

Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, February 26, 2013 At #90 Town Center Drive In The Village Of University Park

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Covington called this regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:04 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	Absent (arrived @ 7:08 p.m.)
	Joseph E. Roudez, III	Absent (arrived @ 7:09 p.m.)
	Larry B. Brown	Present

Also present were Village Attorney Steward Diamond, Village Treasurer Devon Dilworth, Police Commander Stroud, Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress, Interim Finance Director Joe Jones, Fire Chief Charles Exner, Golf Club General Manager/PGA Paul Blockoms, Cable Studio Manager Eddie Pearson, and Deputy Clerk Jacelia Kelly.

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 Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Payton seconded a motion that the Board table the minutes of the regular meeting held Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

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

Motion To Table Carried.

E. REPORTS OF ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS

E-1: Village Manager's Report

None.

E-2: Mayor's Report

Mayor Covington read the following Veto Messages on Ordinance No. 02013-3 and Ordinance No. 02013-04

At the February 12, 2013 meeting of the Village Board of the Village of University Park, two ordinances were passed relating to leases in the University Park Town Center. One ordinance, No. 02013-3 is an Ordinance terminating the lease of spaces No.22 and 26. The second Ordinance, No. 2013-04 is an ordinance, terminating the lease of Space No. 82. By this letter, I do hereby veto both ordinances.

The reason for my veto is that the Village Board did not engage in any reasonable negotiations with the tenants at these facilities or offer them reasonable terms and conditions to remain in their facilities. PK's Restaurant and banquet Hall and PK's Christian Learning site are both facilities which provide excellent services to the citizens of our community. We should make every reasonable effort to retain tenants and we cannot blame these tenants for acting upon directions that they received from previous village administration. Once fair leases have been entered into, with a reasonable period to repay back rent not forgivable by improvements, I would favor eviction actions for non-payment or other breaches of the leases. Simply kicking active businesses out of the Town center is not in the best interests of this community.

Veto Message Ordinance No.02013-05 – An Ordinance amending chapter 818, coin-operated amusement devices

On February 12, 2013, the University Park village Board passed ordinance No. 2013-05, An Ordinance amending chapter 818, Coin –Operated amusement devices. I have chosen to veto that ordinance. The reason for the veto is that this is an ordinance which amends various sections of the Village Code and the full text of the ordinance was present to the Village Board only at the Board meeting. Sometimes, ordinances which have been previously discussed can be presented to the Board in this manner, although it would be best to allow the Board members to review the ordinance for an additional period of time. This ordinance in particular is a technical one and I believe that the Village Board deserves the opportunity to study the ordinance with more care before voting upon it.

Motion To Re-schedule Regular Meeting of March 12, 2013:

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Roduez seconded a motion that the Board approves to reschedule the regular Board meeting scheduled for March 12, 2013 to March 5, 2013.

Trustee Oscar Brown asked that Attorney Diamond explain the veto process and the five day requirement.

Attorney Diamond responded that the Mayor of any community has the right to veto any ordinance. The Mayor has five days or until the next regular/special scheduled meeting after an ordinance is passed to decide upon the decision to veto an ordinance. The law then provides that the Board members at the next scheduled meeting has the right take action upon the Mayor's veto and decide on weather to accept the Mayor's veto or override the Mayor's Veto. Attorney Diamond explained the parliamentary procedures of the motion to reconsider.

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

Motion To Re-schedule Meeting Carried.

E-3: Committee & Commission Reports

Trustee Williams asked that Michael Jarigese of Tower Contracting, LLC give a brief presentation as part of her report.

Mr. Jarigese gave a description of the company and the services they provided. He also handed out brochures to the Board members.

Mayor Covington invited Mr. Micheal Jarigese of Tower Contracting, LLC to schedule an appointment with her office to attend an agenda meeting.

Trustee Oscar Brown motioned, Trustee Williams second the motion that the Board approves to allow Micheal Jarigesse of Tower Contracting, LLC 10 minutes to present a brief presentation.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

Trustee Griffin reported that at the last Public Service & Utilities Meeting held last month there was an update on the I-57 Interchange. Construction for the exit and entrance ramps will start in April 2013. The project will take about three year for completion, and there will be an entrance and exit ramp on University parkway.

Trustee Payton congratulated the HSSEC for the great job done during Black History Month which included the Global Food Fest featuring local vendors; there was a trip to Freedom Hall in Park Forest for a play. Trustee Payton noted that on May 2, 2013 the HSSEC will sponsor a job fair from the hours of 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. information regarding the job fair will be given out at the next meeting. Trustee Payton highlighted a number of events forth coming and sponsored by HSSEC.

Treasurer Dilworth reported that he was made aware of a Police Pension training that will be held on March 27, 2013; and would like to make the Board aware that the treasurer does not have a budget line item he would like to attend the training. Treasurer Dilworth noted that while signing checks for the village of University Park, he noticed that there were some credits and overpayment he noticed on some of the utility bills, Treasurer Dilworth noted that he feels that the treasurer should be a permanent check signor.

Mayor Covington noted that a duty of the former Treasurer was check signing; she stated that when she came aboard the job description for the treasurer was a blank page, we will working together to complete a job description for the treasurer.

E-4: Reports of Other Officers

None

E-5: Attorney's Report

Village Attorney Stewart Diamond had no report.

E-6: Department Updates

None

F. GENERAL PUBLIC

Mr. Martin Alexander addressed the Board and commented that TIF is not working for the Village of University Park; he noted that the Village should make the company abide by the agreement of hiring University Park Residents.

Mayor Covington noted that they are working toward that effort; she has personally visited the businesses in the TIF District asking questions about jobs, and requesting that the company's HR Department collectively work the Village to post job opening on the Village's website. Mayor Covington noted that she is making an effort to hold the businesses in the TIF District accountable for employing University Park residents.

Mr. James Stevenson voiced his congratulation to Mayor Covington for the work she has done for the community. Mr. Stevenson voiced his concern about the construction of Family Dollar Store.

Ms. Sandra Heard the Monee Township Assessor greeted the Board and requested an additional two minutes of time for her comments. Ms. Heard noted that there will be a workshop held on Thursday, February 28, 2013 from the hours of 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for more information please call 708-534-6023.

Mr. Darrin Johnson greeted the Board voiced a concern that he never received an answer on his concern with an issue on Circle Drive. Mr. Johnson noted that there is a resident in the Village that has a daycare and Code Enforcement is giving her a hard time, she has tried to get help from the Village.

Mayor Covington stated to Mr. Johnson that those concerns will be addressed at a later time.

G-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G-1a: Second Reading – Ordinance Authorizing a Contract with SB Friedman & Company For TIF – Related Services

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board approves second reading of this ordinance.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

G-2: NEW BUSINESS

G-2a: First, Readings – Ordinance Approving The Purchase of Two Police Vehicles.

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez second a motion that the Board approves first reading of this ordinance.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

G-2b: Resolution Of Condolence In Memory of Mrs Joan Gordon .

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

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

Motion Carried To Approve Resolution Number R2013 - 07.

G-2c: Appointments.

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Roduez seconded a motion that the Board tables the appointments until Tuesday, March 5, 2013.

IT/Cable Communications Advisory Commission

Muhammad Morocco – Three year term
David William Harper – Three year term

Education Advisory Board

Pat Martin – Three year term

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

Motion To Table Carried.

G-2d: Bills Payable

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin 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 February 13, 2013 to February 26, 2013. The following funds will be charged for these expenses:

General Operation Fund	\$ 228,918.94
Road & Bridge	\$ 1,301.43
Town Center	\$ 1,164.67
Golf Course Fund	\$ 24,116.67
TIF IV	\$ 5,309.13
Total	\$ 255,891.97

Motion to Amend Main Motion

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves to consider separately all Aqua Water Payments.

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

Tie Vote - No Action Taken.

Roll Call On Main Motion:

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

H. BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND MANAGER COMMENTS

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

K. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion that the Board adjourns the regular meeting of the Board of Trustee at 9:48 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Carried By Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dorothy R. Jones, CMC
Village Clerk*