

Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Thursday, April 26, 2012 At #90 Town Center Drive In The Village Of University Park (Re-scheduled Regular Meeting of April 24, 2012)

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Covington called this re-scheduled regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor:	Vivian E. Covington	Present
Trustees:	Elizabeth Williams	Present
	Oscar H. Brown, Jr.	Present
	Milton C. Payton	Present
	Keith J. Griffin	Present
	Joseph E. Roudez, III	Present
	Larry B. Brown	Present

Also present were Village Manager Lafayette Linear, Village Attorney Ivan Tomic, Village Treasurer Devon Dilworth, Police Chief Melvin Davis, Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress, Public Works Director Jerry Townsend, Executive Liaison Johnna Townsend, Fire Chief Charles Exner, Golf Club General Manager/PGA Paul Blockoms, Cable Studio Manager Eddie Pearson, IT Director Deryl Bolton, and Village Clerk Dorothy R. Jones.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Covington led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

D. READING OF MINUTES

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board approves minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees held, March 30, 2012 as amended to show changes as noted by Trustee Oscar Brown on page 2, to add that Exhibit I did not include sections C and D of his amendments to Ordinance O2012-11 as made on March 27, 2012; and to correct an error on page 3, paragraph 4 as noted by Mayor Covington to show that Attorney Tomic (not Manager Linear) indicated that the Mayor did not make any changes.

Roll Call on Minutes:

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Payton, Griffin, Roudez, and Larry Brown.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Motion to Approve Carried, As Amended.

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board approves minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held April 10, 2012 as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Payton, Griffin, Roudez, and Larry Brown.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Motion to Approve Carried.

E. NON-DISCUSSION AGENDA

E-1: Village Manager's Report

Village Manager Lafayette Linear reported that during the past two weeks he has worked with Mayor Covington to promote the Village at several events including seminars at Chicago City Colleges and the University of Chicago; that along with other members of the Village of University Park delegation he attended Lobby Days in Springfield and obtained updates on subjects which include Pension Reform, the South Suburban Airport, Village Road Projects and various funding opportunities.

Manager Linear also reported that subsequent to the Budget Workshop, he has continued to work with the Finance Director to ensure items of Board consensus were included in the budget, noting that these adjustments have been made and will be incorporated into the budget document. He also voiced his pleasure to have the opportunity to demonstrate efficient fiscal management by presenting a balanced budget within the time constraints imposed by the State of Illinois, and that he continues to work to refine the summer hiring process and that he conducted numerous interviews along with the Parks & Recreation Director.

Trustee Griffin attempted to ask questions of the Manager, but was informed by Mayor Covington that this portion of the agenda is Non-Discussion. Therefore discussion or questions would not be allowed.

E-2: Mayor's Report

Mayor Covington thanked all residents that returned the PACE Surveys and noted that the deadline to return them is April 30, 2012; she reported that the new PACE shelters are being constructed in several locations in the village, and noted that she was privileged to sit on a Panel at Chicago State University.

Mayor Covington reported on the success of the Job Fair, and replenished a portion of her report to Mrs. Vernita Martin and Mrs. Donna Gaston.

Mrs. Vernita Martin reported that at the Job Fair there were twenty-two companies that participated and 219 attendees; now she is waiting to see how many individuals would be hired as a result of the job fair.

Mrs. Donna Gaston reported on the success of the Job Fair, but noted that there were very few University Park residents in attendance.

Mayor Covington continued her report noting that she supplied transportation for those needing rides to the Symbolic Ground Breaking Ceremony for the third airport held in Peotone; that over the last two weeks she had met with Dr. Physer relating to scholarships; with Mr. Gerald Garrett relating to BMX complex, and noted that SSMMA wants to be a part of this venue; she reported on her trip to Springfield for Lobby Days reporting that HB 265 drafted by Senator Hutchinson deals with the third airport. She offered condolences to the Vercher family in the loss of their son, and all families who had experienced loss of loved ones.

Mayor Covington commented on a conversation by a developer who has interest in bringing a business venture to the Village, but has concern that with the demeanor of this Board nothing would be done to move the project forward; she also commented on her embarrassment when notified by other Mayors of disingenuous e-mails that are being sent relating to this Village, and that while in Springfield they discussed the desire of Trustee Williams relating to an Over/Underpass for the I-57 Interchange Project.

Proclamation – Municipal Clerks Week

With the concurrence of the Board of Trustees, Mayor Covington proclaimed the week of April 29, through May 5th as Municipal Clerk's Week in the Village of University Park. Trustee Oscar Brown read the proclamation.

