

Minutes Of The Special Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Thursday, June 7, 2012 At #90 Town Center Drive In The Village Of University Park

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Covington called this special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:07p.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, Public Works Director Jerry Townsend, 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.

Public Comment:

Mayor Covington deviated from the agenda and asked the audience if anyone would like to make public comments, if so, she advised them to step forward to the microphone.

A discussion ensued between Mayor Covington and Trustee Roudez regarding this deviation from the agenda of this special meeting; however, the public was allowed to speak, and the following comments were made:

An unidentified University Park resident approached the microphone and greeted the Mayor and Board of Trustees, and stated that at the last meeting Trustee Oscar Brown tabled a lot of things that needed to be done around the Village of University Park, and that in his opinion if Trustee Oscar Brown was not working in the best interest of University Park then Trustee Oscar Brown should step down from his seat.

The resident further stated that he noticed that on the agenda tonight was an item that would deal with the performance of the Attorney, and stated that he feels that Attorney is being reviewed because he stated that the public has a right to speak, and that some of the Trustees are not doing the job that they are being paid to do.

Mr. James Bell greeted the Mayor and Board of Trustee; he stated that he would encourage the board member to vote in a manner that would allow them to have a clear conscience, because that is what they were elected to do, and that if some of us don't agree with you, there is nothing we can do about that, and he asked the Board to ignore all the criticism and intimidation, because intimidation can only be effective when you succumb to it. Mr. Bell further stated that many of us in the community are not intimidated by anyone at anytime under any circumstances, and that he would hope that that Board feels the same way, and stated that we voted for you to do what is right, if someone don't agree with you, then so be it.

Trustee Oscar Brown asked Mayor Covington if he could comment on the public comment.

Mayor Covington responded no to his request stating that we are going to stick with the items on the agenda.

Trustee Payton noted that he would like to make a Parliamentary Inquiry.

My parliamentary inquiry Mayor is this; did you set the agenda for this special meeting? Because Chapter 210 Board of Trustees section 210 – 01 Standing Rules subparagraph (i) Standing Rule Nine: it states: "The President shall set the agenda for each regular meeting and each special meeting, and shall make the same known to the Trustees and to the press as far in advance of such meeting as may be practicable, preferably four days in advance of such meeting." Therefore, Mayor Covington, since you did not create this agenda, we are in violation of standing rules two and nine, and as a result I am moving to adjourn this meeting so we are not in violation of the Standing Rules. Unless and until you set the agenda for future meetings these matters at hand should not be discussed.

Motion to Adjourn Special Meeting

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion that the Board adjourns the special meeting of the Board of Trustee.

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

Motion To Adjourn Failed To Carry.

Mayor Covington, Trustee Payton, and Trustee Larry Brown dismissed themselves from the meeting.

Motion for Recess

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves a five minute recess at 7:22 p.m.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote of Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Griffin, and Roudez.

The Board returned from recess at 7:27, resumed the special meeting and took the following action:

Motion To Appoint A Mayor Pro Tem

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board approves to appoint Trustee Roudez Mayor Pro-tem in the absence of the Mayor.

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

Motion to Approve Carried.

D. SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

D-1: First, Second and Third Readings – Ordinance Amending Section 230-01 of the Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of University Park To Create A Command Structure, Including Creating The Position Of Police Commander and Defunding The Deputy Chief Position, For Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014 Of The Village Of University Park.

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board approves first, second, and third reading of this ordinance.

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

Motion to Approve Carried

Ordinance Number O2012-19.

D-2: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board move into executive session for purposes of discussion relating to the performance of the Village Attorney at 7:35 p.m.

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

Motion Carried To Approve.

The Board returned from executive session at 7:45 p.m. resumed the regular meeting, and took the following actions.

D-3: Motion To Direct The Village Manager To Investigate The Selection Of A New Attorney Or Law Firm To Serve The Village Of University Park, With Written Report From The Manager To The Village Board To Be Made On Or Before June 14, 2012 And Provide Current Counsel With A 30 Day Notice Of Contract Termination.

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Oscar Brown second a motion that the Board approves this motion.

Trustee Larry Brown noted that the board should think about the decision that is being made.

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

Motion to Approve Carried.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion that the Board adjourns the special meeting of the Board of Trustee at 7:49 p.m.

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

Motion To Adjourn Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dorothy R. Jones, CMC
Village Clerk*

BY:

*Jacelia Kelly
Deputy Village Clerk*