

Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, March 25, 2014 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 7:00 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Village Manager Linear, Village Attorney Steward Diamond, Village Treasurer Devon Dilworth, Police Chief Ed Bradley, Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress, Finance Director Joe Jones, Golf Club General Manager/PGA Pro Paul Blockoms, Golf Club Restaurant Manager/Event Coordinator James McCallum, IT Director Deryl Bolton, Deputy Fire Chief Brian Chellios, Cable Studio Manager Eddie Pearson, Public Works Director Ross Burgess, Community Relations Manager James Bell, 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held February 25, 2014.

Mayor Covington noted a correction on page 2, line 4, under her report that should read "**Senator Hutchinson's Staff Assistant**"

Ayes: Trustees Oscar Brown, Griffin, Roudez, Larry Brown, and Mayor Covington.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustees Williams, and Payton.

Motion To Approve As Corrected Carried.

Reading Of The Minutes Continued:

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held March 11, 2014 as presented

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

Mayor Covington requested the Board's concurrence to move the report of the comprehensive plan update from the Manager's Report to this portion of the agenda.

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion to move this item up on the agenda.

Motion To Approve Carried By Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Mike Hoffman of Teske Incorporated gave a power point update on the comprehensive plan. He noted for the public that the comprehensive plan is actually a long term planning tool indicating where the municipality can go, and the directions it can take to achieve its goal. The Comprehensive Plan is an advisory tool for growth and development, not a legislative tool

Mr. Hoffman stated that it is projected that by 2040 the population in University Park should be approximately 35,000 residents. He also commented on suggestions for the land use plan with emphasis on the area between here and the proposed airport that he feels should be agricultural at this point. He also noted that others involved in this project included Val Williams and Ernest Roberts of Robinson Engineers, the University Park Plan Commissioners, and members of the community.

Mr. Terry Duck presented to the Board relating to the Economic Development Implement Opportunities, suggesting that the Village expand the industrial Park TIF District, and the site development along University Parkway; he also noted that the I- 57 Interchange would bring the most significant business opportunities at that corridor.

E-1b: Village Manager's Report

Village Manager Linear stated that in lieu of time he would not give a report.

Trustee Roudez commented that he would like to see Manager Linear set a meeting with Management at Brittany Woods to address some serious issues at that complex.

Trustee Griffin commented on the debris at Brittany Woods and asked that Code Enforcement is directed to address violations. He also asked a status update of the amnesty program and notification procedures.

Village Manager Linear responded that they are working out the concerns with the collection agency, but would be moving forward as directed by the Village Board.

Trustee Larry Brown commented on the recent amount of snowfall and stated that while he understands that the potholes resulted from the severe winter, he wants to make sure that public works concentrates their efforts on filling potholes in the residential areas that have not been addressed previously.

Village Manager Linear responded that they focused mainly on the through streets, but efforts now would be directed to those side streets severely affected.

E. REPORTS OF ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS

E-1a: Elected Officials Report

E - 2: Mayor's Report

Mayor Covington once again apologized to State Representative DeLucca for the disrespectful correspondence he received accusing him of not giving assistance to the Village Of University Park. She also reported on the meetings and events that she has attended since her last report, noting that she met with the transportation committee; she thanked Robinson Engineers for their hard work on our important projects; she expounded on plans that she has for the Board to attend the RECON convention in Las Vegas, noting that The Village Of University Park is teaming up with 6 other communities to better highlight our communities; Mayor Covington noted that the I - 57 Interchange Project is on schedule with an April letting.

Mayor Covington also reported that the ribbon-cutting for the Hickok Bridge would be held on May 16, 2014; Reinhart Food would be hosting a driver's job fair, and invited residents to come out and take advantage of this program.

E-3: Committee & Commission Reports

No reports given.

E-4: Reports of Other Officers

No reports given.

E-5: Attorney's Report

No report at this time.

E-6: Department Updates

None

F. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Attorney Diamond reminded the public of the 30 minutes maximum allowed for public comments, and asked that they be mindful of the time limit. However, anyone who has signed in and not allowed to speak tonight would be 1st on the list for comments at the next meeting.

Mr. Keith Rouse stated that he had no comments, however he wanted to suggest a police blotter on our website to inform residents of criminal activities in our community, and help the community work with the police to deter crime in our town. He also suggested the use of the closed Co-Op as a recreational center for our youth.

Mr. Robert Travis commented on the proposed comprehensive plan and asked if the Village Board had completed the purchasing of the right of ways for the I-57 Projects. He also referred to the 2007 Comprehensive Plan and asked why it was not updated rather than beginning a completely new one, and asked to know why the Plan Commission was shut down for 3 months.

Village Manager Linear responded that IDOT was purchasing those right-of-ways.

Ms. Laverne Williams commented on the reduction of revenue from the gas stations, and asked if the Village receives revenue from Monee for that portion of the gas pumps that is in University Park.

Ms. Annie Ward addressed the Board on behalf of the Concerned Citizens Committee and asked if Aqua Water Company has always been the water supplier for the Village of University Park; she commented that the Villages needs a Human Resources Department, and noted that God's Nation offers free afterschool tutoring from 3 to 6 PM.

Trustee Oscar Brown reported that he will be tutoring math at God's Nation on Thursdays.

G-1 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion to table the following items:

- a. **2nd & 3rd Readings - An Ordinance Amending The Village Code Relating To The Plan Commission**

- b. 2nd & 3rd Readings - An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances By Deleting Chapters From Part 12, Planning And Zoning
- c. Motion To Permit Absent Members Of The Village Board To Make Motions To Reconsider, At The Next Regular Meeting Of Their Attendance, Matters Acted Upon At The Prior Village Board Meeting
- d. Motion To Reconsider 1st, 2nd And 3rd Readings – An Ordinance Correcting A Typographical Error In Ordinance No. 02013-39, An Ordinance Adopting An Employer’s Expense Tax

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

Motion To Table Carried.

G-2: NEW BUSINESS

G-2a: First, Reading – An Ordinance Approving A Contract With Green-Up Landscaping, L.L.C. For The Construction Of A Playground For Fairway Estates Development

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

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

G-2b: First, Second And Third Readings - Ordinance Declaring A Vehicle In The Department Of Parks & Recreation (1993 Chevy Suburban) And Shopping Carts No Longer Necessary Or Useful To The Village And Authorizing The Salvage And Donation Of Said Vehicle And Shopping Carts, Respectively

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves first, 2nd and 3rd readings of this ordinance.

Ayes: Trustees Oscar Brown, Griffin, Roudez, Larry Brown, and Mayor Covington.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustees Williams and Payton.

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number O 2014 – 08.

G-2c: Motion To Require The Segregation Of Employer's Expense Tax Collections In A Separate Account Subject To Specific Payment Authorization By The Village Board

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

Mayor Covington asked to know the reason for the segregation of funds.

Trustee Roudez responded that he wants funds to go for specific projects, and not have those fees on the backs of taxpayers.

Village Attorney Diamond commented that this legislation would assure that funds could only be used with Board approval.

Motion To Amend Main Motion

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion to require that 50% of the funds collected be placed in a separate account, and the other 50% to go into general fund.

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

Nays: Trustee Griffin.

Absent: Trustees Williams and Payton.

Motion To Approve Carried.

Roll Call On Main Motion As Amended:

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

Nays: Mayor Covington.

Absent: Trustees Williams and Payton.

Motion To Approve As Amended Carried.

G-2d: Bills Payable

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Larry Brown 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 March 12, 2014 to March 25, 2014. The following funds will be charged for these expenses:

General Operation Fund	\$132,743.75
Town Center	\$49.56
Golf Course Fund	\$34,041.65
Dralle Industrial Fund	<u>\$682.50</u>
Total	\$170,239.50

Ayes: Trustees Oscar Brown, Griffin, Roudez, Larry Brown and Mayor Covington.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustees Williams and Payton.

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 Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:15 pm.

Motion to adjourn carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dorothy R. Jones, CMC, RMC
Village Clerk*

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