E-3: Committee & Commission Reports

Trustee Payton deferred portions of his report of the HSSEC to Chair Donna Gaston and Sub-committee Chairs Bobbie Greer and Robert Travis who gave a synopsis of the up-coming events sponsored by the Human Services & Special Events Committee.

Committee & Commission Reports – continued:

HSSEC Chair Donna Gaston reported on a five (5) mile “Walk for Cancer” that will be held on May 12, 2012 at Balmoral Race Track. This event is being sponsored by the Village of University and Crete, and that June 9th & 10th are Village Wide Block Party and Yard Sale days. She re-emphasized the need for elected officials to become Chair persons for their areas.

Mrs. Bobbie Greer reported on the up-coming Jazz, Blues and Gospel Fest that will be held July 14th & 15th at Pine Lake, and noted that auditions for local artist wishing to participate in the event would be held on June 2nd at 4:00 p.m. at #90 Town Center; additional information is available by contacting Donna Gaston at (708) 534-1853.

Mr. Robert Travis reported on the up-coming “Back-To-School” Carnival scheduled for August 15th and noted that the carnival promises 23 rides, 4 trailers of games and activities, 10 food vendors; and they are working reduced fares for those in need. He also stated that they are looking to Industrial Park Businesses to co-sponsor this event.

Trustee Larry Brown reported that the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners are in the process of hiring patrol officers for an eligibility list, and that May 31, 2012 is the deadline for submitting those applications. He urged residents interested in the Public Safety field to apply.

E-4: Reports Of Other Officers

Police Chief Mel Davis reported on the status of recent break-ins in the Village, noting that they made four arrest, of those arrested three were juveniles. He thanked Sgt. Wilson and her team for the excellent work that they did in the capture of these suspects; reported that the Citizen Police Academy would begin May 7, 2012 and continue for ten weeks; and that since his tenure with the village he has written and submitted grant applications totaling approximately \$400,000.00, and that he was notified that we will receive a \$12,000.00 Clean Energy Grant that will be used in Parks & Recreations.

Public Works Director Townsend reported on the progress of the University Parkway and the I-57 Projects, noting that we are on track for letting bids on June 15, 2012.

Cable Studio Manager Pearson reported that they are developing PSA’s relating to home and safety issues that will begin shortly.

Mayor Covington asked Mr. Pearson of the cable studio to flash emergency messages informing residents of immediate situations, etc.

Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress thanked Mayor Covington and Board for allowing them to take our young people on the college tour to Spellman, Morehouse, and Clark Universities.

Reports Of Other Officers – continued:

Ms. Childress gave special thanks to Programs Supervisor Jenkins, Officer Sockwell, and former Peer Leader Ashley Coates for taking the trip with the students. She invited the public out to Riegel Farm to see all the new and existing animals, and reported that registration for Men's Softball League would begin May 5th at 5:00 p.m., that the first game would be May 20th, and she challenged our elected officials and staff to participate in a game.

Golf Club General Manager/PGA Paul Blockoms reported that they have a beautiful Mother's Day brunch on May 13th with seating at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 and 2:00 p.m.

Fire Chief Charles Exner extended condolences to the Dolton Fire Department in the loss of one of their firefighters, and thanked the University Park Fire Department and the University Park the life saving efforts they rendered to help save the life of a fifteen year old kid.

Finance Director Gloria Gibson reported that she arranged for Auditors McGladrey & Pullen to come out during the second week in May to complete the field work for fiscal year 2009 audit.

F. DISCUSSION AGENDA

F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None on the agenda.

F-2: NEW BUSINESS

F-2a: First, Second, And Third Readings – An Ordinance Adopting The Budget For All Corporate Purposes Of The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties, Illinois, In Lieu Of The Appropriation Ordinance For The Fiscal Year Commencing On The First Day Of May, 2012, And Ending On The Thirtieth Day Of April, 2013

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion that the Board approves first, second and third readings of this ordinance.

Motion To Amend Main Motion:

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board approves to table this item to a workshop.

Mayor Covington asked Manager Linear if a delay in passage of the budget would put

the village in violation.

F-2a - continued:

Manager Linear responded that State Statute requires that we must pass the budget prior to the end of the fiscal year, and commented that it is hard to secure loans or financial assistance if we do not pass the budget. Additionally he stated that all the items of concern that were presented at the Workshop were addressed in this amended budget.

Trustee Payton asked if the budget is passed as is could it later be adjusted or amended.

Trustee Oscar Brown Called the Question, Trustee Griffin seconded the motion.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Griffin, Roudez..
Nays: Trustees Payton, Larry Brown, and Mayor Covington.
Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Call Of Question Failed To Carry.

