

**APPROVED MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 15th, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF OAK PARK VILLAGE HALL**

OFFICIAL RECORD

PRESENT: Trustees Brewer, Hale, Hedges, Johnson, and Lueck; and President Pope
ABSENT: Trustee Pate
QUORUM: President Pope called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m. and declared that a quorum was present.

AGENDA

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for the meeting. It was suggested that, procedurally, all five sub-items under Item L be taken together. A voice vote was taken and the agenda was approved as presented.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 1, 2010 be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented.

**PROCLAMATION
Days of Remembrance
April 11 – 18, 2010**

It was moved and seconded to concur in a Proclamation to declare April 11 through 18 Days of Remembrance in the Village of Oak Park. President Pope read the Proclamation aloud. A voice vote was taken and the Proclamation was adopted.

**PROCLAMATION
National Public Health Week
April 15 – 11, 2010**

It was moved and seconded to concur in a Proclamation to declare April 5 through 11 National Public Health Week in Oak Park. President Pope read the Proclamation aloud in its entirety, and asked the Director of the Board of Health Frank Vozac to speak. A voice vote was taken and the Proclamation was adopted.

**PROCLAMATION
Arbor Day
April 23, 2010**

It was moved and seconded to concur in a Proclamation to declare April 23rd Arbor Day in Oak Park. President Pope read the Proclamation aloud. A voice vote was taken and the Proclamation was adopted.

**PROCLAMATION
Earth Month
April 2010**

It was moved and seconded to concur in a Proclamation to declare April Earth Month in Oak Park. President Pope read the Proclamation into the record. A voice vote was taken and the Proclamation was adopted.

**RESOLUTION
In Support of Military Readiness Enhancement Act**

It was moved and seconded to concur in a Resolution in Support of the Military Readiness Enhancement Act. President Pope read the Resolution into the record in its entirety. Trustee Ray Johnson spoke in favor of the Resolution. A voice vote was taken and the Resolution was adopted.

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT

- A. Village Manager Tom Barwin reported that work begins April 5th on 27 miles of I-290, narrowing traffic to two lanes and will cause two years of construction inconvenience for Oak Parkers. President Pope interjected that the Eisenhower construction will increase congestion on Oak Park streets as drivers seek east-west alternates. Mr. Barwin then provided a construction update on the largest capital improvements schedule in 30 years. Work on viaduct lighting on Oak Park Avenue is proceeding with completion expected by the end of March. The Traffic Signal Interconnect project is wrapping up. Bids for Ridgeland Avenue resurfacing were opened at IDOT on March 5; East Avenue and Roosevelt Road are scheduled for bid on April 23. Bids for the Bike Network Signage project were opened on March 11 and the contracts will be forwarded to the Board for approval on May 3. The contract for the Sidewalk Program has been awarded. The work continues on the I-290 water main inspections. Engineering staff are working on plans for water and sewer main work, as well as street resurfacing and alley reconstruction. These plans will allow bidding for these projects to begin in May and June. NiCor has scheduled installation of approximately two miles of new, high pressure gas main, providing over 900 customers with upgraded service. Work will begin in the Ridgeland-Greenfield area in early April.

CITIZEN COMMISSION VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS

- B. President Pope referred to the Board and Commission vacancy report, and urged residents to volunteer for commissions and boards.
- C. It was moved and seconded to concur in the following appointments by President Pope:

Citizen Involvement Commission

Appointment of Kristen Hollinden, as Member, with a term to expire March 15, 2013

Citizen Police Oversight Committee

Appointment of Marc Stanley, as Member, with a term to expire March 15, 2013

Historic Preservation Commission

Appointment of Tony Quinn, as Member, with a term to expire March 15, 2013

Housing Authority

Appointment of Laurie Wardell, as Member, with a term to expire March 15, 2015

A voice vote was taken and the appointments were approved.

SECOND READING

M. Second Reading of Ordinance Amending Section 15-5-5 of the Village Code Entitled "Specific Violation of the Illinois Vehicle Code Adopted by Reference"

There was no discussion of the second reading of the ordinance.

