

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007
MEMORIAL HALL
7:30 P.M.**

Members Present: Chairman Coleman Tuggle, Trustee Michael Smith

Members Absent: Trustee Follett, Trustee Williams

Staff Present: Village Manager David Cook, Police Chief Bradley Bloom, Fire Chief Patrick Kenny, Director of Community Development Tim Bleuher, Tim Scott,

Others Present: Jan Anderson (Chamber of Commerce), Michael Fields, Chuck Foster, Jeanne James, Trustee Vic Orlor

Chairman Tuggle called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2007, in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois.

Minutes

Trustee Smith moved to approve the minute of the March 19, 2007 meeting. Chairman Tuggle seconded. Motion carried.

Fire and Police Departments' Monthly Reports

The Committee reviewed the monthly reports that summarize departmental activities. The respective Chiefs provided copies and a brief overview of their department's annual reports.

Community Development Monthly Report

Director Bleuher noted some high points of the monthly report, specifically the number of new home and demolition permits. He noted that building trends are still running behind last year, which is relative to the national market. Director Bleuher also made mention that beginning May 1, 2007, the department would begin to enforce the grading permit for any land disturbing activities in the Village. Lastly, Director Bleuher announced that the Ogden Avenue Steering Committee would hold a kick-off meeting within the next couple of weeks.

Cook County Agreement for Access to G.I.S. Information

Director Bleuher explained what the Geographic Information System (G.I.S.) is and how it applies to the job tasks of the department. He further explained that the department has already obtained this information from DuPage County and because the Village is also in Cook County, the same resolution and agreement had to be obtained in order to acquire information. Director Bleuher went on to state that the Village has recently released a purchase order for the necessary technological equipment for the department in order to fully utilize the system.

Chairman Tuggle moved to adopt a “Resolution and Agreement for the Village to Obtain the Necessary G.I.S. Information.” Trustee Smith seconded. Motion carried.

HPC 2007-01 – 735 South Garfield Street, Local Landmark Designation

Director Bleuher gave a brief architectural description of the land marked property.

Trustee Smith made a motion to adopt “An Ordinance Designating 735 South Garfield Street as a Historic Landmark.” Chairman Tuggle seconded. Motion carried.

HPC 2007-02 – 319 North Lincoln Street, Local Landmark Designation

Director Bleuher gave a brief architectural description of the land marked property.

Trustee Smith made motion to adopt “An Ordinance Designating 319 North Lincoln as a Historic Landmark.” Chairman Tuggle seconded. Motion carried.

23 West Chicago Avenue – Thatcher Oaks/Dr. Salvino – Exterior Appearance/Site Plan Review – Awning

Trustee Smith asked Director Bleuher to confirm that the proposed awning was the same as the second one depicted in the attached photograph. Director Bleuher confirmed that it was the same material, but a different structural design based on the fact that these are two separate roof designs. Chairman Tuggle noted that this was a point of discussion for the Plan Commission as well.

Trustee Smith made a motion to adopt “An Ordinance Approving Site Plans and Exterior Appearance Plans for Modifications to a Commercial Building at 23 West Chicago Avenue.” Chairman Tuggle seconded. Motion carried.

Case A-05-2007 – Applicant: Village of Hinsdale – Request: Text Amendment to Section 11-603 Planned Developments of the Hinsdale Zoning Code Includes Language to Streamline Procedure for Planned Developments and to Section 12-102 Application to Variations, Special Uses and Development Plans

Director Bleuher gave an explanation that this proposed text amendment came to fruition through an application for an amendment to an existing planned development. In this application it was discovered that the existing language within the Zoning Code requires an unrealistic timeline with respect to submittals for approval. The intent was to make the process for planned developments consistent with other communities and more easily understood and streamlined. Director Bleuher went on to mention that discussions have begun with the Village Attorney’s office and an outside planning consultant to review three municipal texts with respect to their planned development processes. Director Bleuher had staff extrapolate seven municipal examples of this process and came down to support only one of the seven, St. Charles. The consultant also recommended Moline, Illinois and Johnson Creek, Wisconsin.