Roll Call On Motion To Table:

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Griffin, Roudez..
Nays: Trustees Payton, Larry Brown, and Mayor Covington.
Absent: None.

Motion To Table To Workshop Carried.

F-2b: First, Second, and Third Readings – Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of An Engagement Letter Between The Village Of University Park And Schiff Hardin LLP To Serve As Bond Counsel For The Village

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Payton seconded a motion that the Board approves first, second and third readings of this ordinance.

Trustee Griffin questioned the fact that in the original presentation the amount of the bond was 6.5 million dollars, now it is 8.1 million dollars, and asked for clarity.

Manager Linear responded that the request is for up to 8.1 million dollars, and that means that we are not to exceed 8.1 million dollars. However, the Board can decide on the amount. He noted that the estimate from Town Builders put our share of the cost at approximately 1 million dollars, however, our share is closer to 2 million dollars, and that action to secure the \$250,000.00 Escrow that the Village has placed must be done by January 20, 2013. He further stated that this is to secure a Bond Attorney.

Motion To Amend Main Motion:

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves to table this item to a workshop.

Attorney Tomic stated that before bonds in any amount are issued, they must come back before the Board in ordinance form for approval. He stated that this action is not to approve the bond amount, but that this action is to hire an attorney to represent us in the process.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Griffin, Roudez.
Nays: Trustees Payton, and Larry Brown.
Absent: None.

Motion To Table To Workshop Carried.

F-2c: First, Second, and Third Readings – Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of An Investment Banking Services Agreement Between The Village Of University Park And Stern Brothers & Co. To Provide Investment Banking Services

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion that the Board approves first, second, and third readings of this ordinance.

Motion To Amend Main Motion:

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves to table this item to a workshop.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, and Roudez.
Nays: Trustees Payton, Griffin, Larry Brown, and Mayor Covington.
Absent: None.

Motion To Table Failed To Carry.

Attorney Wayne Pierce commented that the Village is not committing to anything other than to allow their firm to look for financing for this project, and with the village audits not up to date, this is something that an investor who has a million dollars invested wants to see.

Trustee Griffin referred to page 2 and questioned the percentage that the firm would get if this is approved.

Attorney Wayne Pierce responded that the percentage is fixed at 1.5 – 1.7% of the bond amount, and that the developer is working on a public/private partnership.

F-2c – continued:

Mayor Covington commented that with our audits behind it is hard to find companies to invest in our village, but this firm has committed to working with us, and she cannot understand the objections.

Ayes: Trustees Payton, Griffin, Larry Brown and Mayor Covington.
Nays: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown and Roudez.
Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number O2012 – 14.

F-2d: First Reading – Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The University Park Police Department And The Cook County Sheriff's Police Department

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion that the Board approves first reading of this ordinance.

Police Chief Melvin Davis commented that this would allow us to tap into both Will and Cook Sheriff Departments to assist with the elements of crime in the village.

Trustee Roudez asked if Cook County would have the authority to operate in this village.

Police Chief Melvin Davis responded that they already have the authority by intergovernmental agreement.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Payton, Griffin, Roudez. and Larry Brown.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried.

F-2e: Resolution Authorizing The Appointment Of An Additional Deputy Clerk

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board approves the appointment of Jacelia Kelly as the additional Deputy Clerk.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Payton, Griffin, Roudez. and Larry Brown.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Resolution Number R2012 - 12.

Accompanied by Mayor Covington, Village Clerk Dee Jones administered the Oath of Office to Jacelia Kelly. Mrs. Kelly was accompanied by her husband.

F-2f: Resolution Approving The Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion that the Board approves this resolution.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Payton, Griffin, Roudez. and Larry Brown.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Resolution Number R2012 - 13.

F-2g: Resolution Ceding The Aggregate Remaining Unused Allocation Of 2012 Private Activity Bond Volume Cap Of The Village Of University Park To The Illinois Finance Authority For Use By Projects In The Chicago Southland Area

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board approves this resolution.

Ayes: Trustees Griffin, Roudez, Larry Brown, Payton, Oscar Brown, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Resolution Number R2012 - 14.

F-2h: Resolution Approving An Extension Of The Intergovernmental Agreement With The Village Of Park Forest To Allow The Use And Occupancy Of The Driving Range And Club House At The Hidden Meadows Golf Course

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board approves this resolution.

Ayes: Trustees Griffin, Roudez, Larry Brown, Payton, Oscar Brown, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Resolution Number R2012 - 15.

F-2i: Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Joint Agreement With The Illinois Department Of Transportation For The Purpose Of Funding Engineering And Construction Services On University Parkway Between Central Avenue And Cicero Avenue

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves this resolution.

