

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois held its regular meeting on Monday, February 24, 2020. Mayor Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Answering to roll call were Commissioners Milovich-Walters, Polk, Pavlatos, and Mayor Mahoney. Commissioner Reed was not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Marie Arrigoni, Village Clerk; Rick Boehm, Village Manager; Tom Bayer, Village Attorney; Howard Jablecki, Assistant Village Attorney; Mike Sibrava, Public Works Director; Lauren Pruss, Community Development Director; Barbara Maziarek, Finance Director; Joe Miller, Police Chief; Mose Rickey, Parks and Recreation Director; and Cathy Gabel, Deputy Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2020: Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved, seconded by Commissioner Polk, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 10, 2020 as presented.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -4- Commissioners Milovich-Walters, Polk, Pavlatos, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

METRA 75TH STREET CREATE PROJECT: Demetrios Skoufis and Sis Killen spoke to Council this evening regarding the 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project. The project addresses conflicts between several freight railroads and Metra. The 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project (CIP) is a set of interconnected projects that will reduce congestion in a rail corridor on Chicago's South Side currently used by 30 Metra SouthWest Service (SWS) trains, 90 freight trains and two Amtrak trains each weekday. The 75th Street CIP is the largest project in the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) Program with 70 projects designed to improve passenger and freight rail operations. Project benefits include moving 30 weekday SWS trains to LaSalle Street Station which will increase slots for additional Metra and Amtrak trains on the south side of Chicago Union Station, improving infrastructure in the corridor and moving the SWS out of Union Station to allow Metra to increase the number of trains serving this fast-growing line, and reduce SWS delays by more than 50 percent. Passenger travel times through the corridor will be reduced by 18 percent. Project funding comes from the federal government, freight railroads, the state of Illinois, Cook County, Metra, the city of Chicago, and Amtrak.

HEARINGS: None

CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the consent agenda are routine or have been brought forward at the direction of the Board of Commissioners and will be enacted with one motion. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved, seconded by Commissioner Polk to:

- A. approve payment of invoices on the Warrant List dated February 24, 2020 in the amount of \$64,136.98

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -4- Commissioners Milovich-Walters, Polk, Pavlatos, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

OLD BUSINESS: None

BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

ZBA RECOMMENDATION FOR CORNER SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FOR 12600 SOUTH WOLF ROAD: Zoning Board of Appeals met on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 to consider a request from the homeowners of 12600 South Wolf Road for a 16.5 foot variation (33%) from the 50.00 foot minimum corner side yard setback requirement of Section 1268.02(f) of the Palos Park Village Code relative to the construction of a new garage. The homeowner/applicant informed Council they are remodeling the house and the extra garage will be used as a workshop for her husband. Following discussion, Zoning Board of Appeals voted five (5) yes, one (1) no to recommend approval of the 16.5 foot variance from the required 50 foot minimum corner side yard setback requirement of Section 1268.02(f) of the Palos Park Village Code.

Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved, seconded by Commissioner Polk, to adopt an Ordinance approving a corner side yard setback variation.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -4- Commissioners Milovich-Walters, Polk, Pavlatos, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

INFORMATION & UPDATES:

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND STREETS/RECREATION & PARKS, NICOLE MILOVICH-WALTERS: Commissioner Milovich-Walters had no formal report this evening.

COMMISSIONER OF BUILDING & PUBLIC PROPERTY, G. DARRYL REED:

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: In Commissioner Reed's absence, Mayor Mahoney reported the Building Department issued nine (9) permits from February 5, 2020 – February 19, 2020 resulting in \$10,544.40 in permit fees. Twelve (12) inspections were completed during this time period. No occupancy permits were issued.

WESTERN GROWTH AREA MASTER PLAN: The Western Growth Area includes several parcels of land, each under single ownership. No development is currently proposed but private and public investment are expected to occur in the near future. The Master Plan establishes the Palos Park community's vision for the future of the Western Growth Area. It was emphasized the plan will ensure proper planning so that this new growth does not place an economic burden on existing Village services. The Western Growth Area Master Plan will 1) Support established development review and approval procedures, 2) Plan for growth that will be economically sustainable, 3) Guide the review of, and updates to development regulations for the growth area, 4) Maintain the core principles and values that make Palos Park a desirable community, and 5) Ensure that Palos Park remains an appealing community for residents at all stages of life.

Plan Commission held public hearings on November 21, 2019, December 17, 2019 and January 16, 2020 in regard to the proposed Western Growth Area Master Plan amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for the Village. On January 16, 2020 Plan Commission recommended the adoption of the Western Growth Area Master Plan amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for the Village. On February 10, 2020, Village Council had public discussion at its Council meeting in relation to the proposed Western Growth Area Master Plan and approved and adopted the findings of the Plan Commission to incorporate the Western Growth Area Master Plan as an official document of the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved, seconded by Commissioner Polk, to adopt an Ordinance approving a Western Growth Area Master Plan amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois and amending Part Twelve, Title Two, Chapter 1222, Section 1222.02 of the Palos Park Village Code in relation thereto.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -4- Commissioners Milovich-Walters, Polk, Pavlatos, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, DANIEL POLK:

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT: Commissioner Polk reported the Police Department received 2,330 calls for service from February 10, 2020 through February 23, 2020. Palos Park Police also issued 36 adjudication tickets, 17 traffic tickets, 31 written warnings, 27 verbal warnings, completed 20 case reports, arrested 2 adults, 0 juveniles, 0 impounds, 13 senior checks, 19 citizen assists and 24 community contact hours.

LOCK IT UP: In an effort to increase awareness about car burglaries in the area, residents are reminded to lock their cars and report suspicious behavior to the police.

COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES, JAMES PAVLATOS: Commissioner Pavlatos had no formal report this evening.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Mahoney had no formal report this evening.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Arrigoni had no formal report this evening however, she read several announcements.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Boehm reported building permits have been approved for Wu's House, Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar. Construction/renovation is to begin soon.

CITIZENS AND VISITORS COMMENT PERIOD: None

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: There being no further business, Commissioner Polk moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Upon voice vote, the motion passed with 4 yes votes.

AYES: -4- Commissioners Polk, Milovich-Walters, Reed, Pavlatos, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Reed

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Gabel
Deputy Village Clerk