

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 27, 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 November 13, 2023, Circle-Harlem TIF 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, Melin-Rogovin, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the minutes from the November 13, 2023, Regular meeting of the Council be approved.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Nero

The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The Fire Department submitted its October, 2023, report and the Police Department submitted its September-October, 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 \$424,245.49.

**R-103-23  
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN  
THE AMOUNT OF  
\$424,245.49  
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Ordinance approving a Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Project for the Circle-Harlem redevelopment Project Area be adopted.

**O-54-23  
ORDINANCE APPROVING  
TAX INCREMENT  
REDEVELOPMENT PLAN  
AND REDEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT FOR CIRCLE  
HARLEM  
REDEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT AREA  
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 that the Ordinance designating the Circle Harlem Redevelopment Project Area of said Village a Redevelopment Project Area pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act be adopted.

**O-55-23  
ORDINANCE DESIGNATING  
CIRCLE HARLEM  
REDEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT AREA  
PURSUANT TO THE TAX  
INCREMENT ALLOCATION  
REDEVELOPMENT ACT  
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 that the Ordinance adopting the Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the Circle Harlem Redevelopment Project Area be adopted.

**O-56-23  
ORDINANCE ADOPTING  
TAX INCREMENT  
ALLOCATION FINANCING  
FOR CIRCLE HARLEM  
REDEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT AREA  
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 that the Resolution authorizing and directing the transfer of funds from the Brown Street Station-Harlem Avenue TIF District to the Circle Harlem TIF District be adopted.

**R-104-23  
RESOLUTION DIRECTING  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS  
FROM BROWN STREET TIF  
TO CIRCLE HARLEM TIF  
DISTRICT  
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 that the Resolution determining the Estimated Property Taxes to be levied by the Village of Forest Park for the 2023 Tax Year be adopted.

**R-105-23  
RESOLUTION  
DETERMINING ESTIMATED  
PROPERTY TAXES TO BE  
LEVIED FOR 2023 TAX  
YEAR  
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 that the Appropriation Ordinance of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2024, be adopted.

**O-57-23  
AMENDMENT TO ANNUAL  
APPROPRIATION  
ORDINANCE  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-106-23  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
IGA WITH MWRD FOR  
GREEN ALLEY PROJECT  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Forest Park and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for the Green Alley Project be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-107-23  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
ENGINEERING PROPOSAL  
FOR LEAD SERVICE LINE  
REPLACEMENT PROJECT  
APPROVED**

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 the Lead Service Line Replacement Project #1 Loan Application Assistance and Bidding Documents by and between Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd. And the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-108-23  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING  
APPLICATION FOR STP  
FUNDS CIRCLE AVENUE  
FROM FRANKLIN TO  
ROOSEVELT  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution authorizing an application for North Central Council of Mayors Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds (Circle Avenue – From Franklin to Roosevelt) be adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**R-109-23  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
APPLICATION FOR STP  
FUNDS HARRISON STREET  
FROM DESPLAINES TO  
HARLEM  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution authorizing an application for North Central Council of Mayors Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds (Harrison Street – from Desplaines to Harlem) 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 Maxham and seconded by  
Commissioner Nero to approve and ratify the execution of a  
Maintenance Agreement with Syn-tech Systems, Inc.

**MAINTENANCE  
AGREEMENT WITH SYN-  
TECH SYSTEMS, INC.  
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 and ratify the  
execution of agreements with Wildfire, Drury Lane Theatre and  
the Murder Mystery Co., associated with events organized by  
the Community Center.

**COMMUNITY CENTER  
EVENT AGREEMENTS  
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 and ratify a Raffle  
Permit application submitted by the Howard Mohr Community  
Center for a Toy Drive Fundraising Event to be held on  
December 7, 2023.

**COMMUNITY CENTER  
RAFFLE PERMIT  
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:**

None. Interim Village Administrator Rachell Entler was serving as the Deputy Village Clerk in the absence of Village Clerk Vanessa Moritz and did not have a report.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Maxham reported that thanked residents John Cunningham and Rob Sall for coordinating the Candyland display at Ed's Way and the beautiful tree lights display on Beloit Avenue. The commissioner also thanked Chief Gross for organizing a police ride-a-long for her and complimented Officer C. Solms on his professionalism. Lastly, the commissioner reported that she attended the opening of Robert's Westside, as well as the Soup and Bread fundraiser held there.

Commissioner Nero reported that he agreed with Commissioner Maxham about the Beloit holiday lights on the streets and how they lighted up the neighborhood. The lights helped people get into the holiday spirit. The commissioner hopes this takes off throughout the Village

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin reported that she is organizing multiple Operation Rising Spirits nights, where people can write cards to Veterans to wish them well and thank them for their service to our country. The commissioner thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the excellent Small Business Saturday event. The commissioner also stated she is looking forward to the Holiday Walk coming up.

Commissioner Voogd reported that the Village is paying twice for leaf removal, through the Village's yard waste contract and the Public Works leaf street pick up program. The commissioner stated he leaf pick up program creates overtime with Public Works personnel and can also lead to clogged sewers. The commissioner reminded residents there are ecological ways to take care of leaves through paper bagging, mulching or simply leaving the leaves in one's yard. The commissioner asked that leaves not be put in plastic bags nor should anyone park on a pile of leaves as this could be a fire hazard.

Mayor Hoskins reported that the Mayor's Toy Drive would be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor also stated the Village would hold a Menorah Lighting ceremony earlier on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor congratulated Play It Again Sports on its upcoming expansion. Lastly, the Mayor reported he would be participating on the Pace Transit Services Advisory committee regarding the Cermak Avenue corridor and that the Village was invited to apply for the funding from the Water Resources Development Act.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk