

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins answered the Roll Call. Commissioner Melin-Rogovin was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the September 8, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Village Council be approved, as corrected.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Melin-Rogovin

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Police Department submitted its July-August, 2025 report and the Fire Department submitted its August, 2025 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 \$524,352.69.

**R-92-25
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$524,352.69
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Voogd and
Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Melin-Rogovin
The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Laurie Kokenes, Executive Director of the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce, presented a Marketing Report and Plan for the period 9/1/2025 through 2/1/2026, as well as an accounting and report for the period ended 8/31/2025. The Chamber spent \$19,287 from 2/1/2025-8/31/2025 on various marketing and promotions for local businesses. The planned marketing spending for the upcoming period is \$20,500.00.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MARKETING AND
PLANNING PRESENTATION**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving the levy of an additional library tax for building and maintenance be adopted.

**R-93-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
LIBRARY BUILDING AND
MAINTENANCE LEVY
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Voogd and
Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Melin-Rogovin
The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution authorizing acceptance of a 2025 ComEd Powering Safe Communities Grant in the amount of \$1,739.00 be adopted.

**R-94-25
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING
COMED GRANT
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Voogd and
Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Melin-Rogovin
The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution approving and ratifying the execution of an Organized Retail Crime Grant Program Grant Agreement by and between the State of Illinois and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-95-25
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING
RETAIL CRIME GRANT
AGREEMENT WITH THE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Voogd and
Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Melin-Rogovin
The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution authorizing and accepting a Grant Agreement by and between the Illinois Department of Revenue and the Village of Forest Park for the FY 2026 Tobacco Enforcement Program Grant be adopted.

**R-96-25
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING
GRANT AGREEMENT WITH
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF
REVENUE
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Voogd and
Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Melin-Rogovin
The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution authorizing the Village of Forest Park to participate in the New National Multistate Opioid Settlements and authorizing the execution of related Settlement Agreements be adopted.

**R-97-25
RESOLUTION FOR
PARTICIPATION IN NEW
NATIONAL MULTISTATE
OPIOID SETTLEMENTS
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Voogd and
Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Melin-Rogovin
The motion carried.

**R-98-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
SPECIFICATIONS AND
BIDS FOR SIDEWALK
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Resolution approving the specifications and authorizing the advertising of bids for the Village of Forest Park 2025 Sidewalk Improvement Project be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Melin-Rogovin
The motion carried.

**R-99-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
CONSULTING AGREEMENT
WITH RYAN, LLC
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a Consulting Agreement by and between the Village of Forest Park and Ryan, LLC (f/k/a Kane, McKenna and Associates, Inc.) regarding potential development projects within the village be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Melin-Rogovin
The motion carried.

**R-100-25
RESOLUTION APPROVING
AGREEMENT AND
ENGINEERING FOR
JACKSON BOULEVARD
RESURFACING BETWEEN
DES PLAINES AVENUE
AND HARLEM AVENUE
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Resolution approving a Local Public Agency Joint Funding Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Federally Funded Construction and a Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. regarding certain improvements to the Jackson Boulevard resurfacing between Des Plaines Avenue and Harlem Avenue be adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Melin-Rogovin
The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to approve the 2026 Village of Forest Park Council Meeting Schedule as presented by Clerk Belmonte.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Melin-Rogovin
The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Entler read aloud a Proclamation honoring Village Clerk, Vanessa Belmonte, on her retirement from the village. The administrator congratulated Clerk Belmonte and thanked her for her years of service.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham congratulated Clerk Belmonte on her pending retirement. The commissioner further reported that the Firefighters' Union Local 2753 is selling T-shirts benefitting a Fire Department in Mexico. The shirts can be purchased at the Fire House for \$25.00.

Commissioner Nero reported that Des Plaines Avenue, south of Roosevelt in the northbound lane is in poor condition and asked staff to contact IDOT to urge them to make repairs. The commissioner expressed his appreciation to Administrator Entler for the Economic Development update report she submitted. Commissioner Nero stated his desire to bring the zoning updates to a resolution. The real estate inventory in Forest Park is low and these updates would potentially alleviate this by encouraging development and investment in Forest Park. Last, the commissioner congratulated Clerk Belmonte on her retirement and appreciated her continuity throughout the last 20 years.

Commissioner Voogd commented that the elected officials shared their feedback, concerns and suggestions, and look forward to Commissioner Nero's proposals on how to address the issues. The Commissioner announced that the Community Clean Up event was rescheduled to this Saturday, September 27 at 9:00, recognizing U3 for donating coffee for the volunteers and an anonymous doner for providing 50 T-shirts. Commissioner Voogd reported that she attended the Illinois Municipal League conference for 3 days and received much valuable information and appreciates the opportunity to attend. Last, the commissioner thanked Village Clerk Belmonte for her service to the village and congratulated her on her retirement.

Mayor Hoskins reported that the village recently sponsored a Suicide Prevention Workshop in Oak Brook in conjunction with Oak Park Township and River Edge Hospital. There were over 100 speakers, and one member of the Forest Park Board of Health attended as well. The mayor further reported that he continues to work with the Governor and Legislators regarding Transit Consolidation and issues we are experiencing at the Blue Line terminal. One of the suggestions was to oblige the CTA to maintain advanced life saving capabilities at the terminal. Last, the mayor congratulated Clerk Belmonte on her retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Belmonte
Village Clerk