

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins answered the Roll Call.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the minutes from the February 14, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd  
and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the minutes from the February 14, 2022, Closed Session Meeting of the Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd  
and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Fire Department submitted its January, 2022 report.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Resolution for the payment of bills be adopted. The bills totaled \$599,378.73.

**R-19-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$599,378.73  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd  
and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Ordinance amending the Employee Handbook to include Juneteenth as a non-union holiday be adopted.

**O-08-22  
ORDINANCE INCLUDING  
JUNETEENTH AS NON-  
UNION HOLIDAY  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd  
and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissoiner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Voogd to approve the request from the Forest Park Juneteenth Committee to hold a flag-raising ceremony on June 6, 2022.

**FOREST PARK  
JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE  
FLAG-RAISING REQUEST  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd  
and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Ordinance amending Section 3-3-6, entitled "License Fee and Number" of chapter 3, entitled "Liquor Control" of Title 3, entitled "Business and License Regulations" of the village code of ordinances of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted.

**O-09-22  
AMENDMENT TO THE  
LIQUOR CODE  
REGARDING NUMBER OF  
LICENSES PER CLASS  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd  
and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution approving the execution of balancing Change Order No. 7 to the contract with KLF Enterprises, Inc. for the Altenheim Buildings Demolition Project be adopted.

**R-20-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
CHANGE ORDER #7 FOR  
ALTENHEIM BUILDINGS  
DEMOLITION PROJECT  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd  
and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution approving the execution of Pay Request #4 for the Altenheim Demolition Project to KLF Enterprises, Inc. be adopted.

**R-21-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
PAY REQUEST #4 FOR  
ALTENHEIM BUILDINGS  
DEMOLITION PROJECT  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd  
and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Ordinance approving waiving bid and authorizing the acceptance of a proposal for audit and tracking software related to the use of body cameras by and between Frontline Public Safety Solutions and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-10-22  
ORDINANCE APPROVING  
ACCEPTANCE OF BODY  
CAMERA SOFTWARE  
FROM FRONTLINE PUBLIC  
SAFETY SOLUTIONS  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to authorize the mayor’s signature on agreements with Medieval Times and Drury Lane Theatre, associated with Senior Citizen and Community Relations functions organized by the Community Center.

**COMMUNITY CENTER AGREEMENTS RATIFIED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to approve the entertainment license application submitted by the Lantern Haus, 7414 Madison Street. After discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn.

**LANTERN HAUS ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE MOTION WITHDRAWN**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to approve the entertainment license application submitted by the Lantern Haus, 7414 Madison Street, for the March 5, 12, 19 and 26 dates only. The clerk was instructed to notify the requestor and advise them that entertainment license will be considered by the Village Council on a monthly basis going forward.

**LANTERN HAUS ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE APPLICATION FOR MARCH, 2022 DATES APPROVED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to approve the request from O’Sullivan’s Public House to erect a tent for the St. Patrick’s Parade Day, Saturday, March 5, 2022

**O’SULLIVAN’S REQUEST TO ERECT A TENT FOR ST. PATRICK’S PARADE DAY APPROVED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham to approve the entertainment license application submitted by O’Sullivan’s Public House, 7244 Madison Street.

**O’SULLIVAN’S PUBLIC HOUSE ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE APPLICATION APPROVED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes that the Resolution adopting a Green Streets Policy be adopted

**R-22-22 RESOLUTION ADOPTING GREEN STREETS POLICY APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution authorizing an application for North Central Council of Mayors Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds for Circle Avenue from Franklin to Roosevelt be adopted.

**R-23-22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR STP FUNDS FOR CIRCLE FROM FRANKLIN TO ROOSEVELT APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution authorizing an application for North Central Council of Mayors Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds for Harrison Street from Des Plaines to Harlem be adopted.

**R-24-22  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING  
APPLICATION FOR STP  
FUNDS FOR HARRISON  
FROM DES PLAINES TO  
HARLEM  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution authorizing an application for North Central Council of Mayors Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds for Jackson Boulevard from Des Plaines to Harlem be adopted.

**R-25-22  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING  
APPLICATION FOR STP  
FUNDS FOR JACKSON  
FROM DES PLAINES TO  
HARLEM  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Byrnes, Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Administrator Amidei requested council direction on a grant being offered by Morton Arboretum for a village-wide tree inventory and condition report. The inventory will be conducted by a certified arborist, and will cost approximately \$9,000, half of which will be paid by the village. The Village Council expressed their interest for the administrator to pursue this grant.

The administrator requested council direction on pursuing a grant to install electric charging stations in Constitution Court. There are currently no working charging stations in Forest Park, and Proviso Township. The cost of the installation is approximately \$75,000.00, half of which would be paid by Forest Park. The administrator indicated that there are 2 or 3 other grants which may cover all of the costs required by the village. There were no objections by the council to move forward with this project grant application.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Byrnes gave kudos to the Police Department for a job well done over the last week, as they were able to arrest a carjacking offender and recovered 2 guns as well.

Commissioner Maxham reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals met last week and unanimously approved to combine the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission. This recommendation will be considered by the Village council at a March, 2022 meeting.

Commissioner Nero reminded everyone that March 5<sup>th</sup> is Parade Day in Forest Park, adding that the Public Works Department is working hard to prepare the street and will do their best to clean up afterward.

Commissioner Voogd reported that the Recreation Board is planning a Cleanup Day on April 24<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date of April 30<sup>th</sup>. They will meet at the Roos Recreation Center at 9:00 a.m. and there will be a volunteer registration link on the village's website soon.

Mayor Hoskins reported that in honor of International Women's Month, the village will be posting on social media highlighting some of the women of Forest Park. In addition, the Illinois State Police have advised that they are installing cameras along the Eisenhower expressway at Des Plaines. The Forest Park St. Patrick's Day Parade is being held this Saturday at 1:00, being led by the Village Council members. Last, District 91 Advisory Council is holding town hall meetings at the schools to receive public input. The meetings will be held at Garfield School on March 8<sup>th</sup>, at Betsy Ross School on March 9 and at the Forest Park Middle School on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Nero moved and Commissioner Maxham seconded to adjourn into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120-/2(c) to consider collective bargaining matters. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz  
Village Clerk