REGULAR AGENDA

*All Ordinances and Resolutions adopted herein
are herewith ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk*

P. It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 2010-0-13 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-5-5 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED "SPECIFIC VIOLATION OF THE ILLINOIS VEHICLE CODE ADOPTED BY REFERENCE" be adopted.**

Trustee Johnson and Village Attorney Ray Heise summarized that if passed, Item P will allow Oak Park Parking Enforcement Officers to enforce State regulations for vehicle registrations (license plate stickers).

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brewer, Hale, Hedges, Johnson, and Lueck; and President Pope

NAYS: None

The ordinance was adopted.

- K. It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 2010-O-14 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO PERMIT A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FOR A MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH CONDOMINIUM, RETAIL SPACE, PUBLIC PARKING AND A HOTEL** be adopted.

AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Marsey, 1107 Holley Court. Mr. Marsey articulated his objection to the size of the Village's monetary contribution to this project in light of the Oak Park River Forest High School's lawsuit for tax payments owed per the 2003 Downtown TIF carve out agreement. Mr. Marsey also indicated that this project would incur additional new debt to the Village.

Village Manager Tom Barwin then described an addition to Ordinance 2010-O-14 encouraging uniform store hours, staying open until 9 PM on Monday through Thursday and 6 PM on Fridays.

President Pope responded to Mr. Marsey's public commentary by clarifying that there is no dollar subsidy per se being paid to the developer. The land will be contributed, but its value returned in the form of hotel, sales and property taxes. Such taxes will benefit not only the Village but also the other taxing bodies, including the school districts, at a projected rate of \$2.5 million per year. \$9.2 million from the Village is involved in the project; however that figure is already planned to replace the existing parking garage – calling it a 'subsidy' is not correct. Trustee Johnson also emphasized that an independent financial analysis determined the TIF has the capacity to support the project, and that there is zero risk to the Village in allowing the project to proceed.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brewer, Hale, Hedges, Johnson, and Lueck; and President Pope

NAYS: None

The ordinance was adopted.

- O. It was moved and seconded that Resolution 2010-R-41 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SALES AGREEMENT WITH HME/AHRENS FOX FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TWO (2) HME/AHRENS FOX RESCUE PUMPERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$794,234 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE MASTER EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH REPUBLIC FIRST NATIONAL CORPORATION TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF THE APPARATUS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE, INCLUDING INTEREST, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$954,098.40** be adopted.

Interim Fire Chief Tom Ebsen, as well as Chief Finance Officer Craig Lesner, responded to questions from Trustees about the length of service of Oak Park fire trucks, risks and benefits involved in waiting to replace them, the used fire truck market, early payoff on the lease agreement and the trade in value of the two old

pumpers. Answers to such questions are complicated by rapidly changing EPA diesel regulations and fire service technologies.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brewer, Hale, Hedges, Johnson, and Lueck; and President Pope

NAYS: None

The resolution was adopted.

L. It was moved and seconded to approve Staff Recommendation to Deny Recommendations from the Transportation Commission to Adopt Motions to Approve Parking Restriction Changes Within the East Avenue/Washington Street Area Related Only to Those Marked "Winter 2009/10"

- L1. Motion to prohibit the sublease of commuter lots for other activities (e.g. Christmas tree lots), if there is a conflict with permit holders**
- L2. Motion to Adopt an Ordinance to create summer-monthly parking in SB4 (Elmwood to East Ave & Wesley to Euclid) summer-monthly parking**
- L3. Motion to change 1 and 2 hr metered parking to 3hr parking 9am – 5pm on Madison St. (East Ave to Oak Park)**
- L4. Motion to move the meters near the intersection of Oak Park Ave. and Madison St. to Lot 70 (East Ave) - Madison St. (East Ave to Oak Park Ave)**
- L5. Motion to Adopt an Ordinance on the 700 block of Harrison to convert Resident Permit Parking Only Spaces to "Commuter" 8am-4pm spaces**