Ayes: Trustees Griffin, Roudez, Larry Brown, Payton, Oscar Brown, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Resolution Number R2012 - 16.

F-2j: Appointments

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board approves the appointments of the following individuals to the following committee/commissions: ***Education Advisory Committee*** – Star Lawson; ***Plan Commission*** - Star Lawson and Denise James-Gray; ***Code Enforcement Commission*** – Rev. Alma Thaxton; ***Senior Citizen Committee*** - Rev. Alma Thaxton, Robert Travis, and Steward Lipman; ***Economic Development Commission*** – Victor Cyprian; ***IT/CABLE Commission*** – Stephanie Jenkins; ***Human Services & Special Events Committee*** – Jamal Powell, with Steve Allen as an associate member; ***Parks & Recreation/Youth Committee*** - Steve Allen as an associate member; and ***Public Safety Committee*** - Steve Allen as an associate member. All terms are for three (3) years.

Trustee Payton voiced his concern with the appointments of certain individuals, and noted that Mr. Powell and Mr. Cyprian have not attended the required numbers of meeting to be appointed at this time.

Motion To Amend Main Motion:

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to amend the main motion to remove Jamal Powell and Victor Cyprian from the list of appointments until the amendments to the HSSEC are approved, and until those members are in conformity with attendance requirements

Trustee Larry Brown commented that he would not like to see Mr. Powell removed, because due to his disability transportation may not be available at times of some of the meetings.

Motion To Amend Amended Motion:

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to amend the amended motion and appoint Mr. Jamal Powell as an associate member to the Human Services & Special Events Committee.

Ayes: Trustees Payton, Roudez, Larry Brown,

Nays: Trustee Oscar Brown and Griffin.

Absent: None.

Abstained: Trustee Williams.

Motion To Approve Carried.

Roll Call On Motion To Amend Main Motion:

Ayes: Trustees Payton, Roudez, Larry Brown, and Mayor Covington.

Nays: Trustee Oscar Brown, and Griffin.

Absent: None.

Abstained: Trustee Williams.

Motion To Approve Carried.

Roll Call On Main Motion, As Amended To Appoint Mr. Jamal Powell as an Associate Member to the Human Services & Special Events Committee, and to remove Mr. Victor Cyprian from the list of appointments..

Ayes: Trustees Oscar Brown, Payton, Griffin, and Larry Brown.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstained: Trustees Williams and Roudez.

Motion To Approve, As Amended Carried.

F-2k: Bills Payable

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Payton seconded a motion that the Board approves the listing of the General Operating Expenses that the Village of University Park has incurred for the last two (2) weeks from April 11, 2012 to April 24, 2012. The following funds will be charged for these expenses:

General Operation Fund	\$ 188,422.04
Road & Bridge	\$ 17,931.33
Towncenter Operations	\$ 1,657.28
University Golf Club	\$ 72,225.42

Capital Project Fund	\$	720.17
Payroll Fund	\$	<u>177.28</u>
Total		\$281,133.52

Roll Call on Bills Payable:

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Payton, Griffin, Roudez and Larry Brown.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried.

G. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Star Lawson addressed the Mayor and Board of Trustees and thanked Mayor Covington for her continuous support of the baseball program, and thanked all others who have supported the baseball program, and commented that they are looking for another great season.

Mrs. Mildred Morgan recognized the Board and asked Attorney Tomic to resign; commented that two or three times, village Board meetings have been cancelled, and asked to know how residents are notified of those cancellations; and asked to know why Manager Linear is still the Manager since he does not do anything; he does not attend meetings of the Parks & Recreation Committee and he does not return calls.

Ms. Yvette Flowers addressed the Mayor and Board of Trustees and commented that she is a resident of University Park, and that now she is also an employee of Town Builders Studio. She reported that today she delivered documents to Village Hall in furtherance of the project with the Village and Town Builders Studio, and that they are working on the lease for space in the Town Center. She voiced her excitement with being a resident, and now working in the village for an exciting company.

H. BOARD CAUCUS/RESPONSES TO GENERAL PUBLIC

Mayor Covington suspended the meeting from 9:25 to 9:29 pm to allow the Board an opportunity to caucus. The Board returned and the following responses were given to general public comments.

Mayor Covington responded to Mrs. Morgan informing her that individuals wishing to make comments should address the Mayor for recognition, and noted that proper notice was given for the re-scheduling of the regular meeting, and in the future notices would be put on WUPC Tv4; on the Message Board, and via Robo Calls. She stated that they would respond to Mrs. Morgan relating to Manager Linear in writing.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

J. TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

L. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board adjourns the regular meeting of the Board of Trustee at 10:04 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Carried By Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dorothy R. Jones, CMC
Village Clerk*

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