Chairman Tuggle noted that this was a lot of information to take in and that he would recommend deferral in order for staff to make a more concise recommendation. Trustee Smith concurred with this point. Director Bleuher responded that he would get together with the applicable village staff and consultants to return and make a specific recommendation.

25 East Hinsdale Avenue – Cosi – Use of Public Sidewalk and Outdoor Seating Permit

Director Bleuher explained the nature of the request, Village standards with this type of request, and attached site plan. Trustee Smith noted that there would be a fence and gate along the north side of the proposed outdoor seating area and felt that this gives the impression that the space is private and would deter from Metra riders passing through this space to access the platform.

Chairman Tuggle asked if the fence was at the request of the railroad. Director Bleuher indicated that the request did come from the railroad. Trustee Smith mentioned that he would not be in support of the request if it included a fence. Chairman Tuggle concurred with Trustee Smith. Director Bleuher had asked the Trustees that, if the fence was removed from the request, would they find support. The Trustees agreed that, they would support the request with the removal of the fence and that if this was the case, it could be put on the next Board of Trustees' meeting.

Chairman Tuggle moved to deny the request. Trustee Smith seconded. Motion carried.

323 Hillcrest Avenue – Jay W. and Doris K. Christopher – Plat of Vacation/Abrogation

Director Bleuher gave the history and explanation of this plat of vacation request and that there were no utilities found in said easement. Trustee Smith asked if confirmation of this fact was supported by staff and the applicant. Director Bleuher confirmed that it did and was also reviewed by the Village Engineer.

Chairman Tuggle made the motion to adopt "A Resolution Approving Vacation of an Existing Easement for Lots 27, 28 and 29 in the Highlands Subdivision." Trustee Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Contract Renewal of Attorney Linda Pieczynski with Changes being an increase in Hourly Court Rate and Increase in Per Session Court Rate

Chief Bloom stated that the contract with Linda Pieczynski, Village Prosecutor, expires May 31, 2007. Ms. Pieczynski has served in this role since 1984. Chief Bloom indicated that Ms. Pieczynski does an excellent job and that he is very satisfied with her work. Under the proposal the hourly rate would increase from \$125 to \$130 and an increase in the per session court appearance from \$167 to \$172. This represents a 4% and 3% increase, respectively.

Trustee Smith moved to recommend that the Village Board renew the contact of Attorney Linda Pieczynski with the changes being an increase in the hourly rate from \$125 to \$130 and an increase in the per session court rate from \$167 to \$172. Chairman Tuggle seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Payment of Fair Share Contribution in the Amount of \$14,560 to the DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group

Chief Bloom stated that the DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group (DuMeg) conducts undercover illegal drug investigations on a county-wide basis. DuMeg has actively assisted the police department with drug investigations in Hinsdale. Every DuPage County community either contributes personnel or makes a financial "fair share" contribution. The contribution is based on the total number of sworn officers (\$520 per officer) or \$14,560.

Trustee Smith made a motion to recommend that the Village Board approve payment in the amount of \$14,560 to the DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group from the FY 07/08 budget. Chairman Tuggle seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Purchase of Genesis II Select Directional K-Band Radar Replacement units from Decatur Electronics in the Amount of \$11,528

Chief Bloom stated that the police department requests approval to purchase eight replacement radar units. The present radar units are approximately seven years old and are starting to experience maintenance and break-down issues. The radar units are installed in all patrol vehicles and are often used 24 hours a day. The radar unit we recommend purchasing is a Decatur Electronics Genesis II Directional K-Band unit with front and rear antenna capable of both stationary and moving modes. The cost per unit is \$1,421 or \$11,368 for eight units. This price is available under the state purchasing contract. Currently the department has budgeted \$12,000 for this purchase.

Trustee Smith moved to recommend that the Village Board approve the purchase of eight replacement radar units from Decatur Electronics at a cost of \$11,368 plus \$160 for shipping for a total cost of \$11,528. Chairman Tuggle seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Customer Only Shopping Zone and Discussion of Other Parking Changes/ Free Merchant/Employee Permits

Chief Bloom stated that one of the recommendations that resulted from the Parking SEG was to designate Washington Street between Hinsdale Avenue and First Street as a customer only parking zone. The concept of a customer only parking zone is modeled after a Wheaton ordinance that has been in effect since 2001. According to Wheaton officials this ordinance has been effective in keeping merchants and employees from parking in prime areas that should be utilized by customers.

Chief Bloom stated that parking enforcement personnel are adept at recognizing vehicles that regularly park at meters and are aware of which vehicles belong to merchants and employees.

Under the terms of the Wheaton ordinance:

Only those persons seeking to purchase merchandise or services within the central business district shall be allowed to park a vehicle in customer designated parking locations. All other vehicles, including those parking for train commuting purposes, are prohibited.

It shall be a rebuttable presumption that any person who is an employee of a business in the central business district shall be deemed to be working at his place of business from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Meters would be color coded and signage would be put in place clearly indicating “customer only” parking. Prior to enforcement there would be an educational period. Chief Bloom stated a violation of this proposed ordinance would result in a \$25 fine.

Chief Bloom further stated that at the recommendation of the Parking SEG in the Fall of 2006 we relocated 37 two-hour parking meters from Second Street between Washington and Lincoln to the west side of the Washington Parking lot and designating the same area of Second Street as permit only and open parking after 11:00 am. Since making this change, we have noticed that Second Street is usually close to capacity but the meters in the Washington lot usually have less than 10 spaces in use. These meters are visible from Washington Street and are in close proximity to shopping. We have received some feedback from merchants requesting greater availability of longer term parking. We currently have 54 four-hour meters and several time-zone areas located on the outskirts of the business area. We have resisted adding additional four-hour meters out of concern that they would be used primarily by merchants and employees. If we could designate these as "customer only" we would recommend changing the duration of these 37 meters from two-hour to four-hour meters.

Chief Bloom stated that last summer we added additional permit parking for merchants and employees on Hinsdale Avenue (north side) between Vine and Monroe Streets. Responding to concerns of merchants and employees we agreed to sell these permits in one-month increments at a cost of \$22 per month. Despite our efforts to promote this option, we have not sold any permits. Permits would be offered to merchants and employees (with proper documentation showing proof of employment in the business district) on a buy-one, get-one-free basis.

Lastly, another recommendation coming from the Parking SEG is to allow the first parking ticket issued for a meter violation to be a "warning citation." With our present enforcement equipment we can't track this. The department's newly ordered equipment will, however, allow for this. With your approval, we will start this program when the new parking enforcement system goes on line in June 2007.

A discussion was held regarding these changes. Trustee Orlor stated that he believed the Hinsdale Avenue permit spots should be available free of charge to employees and merchants to better encourage them not to park at prime metered spots. Jan Anderson stated that the Chamber of Commerce members were notified of the proposed changes and were in concurrence with the recommendations. The Committee agreed with Trustee Orlor's recommendation to offer the permits free during this trial period.

Chief Bloom indicated that the target date for implementation is mid-June.

Trustee Smith motioned to recommend that the Village Board enact the above changes to the parking regulations under the provisions of Ordinance 6-2-3-5 (b) entitled Temporary Traffic and Parking Regulations. Chairman Tuggle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of An Ordinance Amending Title 9 (Building Regulations), Chapter 1 (Administrative Provisions), Section 4 (Permit Fees) of the Village Code of Hinsdale

Director Bleuher gave the history of the evolution of the permit fee increase that was before the Committee and that the attempt was so that the fee schedule would be consistent with like communities. Director Bleuher noted that the new increase, if approved, would bring additionally into the Village budget, conservatively, \$500,000 yearly.

Village Building Commissioner Robert McGinnis explained his research and thought process in determining the proposed schedule. EPS Chairman Vic Orler, who was in attendance, voiced his support for the new fee schedule and commended the Building Commissioner for completing this job task. Director Bleuher mentioned to the Committee that the new fee schedule would proceed to the May 1st Village Board meeting and that the new fees would apply to all applications after that date.

Chairman Tuggle made a motion to adopt “An Ordinance Amending Title 9 (Building Regulations), Chapter 1 (Administrative Provisions), Section 4 (Permit Fees) of the Village Code of Hinsdale.” Trustee Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Trustee Smith moved to adjourn. Chairman Tuggle seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley Bloom
Chief of Police

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