*Minutes Of The Committee Of The Whole Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday February 14, 2023 at 90 Town Center Drive*

# *1. CALL TO ORDER*

Mayor Roudez called this Committee Of The Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:17 p.m.

***2. ROLL CALL***

Mayor: Joseph E. Roudez III Present

Trustees: Janelle D. McFadden Present

 Theaplise Brooks Present

 Sonia Jenkins-Bell Present

 Donzell Franklin Present

 Shirley A. Bolding Present

 Karen L. Lewis Present

Also, present were Village Manager Elizabeth Scott, Economic Development Director Ernestine B. Beck-Fulgham, Village Attorney Joe Miller, Communications Specialist Neva Jenkins, Public Works Director Matt Stacey, Executive Laison Claudia Webb, and Village Clerk Dorothy R. Jones.

**3. *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***

Mayor Roudez led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**4.  *GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS***

Ms. Phyllis Saunders announced that they would be hosting a Black History Program on Friday, February 17th at the St. Mary Church on Monee Road, and invited the public to attend.

Ms. Mildred Morgan asked Village Manager Scott if she was going to be campaign manager for the mayor, and if employees would be allowed to work the Polls and campaign for the mayor.

Village Manager Scott responded to Ms. Morgan stating that she cannot control what employees do on their own time.

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Attorney Joe Miller responded to Ms. Morgan stating that employees cannot campaign during their work, but they can use their own time. To attempt to deny them that right would be a violation of their constitutional rights.

**5. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**5-1a: *Presentation - Discussion – 2023 TOD Plan. Robert Morris, Senior***

***Analyst for RTA and Nicholas Pryor, of SCB (Solomon Cordwell Buenz).***

Mr. Nicholas Pryor of SCB (Solomon Cordwell Buenz) and Mr. Robert Morris, Senior

Analyst for RTA gave a Power Point presentation explaining the process and what the project involves. Mr. Pryor noted that they received 150 responses from surveys that they conducted on the need for community involvement. He stated that the location is near the METRA Station across from GSU that is in need of diverse housing.

Mr. Robert Morris stated that METRA has identified funding sources to assist University Park with funding for this project, noting that Phase One would consist of 200 units of housing.

After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Mayor and Board of Trustees was to move this item forward for action at the regular meeting of February 28, 2023.

**5-1b: *Presentation and Discussion By Cleo Downs President Production Distribution Companies Relating To Lighting Project For Municipal Street Lighting.***

Economic Development Director Ernestine Berry-Fulgham gave an overview of this project

and how LED Lighting would save approximately fifty-two thousand dollars on bills over ten years. She also noted that there would be Intelligent Light Poles that would act as cameras to detect license plate numbers as an asset to law enforcement.

After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Mayor and Board of Trustees was to move this item forward for further discussion to the next meeting of the Community Of The Whole on March 14, 2023 when Mr. Downs could be present.

**5-1c: *Discussion – Presentation A Resolution Approving And Authorizing the Bass Group As Lobbyist.***

Mr. Bass was not present, so the consensus of the Mayor and Board of Trustees was to move this item forward for further discussion at the next meeting of the Community Of The Whole on March 14, 2023.

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**5-1d: *Discussion – Resolution State of Illinois Enterprise Zone Modification (IGA)***

Village Manager Scott read portions of the request for the modifications, noting that this involves a request from the Village of Monee and does not involves the Village of University Park. However, since it is in the Enterprise Zone, all participating communities must vote on the amendments.

After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Mayor and Board of Trustees was to move this item forward for action at the regular meeting of February 28, 2023.

**5-1e: *Discussion - Resolutions for MFT funds For Rock Salt 2019***.

**5-1f:** ***Discussion - Resolutions for MFT funds For Rock Salt 2020.***

**5-1g:** ***Discussion - Resolutions for MFT funds For Rock Salt 2021.***

**5-1h:** ***Discussion - Resolutions for MFT funds For Rock Salt 2022.***

Village Manager Scott explained that the State had informed her that annual resolutions had not been passed for use of Motor Fuel Taxes for the aforementioned years. Therefore, these four items were discussed together.

After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Mayor and Board of Trustees was to move these items forward for action at the regular meeting of February 28, 2023.

**5-1i:** ***Discussion – Ordinance - Lease Agreement for Unit #38 & 40 with United Dental Resources Corporation (They are requesting a 4-year agreement at $700/month with the option to renew.***

After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Mayor and Board of Trustees was to move this item forward for action at the regular meeting of March 28, 2023. This would allow time for publication of the intent to lease this property as required.

**5-1j:** ***Discussion – Ordinance -Lease Agreement for Unit #34 with Our Steps Are Ordered, NFP.***

Mr. David Collins gave a brief presentation of what they do, noting that although they are a faith-based organization, they would not be holding types of church services. They partner with other companies to provide services such as food and clothing for kids.

After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Mayor and Board of Trustees was to move this item forward for action at the regular meeting of February 28, 2023.

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**5-1k:** ***Presentation – Discussion Of A Request For A Liquor License.***

Olivia of Papa Luis Super Burrito, 1301 Hamilton Avenue gave a brief, but informative overview of their business, and their request for a Class B Liquor license. Noting that they have been in business on Hamilton since July 2020 with continued growth during this pandemic. Now they have an opportunity to expand their business and desire to offer alcoholic beverages to customers. She stated that they understand that the Board would have to amend their ordinance to increase the number of licenses to accommodate, and she asked that they grant them this requested liquor license.

After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Mayor and Board of Trustees was to move forward for action of amending the codified ordinances to increase the number of Class B liquor license by 1 at the regular meeting of February 28, 2023.

**6. *Executive Session*** (***Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline,***

***performance, or dismissal of certain employees; Litigation, pending and***

***probable, sale/lease/disposal of Village Property).***

None.

**7. ADJOURNMENT.**

Trustee McFadden moved, Trustee Bolding seconded the motion to adjourn this COW meeting at 9:32 p.m.

***Motion To Adjourn Carried By A Unanimous Voice Vote.***

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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 *Village Clerk*