Interim Parking Services Manager Cara Pavlicek explained why Parking Services staff recommended to deny the Transportation Commissions' proposals to change parking schema in the Madison to Washington, Ridgeland to Oak Park Avenue corridor. The issues involved in each of these five proposals were subtle and involved the particular considerations of businesses, residents and commuters. The Chair of the Transportation Commission was not in attendance.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brewer, Hale, Hedges, Johnson, and Lueck; and President Pope

NAYS: None

The motion was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Resolution 2010-R-42 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A ONE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH MCADAM LANDSCAPE OF FOREST PARK, IL FOR 2010 BUSINESS DISTRICT LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000.00**
- E. Resolution 2010-R-43 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUBURBAN TREE CONSORTIUM FOR THE PURCHASE AND PLANTING OF PARKWAY**

TREES FOR SPRING AND FALL 2010, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00, WAIVING THE BIDDING PROCESS

- F. Resolution 2010-R-44A, entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TRINE CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, FOR EMERGENCY WATER AND SEWER REPAIRS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2010**, Resolution 2010-R-44AB entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CERNIGLIA COMPANY FOR EMERGENCY WATER AND SEWER REPAIRS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2010**, and Resolution 2010-R-44AC entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NERI BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION FOR EMERGENCY WATER AND SEWER REPAIRS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2010**
- G. Resolution 2010-R-45 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH G.A. PAVING CONTRACTORS INC. FOR SNOW PLOWING AND SALTING OF VILLAGE LEASED/OWNED PARKING LOTS FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,608**
- H. **Motion to Extend Deadlines for Previously Approved Housing Programs Projects until September 30, 2010**
- I. Ordinance 2010-O-15 entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF SECTION 7-9-8F OF THE VILLAGE CODE RELATING TO HISTORIC LANDMARKS DESIGNATING 639 FAIR OAKS AVENUE, 231 N. EUCLID AVENUE, 178 N. EUCLID AVENUE AND 647 LINDEN AVENUE AS OAK PARK HISTORIC LANDMARKS AS REVIEWED AT THE MARCH 1, 2010 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**
- J. Resolution 2010-R-46 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH S.B. FRIEDMAN & COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000**

Approve the Consent Agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the items under the Consent Agenda.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brewer, Hale, Hedges, Johnson, and Lueck; and President Pope

NAYS: None

The Consent Agenda was adopted.

CALL TO THE BOARD AND CLERK

Village Clerk Teresa Powell reminded Oak Park residents to complete their Census forms, and mail them before the April 1 deadline.

Trustee Lueck announced that Housing Manager Tammie Grossman and the Housing Programs Advisory Commission are working on materials for realtors to promote properties in Oak Park, both for sale and rent. These materials will be useful to both the Housing Center and on the Village website. Trustee Lueck also referenced the

Governor's budget address, and the mention of cuts in payments to municipalities and school districts.

Trustee Johnson commented on a Chicago Tribune editorial addressing the State budget for education and pensions, and how he had hoped for leadership in this regard.

Trustee Johnson also suggested not plowing our parking lots unless snowfall exceeds ½". He also touched on store vacancies that result from anticipated private development of retail properties: how do other communities handle this problem so that it does not become blight.

Trustee Hedges noted that the State of Illinois appears to be passing its burdens along - both increasing costs and cutting funding.

Trustee Hale refuted suggestions that Oak Park has more than its share of retail vacancies. He quoted statistics from the Baum Realty report. Oak Park's vacancy rate in 2009 was 6%, the Chicago area average was 11.7% and the national average was 12.2%. In terms of sales tax revenue, Oak Park was down 1.15% in 2009, but Cook County was down 10%, Berwyn was down 15%. Far from being a failure, Whiteco first floor tenant Trader Joe's contributed to an increase in 2009 sales taxes of \$125,000. Oak Park Development Corporation has six prospective businesses in the pipeline now. In Trustee Hale's opinion, retail in Oak Park is vibrant and holding its own in a recessionary environment.

ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned to an Executive Session at 9:30 P.M. Monday, March 15th, 2010.

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF:

Teresa Powell, Village Clerk

By: Karen M. Muriello
Deputy Village Clerk