

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 14, 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 Nero that the minutes from the July 24, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Council be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct.

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 minutes from the July 24, 2023, Annual Appropriation Public Hearing be approved without reading as each member has received a copy thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Steven Backman commented about his FOIA request for GPG Strategies and Matthew O'Shea Consulting, noting that there were very few records received about GPG, besides the expired contract and emails about getting paid and there was a plethora of records from O'Shea, including reports of work conducted and pending projects.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

None

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 \$953,988.77.

**R-64-23
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$953,988.77
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Nero to amend the Resolution for the payment of bills by removing the payment to GPG Strategies, due to a lack of a comprehensive report about their work in process and pending projects. After a lengthy discussion about Forest Park grant requests being put first in line, the fact that the invoice being paid is for work already done in July, and an assurance that a report is forthcoming, the motion to amend was withdrawn.

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:

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Ordinance amending Section 5, entitled "Definitions," of Chapter 1, entitled "General Zoning Provisions," of Title 9, entitled "Zoning Regulations," of the Village of Forest Park Municipal Code to add "Performance Venue" to the definitions and amending Section 2, entitled "Conditional Uses," of Article C, entitled "DBD Downtown Business District, of Chapter 4, entitled "Business Districts, of Title 9, entitled "Zoning Regulations," of the Village of Forest Park Municipal code to add "Performance Venue" as a conditional use in the DBD Downtown Business District in the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois (PZC 2023-05) be adopted.

**O-36-23
ORDINANCE AMENDING
ZONING ORDINANCE,
ADDING PERFORMANCE
VENUE AS CONDITIONAL
USE IN DBD
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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Ordinance granting a conditional use permit for a Comedy Club and related Education Center as a performance venue in the DBD Downtown Business District in the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois re: PZC 2023-06: 7316 Madison Street, be adopted.

**O-37-23
ORDINANCE GRANTING
CONDITIONAL USE FOR
PERFORMANCE VENUE AT
7316 MADISON STREET
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 Voogd that the Resolution to approve and authorize the execution of a Professional Engineering Services Proposal for Professional Surveying Services by and between Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-65-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SURVEYING SERVICES
PROPOSAL WITH CBEL
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 Voogd that the Resolution to approve and authorize the execution of a Professional Engineering Services Proposal for Phase II Design for the 2023 Madison Street Revitalization Project by and between Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-66-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PHASE II ENGINEERING
SERVICES FOR MADISON
STREET REVITALIZATION
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 Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the resolution authorizing the award for the Permeable Paver Maintenance Project contract to Old World Brick Paving be adopted.

**R-67-23
RESOLUTION AWARDING
PAVER MAINTENANCE
PROJECT TO OLD WORLD
BRICK PAVING
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 Voogd that the Resolution authorizing the award for the Resurfacing portion of the 2023 Watermain and Resurfacing Project to A-Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. be adopted.

**R-68-23
RESOLUTION AWARDING
RESURFACING PROJECT
TO A-LAMP CONCRETE
CONTRACTORS
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 Voogd that the Resolution authorizing the execution of Pay Request #5 for the 2023 Water Main Project to Uno Construction Co., Inc. (Wilcox & Ferdinand) be adopted.

**R-69-23
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING PAY
REQUEST #5 FOR WATER
MAIN PROJECT TO UNO
CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.
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 to approve and authorize the execution of a Software Service Agreement by and between Cloudpermit, Inc. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-70-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SOFTWARE AGREEMENT
WITH CLOUDPERMIT, INC.
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 to authorize and ratify the Mayor's signature on agreements with Sweet Reminder and Timber Lake Playhouse, associated with Senior Citizen and Community Relations functions organized by the Community Center.

**COMMUNITY CENTER
AGREEMENTS
RATIFIED 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 Sarah's Inn request to display banners raising awareness for Domestic Violence Action Month.

**SARAH'S INN BANNER
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to approve the request from Kiwanis club of Forest Park to approve their Raffle License Application for their fundraising event on September 30, 2023.

**KIWANIS CLUB RAFFLE
PERMIT APPLICATION
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 reported that the District 91 Back-to-School picnic is tomorrow at the Park District and reminded drivers to be aware that school is starting next week and to drive cautiously. In addition, tomorrow is the last Groov'n in the Grove event, featuring R Gang.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham thanked all those who were involved in Forest Park Theatre's production of Shakespeare's Measure for Measure, which was held at the picnic grove at the Altenheim. There were amazing crowds at each performance and so much community coordination and help putting everything together for the production. The commissioner further reported that the village's Board of Health held their first meeting last week and is working on a SWAT analysis. Last, the commissioner reported that the final Arts Alliance Stoop Session is this Thursday at 926 Marengo.

Commissioner Nero reported that with school starting next week, crossing guards will be on duty to assist students and asked drivers to plan for extra travel time, and to look out for students on their way to and from school.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin reported that the Safety and Traffic Commission has been meeting every month since May. In addition, the flagpole fundraiser is complete and the new flagpole should be installed very soon. Once it is installed, there will be a flag raising ceremony.

Commissioner Voogd reported that the Recreation Board's Fall Community Cleanup event will be held on Saturday, September 23rd. In addition, the Recreation Board is contemplating holding a pumpkin smash event after Halloween this year. Last, the commissioner thanked the Forest Park Theatre group and all those who contributed to the successful production of Measure for Measure and wished the newly formed Board of Health the best.

Mayor Hoskins reported that District 91 will be dedicating their new STEM laboratory on August 23rd, adding more details will follow. The mayor further met with the CTA at their headquarters to discuss cleaning up around their train stations and plans to assist the unhoused. The sheriff's department is coordinating adding more cameras near the stations as well. Representative Danny Davis' Town Hall meeting has been moved to September 5th. Last, the mayor recognized Rachell Entler for all her contributions and for getting the Forest Park Theatre free public Shakespeare productions started three years ago at the Park District.

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 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk