

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 10, 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 September 26, 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, Melin-Rogovin, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Joseph Sullivan, owner of Duffy's Tavern, strongly urged the Village Council to approve the conditional use permit for the performance venue, as it will bring more culture to Forest Park as well as provide additional tax revenue.

Mr. Steven Backman spoke in support of the performance venue's approval, adding that it will be a benefit for the village. Mr. Backman further supported the addition of permeable pavers for the Constitution Court parking area. Last, Mr. Backman expressed his concern for the illegal and non-conforming building at 7713 Wilcox, adding that he has not heard back from the village regarding this.

Ms. Sally Engel reported her observation that the noise level along Madison Street is extremely high and urged the village to enforce the noise ordinance. Ms. Engel further commented that while there are many cannabis dispensaries nearby Forest Park, there is nowhere in town to buy groceries.

Mr. John Kazar expressed his concerns about 7713 Wilcox, which he lives next door to. He felt that there should have been a variance for building on a 25-foot lot, as a 50-foot lot is the requirement. Mr. Kazar felt this is a significant error that affects his property value and requested a return call or some type of efforts from the village to rectify this.

Ms. Amelia Burford spoke in support of approving the music venue for the Downtown district.

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 \$636,818.76.

**R-91-23
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$636,818.76
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:

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Ordinance authorizing the sale or disposition of surplus property (police equipment and vehicle) of the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-43-23
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
SALE OF SURPLUS
POLICE EQUIPMENT AND
VEHICLES
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 performance venue in the DBD Downtown Business District: 7321 Madison Street, Unit 100, be adopted.

**O-44-23
ORDINANCE GRANTING
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
FOR PERFORMANCE
VENUE 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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Ordinance waiving bid and authorizing the acceptance of a proposal for IT Coordination and Consulting services by and between Techno Consulting, Inc. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted. Commissioner Voogd pointed out some inconsistencies in the verbiage outlining the compensation, which need to be corrected, so the Roll Call vote was subject to the necessary corrections.

**O-45-23
ORDINANCE APPROVING
IT SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH TECHNO
CONSULTING, 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 Ordinance waiving bid and authorizing the acceptance of a Master Software Licensing Agreement for adjudication software by and between DACRA Tech LLC and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-46-23
ORDINANCE APPROVING
LICENSING AGREEMENT
WITH DACRA TECH LLC
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 Ordinance waiving bid and authorizing the acceptance of a True North Cloud Hosting Master Agreement and Cloud-based police records management system by and between CAPERS North America, LLC and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**O-47-23
ORDINANCE APPROVING
POLICE RECORDS
MANAGEMENT
AGREEMENT WITH
CAPERS NORTH AMERICA
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 Village Hall Parking Lot paving project contract to A Lamp Concrete Contractors be adopted.

**R-92-23
RESOLUTION AWARDING
VILLAGE HALL PARKING
LOT PAVING 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 Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of the application for Green Infrastructure Grant Opportunities (FY 2024) with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Constitution Court Permeable Pavers Parking Lot) be adopted. It was discussed that this application will potentially capture up to 240,000 gallons of stormwater per event. It was further discussed that the green projects come at a higher price tag, and this project in particular has a \$350,000 local match requirement, which will likely be made through the village’s VIP fund.

**R-93-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
APPLICATION FOR GREEN
INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT
OPPORTUNITIES
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 direct the Forest Park Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint one candidate from its current Probationary Firefighter Eligibility List to fill a vacancy.

**APPOINTMENT OF ONE
PROBATIONARY
FIREFIGHTER
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 seconded by Commissioner Voogd to reappoint Andrew DePriest and Burhan Syed to the Safety and Traffic Commission.

**ANDREW DePRIEST AND
BURHAN SYED
REAPPOINTED TO SAFETY
AND TRAFFIC
COMMISSION**

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 approve liquor licenses for the following establishments:

- Famous Liquors – 7714 Madison Street
- Cardinal Liquors – 7533 Roosevelt Road
- China Dragon 2 – 7600 Madison Street

**LIQUOR LICENSES
APPROVED FOR NEW
OWNERS OF EXISTING
BUSINESSES
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 Nero to authorize and ratify the mayor’s signature on an agreement with Lyric Opera of Chicago, associated with Senior Citizen and Community Relations functions organized by the Community Center.

**COMMUNITY CENTER
EVENT AGREEMENT
RATIFIED
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 that the Proclamation designating October 18, 2023, as Village of Forest Park Unity Day.

**OCTOBER 18, 2023,
PROCLAIMED AS UNITY
DAY IN THE VILLAGE OF
FOREST PARK**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Interim Village Administrator Entler reported that the village’s annual Health Fair is being held on October 25th at the Community Center. The administrator further reminded residents that October is Breast Cancer awareness month and asked them to be sure to get the appropriate mammogram.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:

Commissioner Nero reminded residents that all of the elected officials are approachable by email and phone, which contact information is available on the village’s website. The commissioner encouraged residents to use these methods of contact as posting on social media is an ineffective way to contact the village and its officials.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin reported that she attended a domestic violence awareness rally in Oak Park and attended the Library’s kickoff event for their Freedom to Read campaign.

Commissioner Voogd stated that she is looking forward to receiving the report from the public input meeting at Grant-White School, concerning the potential uses for the building, which is not currently being used by the School District. The commissioner further thanked Ms. Steer for her efforts in promoting the Unity Day Pledge, and reminded the adults in Forest Park to set a good example for the children of the community, when it comes to bullying.

Mayor Hoskins reported that all of the Mayors, Fire Chiefs and Police Chiefs in School District 209 were invited to attend a meeting and collaborate with one another. Forest Park was well represented. The Mail Facility on Roosevelt Road contacted the mayor to announce that they are hiring and have about 200 jobs to fill by November, 2023. Last, the mayor announced that He and Representative LaShawn Ford are planning to convene a public meeting to address the problem of unruly funerals traveling within and through Forest Park. Details will be announced as soon as they are available.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham to recess into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) to consider collective bargaining matters.

**RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION
AT 7:48 P.M.**

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 to reconvene open session.

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION
AT 8:06 P.M.**

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 approving a collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Forest Park and Teamsters Local Union No. 705 be adopted.

**R-94-23
RESOLUTION APPROVING
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
AGREEMENT WITH TEAMSTERS
LOCAL NO. 705
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

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 8:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk