

Minutes Of A Workshop Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, December 10, 2013 At #90 Town Center Drive In The Village Of University Park

A. CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Mayor Covington, Trustee Oscar Brown called this workshop of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:46 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor:	Vivian E. Covington	Absent (arrived at 7:12)
Trustees:	Elizabeth Williams	Present
	Oscar H. Brown, Jr.	Present
	Milton C. Payton	Present
	Keith J. Griffin	Present
	Joseph E. Roudez, III	Absent (arrived at 7:00)
	Larry B. Brown	Absent

Also present were Village Manager Lafayette Linear, Village Attorney Stewart Diamond, Village Treasurer Devon Dilworth, Executive Liaison Johnna Townsend, Fire Chief Charles Exner, Public Works Director Ross Burgess, Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress, Cable Studio Manager Eddie Pearson, and Village Clerk Dorothy R. Jones.

C. PUBLIC HEARING – 2013-14 BUDGET

C-1: General Public Comments

Mrs. Mary Pruitt asked to know when the 2013-14 budget was due to be passed; whether the village was in violation with State law with the delay in passing the budget, and if there would be penalties for taxpayers.

Attorney Diamond responded to Mrs. Pruitt commenting that the budget should be passed prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year; However, that has not happened, and he noted that last year the Board used its Home Rule powers to extend the time frame. He would recommend that the Board consider adopting an Appropriation Ordinance, to hopefully prevent this issue in the future. He also commented that this delay should not cause any penalties for taxpayers.

A question was raised relating to the amount of funds expended for attorney fees for the firm of Ancel Glink and other attorneys.

Manager Linear responded that the estimate is approximately \$110,000.00. However, some of those fees can be charged to TIF or Special Funds.

Trustee Payton stated that he wants to see total fees for attorney fees on a spread sheet.

Manager Linear responded that he would get it done.

There were no further comments from the public.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion to adjourn this special meeting/public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Ayes: Trustees Larry Brown, and Payton.

Nays: Trustees Roudez, Griffin, Oscar Brown and Williams.

Absent: None.

Motion To Adjourn Carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy R. Jones, CMC, RMC
Village Clerk