

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 26, 2023**

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin, 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 Melin-Rogovin that the minutes from the June 12, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Voogd

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the June 12, 2023, Closed Session Meeting of the Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin
and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Voogd

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kris McCoy emailed public comment in favor of installing an EV charger in Forest Park.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Fire Department submitted its May, 2023 report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution for the payment of bills be adopted. The bills totaled \$1,775,185.79.

**R-50-23
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$1,775,185.79
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Maribel Musillami, Manager of Purely Cold Storage and Attorney Chris Kentra presented a request to the Village Council in support of a 6b application for tax assistance. The property was purchased for \$2.75 million and the business expects to perform \$2 million in improvements.

**PURELY COLD STORAGE
PRESENTATION IN
SUPPORT OF 6B
APPLICATION**

Mr. Gene Armstrong, chair of Concerned Van Buren Residents group presented the group’s response to the village’s Altenheim Steering Committee report. While they agree with elements of the report, they oppose commercial development, active recreation in the open space, the developer funding the management of the space, the developer being responsible for the future park maintenance and a residential development. Mr. Armstrong further requested access to some documents that do not appear to be accessible on the village’s website.

**CONCERNED VAN BURE
RESIDENTS
PRESENTATION ABOUT
FUTURE USE OF
ALTENHEIM PROPERTY**

Mr. Phil McKenna of Ryan, LLC discussed the potential re-establishment of the Brown Street TIF District. The current TIF expires at the end of this year and was not extended due to timing constraints. There is a viaduct project within the proposed TIF and the boundaries were amended to exclude residential properties. Funds from the expiring TIF would be transferred to the new TIF district.

**RYAN, LLC
PRESENTATION ABOUT
RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF
BROWN STREET TIF
DISTRICT**

**R-51-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
CONSULTING AGREEMENT
WITH RYAN, LLC
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a consulting agreement with addendum by and between the Village of Forest Park and Ryan, LLC regarding the study and evaluation of certain areas within the village located at or near Harlem Avenue and Circle Avenue in regards to a potential Tax Increment Financing District be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-52-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAYMENT FOR 15TH
STREET SEWER
SEPARATION PROJECT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving Pay Request #1 for the 15th Street Sewer Separation Project (CDBG Project 2107-018) from John Nerl Construction be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-53-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAY REQUEST FOR 2023
ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving Pay Request #1 (Final) for the 2023 Alley Improvements Project from J. Nardulli Concrete, Inc. be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-54-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAY REQUEST FOR 2023
WATER MAIN PROJECT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving Pay Request #3 for the 2023 Water Main Project to Uno Construction Co., Inc. be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Resolution approving Pay Request #2 for the Rehabilitation of the 500,000-gallon hydropillar high water tank at 7435 Franklin Street Project to Tecorp, Inc. be adopted.

**R-55-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAY REQUEST FOR
WATER TANK PAINTING
PROJECT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,
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 Resolution authorizing the execution of a Public Consulting Group Emergency Services Agreement between the Village of Forest Park and Public Consulting Group, Inc. be adopted.

**R-56-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
EMERGENCY SERVICES
AGREEMENT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution authorizing acceptance and execution of an Illinois Department of Transportation sustained traffic enforcement program (STEP) for high visibility enforcement (HVE) grant for FY 2024 be adopted.

**R-57-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
IDOT TRAFFIC
ENFORCEMENT GRANT
PROGRAM
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Ordinance amending sections 6-4-4 and 6-5-10 of Chapter 5 of Title 6 of the municipal code of the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-26-23
ORDINANCE AMENDING
PARKING PERMIT RATES
AND PARKING LOT HOURS
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Ordinance waiving bid and authorizing the acceptance of a five (5) year lease contract with Chargepoint, Inc. for the leasing, installation and warranty of a dual plug EV charging station within the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-27-23
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
EV CHARGING STATION
LEASE WITH
CHARGEPOINT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Ordinance waiving bid and authorizing the acceptance of a proposal from Lyons & Pinner Electric Companies for the electrical service required for the installation of one (1) EV charging station within the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-28-23
ORDINANCE ACCEPTING
PROPOSAL FOR
INSTALLATION OF
ELECTRICAL SERVICE
FOR EV CHARGING
STATION
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Ordinance waiving bid and authorizing the acceptance of a proposal for concrete work for the installation of an EV charging station by and between Robert R. Andreas & Sons, Inc. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-29-23
ORDINANCE ACCEPTING
PROPOSAL FOR
CONCRETE WORK FOR EV
CHARGING STATION
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to authorize the Village Administrator to execute an engagement agreement with Del Galdo Law Group regarding proposed litigation

**ENGAGEMENT
AGREEMENT WITH DEL
GALDO LAW GROUP
APPROVED BY MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and jointly seconded by Commissioners Maxham and Voogd to approve the Kiwanis Club request to conduct their Peanut Days Fundraiser on September 14 – 17, 2023.

**KIWANIS CLUB PEANUT
DAYS REQUEST
APPROVED BY MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to approve the request from the Historical Society to display banners promoting their Garden Walk and to approve the raffle permit application for their fundraiser being held in connection with the Garden Walk on July 15, 2023.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY
GARDEN WALK BANNER
AND RAFFLE PERMIT
REQUEST
APPROVED BY MOTION**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Amidei expressed his gratitude to the clerk's office and finance office staff, as well as the mayor's assistant for working so hard to cover the duties in the office during the staffing shortage and encouraged residents to take advantage of our online resources.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham announced that the village is planning to hold a budget meeting the second week of July. The commissioner further reported that she attended a safety event at Ferrara Pan and thanked all those who worked to hold the pride event last week, especially Eric from Play It Again Sports. Last, the commissioner reminded residents that the Arts Alliance is holding a stoop session tomorrow at 925 Marengo.

Commissioner Nero commented that Forest Park takes pride being easy for businesses to do business with and supports the 6b application from Purely Meats. The commissioner further thanked Mr. Armstrong for his comments and stated he would make time to meet with him to address any further questions.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin reported that she met with the Administrator Amidei, Director Stella and Village Engineer Amelio to talk about an infrastructure plan. The commissioner further highlighted that she attended the Safety and Traffic meeting and many other events in the area.

Commissioner Voogd thanked the Van Buren Concerned Citizens for their presentation and feedback and stated she's looking forward to more public engagement going forward. The commissioner further reported that she attended the Green Town event, and it was inspiring. The village's single use foodware ordinance takes effect on July 1st, and business outreach is being developed for distribution and guidance. Last, the village has free wood chips available at the Altenheim property on a first-come, first-served basis. The Public Works Department has been planting trees and the commissioner reminded property owners to keep the green bag on the new trees filled with water to help the new tree take root. Last, the commissioner reported that she's serving on a C-4 subcommittee for landscape technologies.

Mayor Hoskins reported that there is a lot going on in Forest Park, with the Juneteenth Family Pool Party, Speaker Welch's Juneteenth event, German Fest and the Pride Event. The mayor thanked the staff and volunteers who worked so hard on the Pride Event on Madison Street, adding that Forest Park really has a spirit of inclusiveness. The mayor invited all to join for the July 4th celebration at the Park District. Last, Mayor Hoskins reported that we are still looking for volunteers to serve on the Diversity Commission and the Youth Commission. Applications are available on the website or at Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk