

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JULY 28, 2025**

Mayor Hoskins led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the minutes from the July 8, 2025, Special meeting of the Council be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Maxham

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the minutes from the July 14, 2025, Regular meeting of the Council be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Maxham

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Terry Steinbach spoke on behalf of the Forest Park Arts Alliance and expressed their gratitude to the Public Works Department for all of their assistance in setting up and securing the bistro tables for the art installation in Constitution Court.

Ms. Karen Coley of SBC Waste Solutions inquired about the availability of TIF funding to help with the installation of a new water tank for her business.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Police Department submitted its May and June, 2025 reports.

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 \$628,295.34.

**R-67-25
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$628,295.34
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 Nero that the Annual Appropriation Ordinance of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026, be adopted.

**O-36-25
ANNUAL APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE
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 authorizing the sale or disposition of Surplus Property of the Village of Forest Park (obsolete computer equipment) be adopted.

**O-37-25
ORDINANCE APPROVING
DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS
PROPERTY
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 waiver of the hiring freeze for IMRF Employees regarding the hiring of a full-time Police Desk Clerk 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 Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving and ratifying Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Joel Kennedy Construction Corp. for the 2024 Lead Service Replacement – Stage 1 project 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 specifications, waiving the bidding process and authorizing the award of the contract for the emergency repairs to the Community Center and Jackson Boulevard Pump Station room to R.A. James Co. in 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-68-25
RESOLUTION WAIVING
IMRF HIRING FREEZE RE:
FULL-TIME POLICE DESK
CLERK
APPROVED**

**R-69-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
CHANGE ORDER FOR 2024
LEAD SERVICE
REPLACEMENT PHASE
ONE PROJECT
APPROVED**

**R-70-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SPECIFICATIONS, WAIVING
BIDDING AND AWARDED
EMERGENCY REPAIRS
CONTRACT
APPROVED**

**R-71-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAY REQUEST #5 TO
BOLDER CONTRACTORS
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution authorizing the approval of Pay Request #5 (FINAL) for the 2024 Water Main Replacement Project to Bolder Contractors, Inc. (400-500 Blocks of Ferdinand) be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously

**BOARD OF FIRE AND
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
DIRECTED TO HIRE ONE
FIREFIGHTER AND ONE
POLICE OFFICER
APPROVED BY MOTION**

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 Probationary Firefighter Eligibility List and one candidate from its current Probationary Police Officer Eligibility List to fill vacancies in the Police and Fire Departments.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously

**KIWANIS CLUB
SOLICITATION REQUEST
APPROVED BY MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to approve the Forest Park Kiwanis Club Peanut Days solicitation request.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously

**PROCLAMATION
HONORING HISTORICAL
SOCIETY'S 50TH
ANNIVERSARY**

There was a shared motion and second to adopt the mayor's proclamation honoring the Forest Park Historical Society upon its 50th anniversary. Clerk Belmonte read the proclamation aloud.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Entler expressed her thanks to the Historical Society and the Arts Alliance for doing a great job showcasing Forest Park.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham thanked the Arts Alliance and congratulated the Historical Society on their 50-year anniversary. The commissioner also thanked Administrator Entler and Director Olmsted for all their work leading to the final budget presented at today's budget meeting.

Commissioner Nero commended Administrator Entler on the budget meeting today, which went great. The commissioner thanked the village council members and staff for their work and collaboration.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin congratulated the Historical Society on its 50th anniversary. The commissioner also reminded everyone to be careful about the heat we've been experiencing. Commissioner Melin-Rogovin expressed her appreciation of working with all of the elected officials and staff so the village can move forward in a way we can be proud of.

Commissioner Voogd acknowledged the Historical Society and congratulated them on their 50th anniversary and for updating the wall of reknown. The commissioner congratulated the honorees and their families and congratulated the Park District for a successful No Gloves Tournament.

Mayor Hoskins reported that he met with other WCMC mayors and Speaker Welch to discuss pressing needs. The mayor spoke about the CTA and the need for security. Other topics were regulation of E-bikes and granting local municipalities the right to install speed cameras near schools and parks.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Nero moved, and Commissioner Maxham seconded to adjourn into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Belmonte
Village Clerk