bonwit further expressed her appreciation for Commissioner Novak's response to her email.

Chris Harris expressed his support of Ms. Bonwit and Ms. Wood's comments and his opposition to items 5 and 6 on tonight's agenda, stating the village should not raise fees.

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 \$582,105.71.

**R-96-17
RESOLUTION FOR THE
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$582,105.71
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Calderone reported on the status of the Cultural Park. Nothing new is happening except that tomorrow, Mayor Calderone is meeting with the National Parks Service. Once that meeting has occurred, Mayor Calderone will have more information to report.

CULTURAL PARK UPDATE

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Tom Aftanas expressed his gratitude to retired Police Officer, Scott O’Kane for his 30 years of dedicated service to the village and presented him with his retirement badge. The Fraternal Order of Police then presented Officer O’Kane with a shadow box marking his long and distinguished career and wished him the best in his retirement. Mayor Calderone then proceeded to thank Officer O’Kane on behalf of the people of Forest Park and the entire Village Council for his years of service.

**PRESENTATION OF
AWARD TO OFFICER
SCOTT O’KANE FOR 30
YEARS OF DEDICATED
SERVICE**

Village Administrator, Tim Gillian and Village Engineer, Jim Amelio gave a presentation on a proposed 5-year infrastructure plan for the village. Mr. Amelio noted that the previous 5-year plan was completed early. The projects proposed for 2018

**5-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE
PLAN PRESENTED**

include reconstructing three alleys: 900 Thomas-Hannah, 1000 Hannah-Circle and 1000 Circle-Marengo, as well as installation of a new water main on the 600 block of Marengo and the 1000 block of Elgin and resurfacing of the streets on the 600 block of Marengo and the 1000-1100 blocks of Elgin. Mr. Amelio stated that they are seeking input from the board as well as approval to proceed with the design and planning documents for the 2018 program year. It was discussed that Mr. Amelio will provide the Council with updated actual figures for the previous 5-year plan and noted that the previous plan covered a lot more work because of large grants from IDOT and ITEP. There were no objections to moving forward with the 2018 planning and noted that the Village Council will examine the balance of the proposed 5-year plan at a future meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding Ms. Julianne Bonwit's request that a stop sign be installed at the crosswalk at Jackson and Hannah. Mayor Calderone explained that the Village has a system in place for these types of requests and that this request can be referred to the Safety and Traffic Commission for their consideration and recommendation. Since this process can take up to 60 days, it is recommended that parents park near Thomas or Circle, where we have a crossing guard and a stop sign in place. It was noted that the village has provided an officer on most days to help with traffic and the crosswalk. It was further discussed that, in the past, the school has placed signs on Jackson reminding motorists to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk. These signs have not been in use for a while. There was consensus to refer this request to the Safety and Traffic Commission to discuss at their December 21 meeting and to request that the school district resume with placing the signs on Jackson at the crosswalk.

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Entler that the Ordinance authorizing the execution of a non-exclusive cable television franchise agreement between Comcast of Illinois VI, LLC and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION:
REQUEST FOR STOP SIGN
AT JACKSON AND
HANNAH**

**O-29-17
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
CABLE FRANCHISE
AGREEMENT WITH
COMCAST OF ILLINOIS VI
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Novak that the Ordinance amending Section 6-9-9, entitled "Schedules of Fines/Penalties," of Chapter 9, entitled "Administration and Enforcement," of Title 6, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," of the Municipal Code be adopted.

**O-30-17
ORDINANCE AMENDING
PARKING FINES
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 Ordinance amending Section 6-4-4, entitled "Stopping, Standing and Parking," of Title 6, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," of the Municipal Code be adopted.

**O-31-17
ORDINANCE AMENDING
PARKING PERMIT FEES
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 Byrnes that the Ordinance terminating designation of the Forest Park Mall Redevelopment Project Area as created by the Village of Forest Park on September 13, 1993, as amended, as a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area and Dissolving the Special Tax Increment allocation fund for said redevelopment project area adopted.

**O-32-17
ORDINANCE TERMINATING
MALL TIF DISTRICT
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 a 2018 Paratransit Service Provider Agreement between Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority (PACE) and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-97-17
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PARATRANSIT
AGREEMENT WITH PACE
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 and authorizing the execution of an application for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program ("ITEP") Grant for the Forest Park Bikeways Project be adopted.

**R-98-17
RESOLUTION APPROVING
ITEP GRANT APPLICATION
FOR BIKEWAYS PROJECT
APPROVED**

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 Entler thanked the Community Center staff for putting together the Thanksgiving baskets. They did an amazing job and really added a personal touch. In addition she thanked all the volunteers who helped, including the Fire Department staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Mannix moved to adjourn into closed session regarding deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Commissioner Entler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk