

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 27, 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 Byrnes that the minutes from the February 13, 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 February 13, 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

Mr. Thomas Kovac submitted written public comment, which the clerk read aloud. Mr. Kovac expressed his opposition to the text amendment to the I-2 Industrial zoning district.

Ms. Barbara Jackson, Mr. Gino Pisani, Ms. Bobbie Jones, and Ms. Bonnie Nelson, all spoke in opposition of a cannabis dispensary being approved for 7216 Circle. They cited security concerns as well as anticipated a negative impact on the neighborhood.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Fire Department submitted its January, 2023, 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 \$544,819.17.

**R-08-23
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$544,819.17
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Neil Rembos, President of the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce presented the Chamber’s budget and marketing plan, in support of the village’s projected funding of \$40,000 per year for the next three years. The funding is reserved out of the village’s ARPA funding.

**CHAMBER PRESENTATION
AND REQUEST OF ARPA
FUNDING FOR MARKETING
ACTIVITIES**

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Ordinance granting a conditional use permit for a Cannabis Dispensary in the B-2 District in the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois re: PZC 2023-01: 7216 Circle Avenue be adopted. There was discussion about the well-prepared documents as well as the security and camera systems that are proposed and the additional source of revenue for the village. Each of the elected officials expressed their support for the dispensary.

**O-09-23
ORDINANCE GRANTING
CONDITIONAL USE FOR
CANNABIS DISPENSARY
AT 7216 CIRCLE AVENUE
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 Ordinance amending Title 9, Chapter 10, of the Village of Forest Park code to add an additional authorized variation, in the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois re: PZC 2022-04 be adopted.

**O-10-23
ORDINANCE AMENDING
ZONING CODE TEXT
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 Nero that the Ordinance authorizing approval of authorized variations to allow the resubdivision of two lots under common ownership at 118 Rockford Avenue and 7515-7521 Dixon Street, in the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois re: PZC 2022-04 be adopted.

**O-11-23
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
VARIATIONS AND
RESUBDIVISION OF 118
ROCKFORD AND 7515-7521
DIXON
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 Nero that the Ordinance amending Title 9, Chapter 5, Article B of the Village of Forest Park code to update permitted and prohibited uses in the I-2 District, in the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois be adopted. (PZC 2022-06)

**MOTION TO AMEND TEXT
OF ZONING CODE FOR I-2
DISTRICT**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Byrnes to amend section 9-5B-1: Use Regulations by adding the following after “canning plant” “, but excluding slaughterhouse, stockyards, fat rendering, soap manufacture, glue manufacture, tannery, paper manufacture, wool scouring and cleaning; cotton textile sizing, scouring, bleaching, dyeing and similar operations; paint and varnish manufacture, creosote and creosote products manufacture.”

**AMENDMENT TO MOTION
AND PROPOSED
ORDINANCE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Moritz was instructed to call the roll call on the original motion, as amended.

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 Ordinance amending section 2-7 of Chapter 7 of Title 2 of the municipal code of the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to amend section 2-7-1, regarding residency of members to strike “The residency requirement for the board of health shall not apply to up to two (2) board members who, at the discretion of the mayor and the Village Council, possess technical training, knowledge, or experience which will enhance the composition of the board.”

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Moritz was instructed to call the roll call on the original motion, as amended.

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 Ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. O-06-22, waiving bid and re-authorizing the acceptance of an updated Retail Sales Order for the purchase of two (2) fully equipped 2024 International HV 607 Heavy Duty Plow Trucks with buildout be adopted.

**O-12-23
ORDINANCE AMENDING
TEXT OF ZONING CODE
FOR I-2 DISTRICT
APPROVED AS AMENDED**

**MOTION TO AMEND
SECTION 2-7 OF THE
VILLAGE CODE
REGARDING BOARD OF
HEALTH**

**AMENDMENT TO MOTION
AND PROPOSED
ORDINANCE CREATING
BOARD OF HEALTH
APPROVED**

**O-13-23
ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 2-7 REGARDING
BOARD OF HEALTH
APPROVED AS AMENDED**

**O-14-23
ORDINANCE RESCINDING
O-06-22 AND RE-
AUTHORIZING PURCHASE
OF 2 PLOW TRUCKS
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 Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a reinstatement of terms and fourth amendment to the Communications Site Lease agreement between the Village of Forest Park and Chicago SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless be adopted.

**O-15-23
ORDINANCE APPROVING
4TH AMENDMENT AND
REINSTATING CHICAGO
SMSA VERIZON SITE
LEASE
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 approving and authorizing the execution of an application for a Cook County Bureau of Economic Development Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) 2023 Program Year Capital Improvement/Demolition and Economic Development Project be adopted.

**R-14-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
CDBG 2023 PROGRAM
YEAR CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT,
DEMOLITION AND
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT 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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Annual Resolution for Maintenance under Illinois Highway Code be adopted.

**R-15-23
RESOLUTION FOR
MAINTENANCE UNDER
ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE
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 for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code regarding Wilcox and Ferdinand Avenue Projects be adopted.

**R-16-23
RESOLUTION FOR
IMPROVEMENT UNDER
ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE
FOR WILCOX AND
FERDINAND AVENUE
PROJECTS
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 and authorizing the execution of a Professional Engineering Services Proposal for Phase II Design for the 2023 Community Center Playground Improvement Project by and between the Village of Forest Park and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. be adopted.

**R-17-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
ENGINEERING PROPOSAL
FOR COMMUNITY CENTER
PLAYGROUND WITH
CHRISTOPHER BURKE
ENGINEERING
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 to approve the request from Storino, Ramello & Durkin for a change in hourly rates for legal services.

**STORINO, RAMELLO AND
DURKIN REQUEST TO
CHANGE HOURLY RATES
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:

Administrator Amidei went over different options for an EV charging station to be placed in Constitution Court. The village was awarded a \$7,500 grant from the Metropolitan Mayors' Caucus and ComEd. The cost for installing the different options will range from \$7,000 to \$12,200 out of pocket for the village. The equipment will be leased. The administrator further requested consideration for our front-line staff at village hall. The staff works hard to provide personal service to the public and they deal with a lot.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham reported that the Housing Forward Sleep Out was awesome. It was cold, but worth it. The group raised \$8,000 for the Homeless Veteran Program. The commissioner further expressed appreciation to Director Glinke for all of the detailed work required to move the zoning items forward.

Commissioner Voogd discussed the Single-Use Plastic survey and upcoming ordinance. The commissioner expressed her appreciation to resident, Julieta Aguilera, who submitted the images of the discarded plastic and single-use items, for illustration. It is expected that the proposed ordinance will be before the Village Council in the next meeting or two.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz
Village Clerk