

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the January 23, 2023, 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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the January 23, 2023, Special 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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the January 23, 2023, Closed 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

Ms. Bridget Lane spoke on behalf of the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce in support of the addition of a cannabis dispensary on Madison Street, however urged the Village Council to limit to one dispensary in the Downtown Business District.

Mr. John Simpson spoke on behalf of Concordia Cemetery with regard to the issue Concordia is having with access to the billboards along I-290.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

None

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 \$509,826.81.

**R-08-23
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$509,826.81
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:

Mr. Travis Parry of Christopher B. Burke Engineering presented the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II MS4 information to comply with the annual requirements of the United States and Illinois EPA. The village’s permit is expected to be renewed in March, 2023.

**NPDES ANNUAL PUBLIC
MEETING CONDUCTED**

Mr. James Amelio of Christopher B. Burke Engineering reviewed the village's 2023 infrastructure plan and presented the village's 2024-2026 infrastructure plan. Highlights for 2023 are the resurfacing of Des Plaines Avenue and improvements to Madison Street. Administrator Amidei added that there may be additional projects, contingent upon obtaining grant awards.

**2024-2026
INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN
PRESENTED BY JAMES
AMELIO OF CHRISTOPHER
B. BURKE ENGINEERING**

Item 9c was not addressed.

ITEM 9C NOT ADDRESSED

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Ordinance amending sections 9-4C-2 and 9-4C-1 of Title 9, entitled "Forest Park Zoning Ordinance," of the village code of the Village of Forest Park be adopted (Text Amendment PZC 2022-03) (Adult Use Cannabis Dispensing).

**MOTION TO AMEND
ZONING TEXT REGARDING
ADULT USE CANNABIS
DISPENSING**

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to amend the motion to add to the section under Use Regulations, adult use cannabis dispensing organization in compliance with the State of Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act and meeting the parking requirements of chapter 8 of this title, provided that no more than one Adult Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization shall be permitted in the Downtown Business District.

**AMENDMENT TO MOTION
LIMITING ADULT USE
CANNABIS DISPENSING
ORGANIZATION TO ONE IN
THE DOWNTOWN
BUSINESS DISTRICT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: Commissioner Voogd

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

Clerk Moritz called the roll call on the original motion, as amended.

**O-05-23
ORDINANCE AMENDING
ZONING CODE TO PERMIT
ONE ADULT USE
CANNABIS DISPENSING
ORGANIZATION IN THE
DOWNTOWN BUSINESS
DISTRICT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: Commissioner Voogd

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Annual License Agreement with Vigilant Solutions, LLC for processing and integration of License Plate Reader Information be adopted.

**O-06-23
ORDINANCE APPROVING
LICENSE AGREEMENT
FOR LPR WITH VIGILANT
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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Resolution approving the Village of Forest Park 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program be adopted.

**R-09-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
50/50 SIDEWALK
REPLACEMENT PROGRAM
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 that the Resolution approving an agreement for purchase by the Village of Forest Park and its agent, DACRA Adjudication Systems, LLC d/b/a DACRA Tech, LLC, of computer stored information of the Illinois Secretary of State be adopted.

**R-10-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PURCHASE AGREEMENT
WITH ILLINOIS
SECRETARY OF STATE
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 a Local Public Agency Joint Funding Agreement for Illinois Department of Transportation State-Let Construction Work and an Engineering Services Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. regarding certain improvements to the Van Buren Street Parking Lot and Harrison Street Commuter Bicycle Shelters.

**R-11-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
AGREEMENTS FOR VAN
BUREN PARKING LOT AND
HARRISON STREET
BICYCLE SHELTERS
APPROVED**

**R-12-13
RESOLUTION APPROVING
GRANT APPLICATION FOR
HARLEM AVENUE
MULTIMODAL BRIDGE
PROJECT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution in support of an application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Application for the Harlem Avenue Multimodal Bridge Project be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously

**DIRECTION TO SUPPORT
HARLEM BRIDGE
PROJECT AND COMMIT TO
LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS**

There was discussion and direction to Administrator Amidei to provide a letter regarding the village’s support of the Harlem Budget project and commitment to the local match for the village’s share of the cost.

**O-07-23
ORDINANCE APPROVING
PURCHASE OF
EMERGENCY
EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Purchase Order Quote for the acquisition of Emergency Extrication Equipment for the Village of Forest Park Fire Department be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously

**O-08-23
ORDINANCE APPROVING
PARAMEDIC BILLING
SERVICES AGREEMENT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Byrnes and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Paramedic Billing Services Agreement with Paramedic Billing Services, Inc. to provide Paramedic Billing Services to the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

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 to appoint Meghan Hunt to the Recreation Board (term expires 4/30/26) and Bridget Lane to the Safety and Traffic Commission (term expires 4/30/24).

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS
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 Maxham to approve the request from Housing Forward to use the Picnic Grove on February 17 and 18, 2023, for a Sleepout Fundraiser.

**HOUSING FORWARD
PICNIC GROVE 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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to authorize and ratify the Mayor's signature on agreements with Catholic Church Tours, Paramount Theatre Group, Marriott Theatre and White Pines Playhouse, associated with Senior Citizen and Community Relations functions organized by the Community Center.

**RATIFY COMMUNITY
CENTER AGREEMENTS
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to ratify the issuance of a Raffle License to 209 United for their fundraising event on February 11, 2023.

**RATIFY RAFFLE LICENSE
FOR 209 UNITED
APPROVED BY MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham reported that she is participating in the Housing Forward Sleep Out for Change event this Friday night and is excited to support the Homeless Veteran Program at Housing Forward. Donations can be made through their website. The commissioner further reported that plans are still being made for the May 6, 2023, Mental Health Fair. Last, the Altenheim Advisory Committee is wrapping up their work and will be making recommendations to the Village Council soon. The commissioner stated that she really appreciates all of the amazing people on the committee and thanked them for their contributions and work.

Commissioner Nero expressed his gratitude to Village Engineer, Jim Amelio and Christopher Burke Engineering for the work and presentation on the infrastructure plan.

Mayor Hoskins discussed the press conference that was held back in October at the CTA station on Desplaines, which was attended by Representative La Shawn Ford, Fire Department administration and representatives from the CTA. The conference was held to draw attention to the high number of calls that the Fire Department responds to at the two CTA stations in Forest Park. These calls result in a large number of uninsured transports, which the village does not get paid for. The mayor was happy to report that the CTA is adding \$1.8 million to its budget to address homelessness. Last, Mayor Hoskins has been discussing with a lobbyist to research if Forest Park can recoup the cost of responding to uninsured patients. Chief Chiappetta has provided 3 years of lost revenue numbers for this effort.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk