

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 17, 2015**

Call to Order

President Turry called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 6:45 PM, Tuesday, March 17, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

Roll Call

On roll call by Village Clerk Beryl Herman the following were:

PRESENT: President Turry, Trustees Klatzco, Leftakes, Patel, Cope (6:05)

ABSENT: Trustees Elster, Sprogis-Marohn

A quorum was present. Also present: Timothy Wiberg, Village Manager; Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager; Douglas Petroschius, Assistant Village Manager; Steven Elrod, Village Attorney; Amanda Williams, Management Analyst; Plan Commission Chair Paul Eisterhold; Jackie Boland of the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce; Ashley Engelmann, Public Works Director; Jim Amilio, Village Engineer.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 3, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting were distributed in advance of the meeting and were examined. Trustee Patel moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Klatzco seconded the motion. Trustee Leftakes abstained. The motion passed with a Voice Vote

Regular Business

1. Discussion Concerning the Plan Commission's Deliberations Regarding the Recommended Zoning Code Text Amendment to Allow Residential Uses on Devon Avenue.

Mr. Wiberg presented this item and stated that this is a proposed Text Change; no project is currently being planned.

The Plan Commission discussed this on March 4, 2015 and voted 5-1 to approve the change.

Mr. Wiberg provided information regarding the process.

President Turry stated concerns regarding Devon Avenue changes.

Does this proposed Text Amendment differ from those of the past? How will decisions made now affect future decisions?

Resident and Plan Commission member Steve Jakubowski of 6646 N. Central Park addressed the Committee. Mr. Jakobowski stated that it would be appropriate to Table the item until the new Board is seated. He also questioned the procedure for notification of residents. He stated that this should be considered a Map Amendment. Mr. Jakubowski spoke regarding various concerns about the entire procedure.

Discussion ensued with clarification by Mr. Wiberg and President Turry

Trustee Cope moved that this item be remanded to the Plan Commission, seconded by Trustee Leftakes. No vote was taken.

Trustee Cope moved to send notifications to all residents in the area surrounded by Devon, Lincoln, Pratt and Spaulding, seconded by Trustee Leftakes.

The motion passed with a Voice Vote.

2. Discussion Concerning the Proposed Fiscal Year 2015/16 Budget

This item was presented by Mr. Merkel.

Budget Preparation Process

- *Budget team met with each Department Head to approve budget submissions and proposed departmental goals.
- *Budget Workshop held on February 9
- *Village Finance Committee met on February 25 to discuss budget in detail
- *Public Meeting held March 17
- *Formal Village Board consideration on April 7
- *Financial Policies adhered to
- *Village Board's updated Vision 2015 Plan formed the foundation for the entire process

A pie chart identifying FY2016 Budgeted Revenues-All Funds - \$33,927,685 was exhibited.

A bar chart identifying Total Sales Tax Revenue from 2008 Actual to 2016 Projected was exhibited.

A pie chart identifying FY2016 Budgeted Expenses – All Funds -\$39,390,828 was exhibited.

General Fund Budget Highlights and Issues

- *Property tax increase limited to 1.5%
- *Budget includes capital expenditure for new fire engine chassis
- *Budget includes normal capital expenditures for vehicle replacements
- *Budget is balanced with utilization of excess fund balance reserves
- *Adjustment to Municipal Gas Tax from three to five cents per gallon – Will be used to help fund Police Pension Fund unfunded liability
- *Possible 50% reduction in Village's share of State income tax revenue due to proposed budget cuts by the new Governor
- *If enacted, Village's share of income tax revenue would be reduced by approx. \$650,000

Suggested Modifications to General Fund Budget if State Income Sharing is Reduced

*Proposed budget action:

- Forgo early pay-off on fire truck loan –budget savings of \$325,000
- Closing of Touhy/Lawndale TIF – potential development benefit savings of \$200,000

General Fund Budget

	Adopted Budget FY2015	Projected Actual FY2015	Proposed Budget FY2016
Revenues	\$19,736,489	\$19,161,881	\$20,793,735
Expenditures	\$19,540,242	\$19,454,044	\$20,404,689
Surplus (deficit)	\$196,247	(\$292,163)	\$389,046
Transfers –Net	(\$196,247)	\$65,753	(\$662,225)
Net Change To Fund Balance	0	(\$226,410)	(\$273,179)

General Fund Revenues from the following funds were identified:

- Real Estate Tax
- Sales Tax
- Food and Beverage Tax
- Gas Tax
- Utility Taxes
- Intergovernmental Taxes
- Licenses
- Permits
- Grants
- Rental Income
- Investment Income
- Other Income
- Parks and Rec Income

Total Revenue is as follows:

<i>Adopted</i>	<i>Projected</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>%</i>
\$19,736,489	\$19,161,881	\$20,793,735	\$1,631,854	9%

Personnel – Related Budget Issues

*Cost of living adjustment for non-union positions – 2%

*Merit for non-union positions will remain capped at 2%

Proposed FY2016 General Fund Transfer Activity

*Transfers Into General Fund:	Amount
Water Fund	\$200,000
NEID TIF	<u>\$130,000</u>
	\$330,000

Transfers Out of General Fund:

PEP Fund	\$50,000
Debt Service (fire truck loan payments & new field lights)	\$459,225
Com Ed Bike Path	\$248,000
E-911 Fund	\$210,000
Private Sewer Line Assistance Fund	<u>\$25,000</u>
	(\$992,225)
Net Transfers	(\$662,225)

Other Funds –Significant Expenditure Issues

**Devon/Lincoln TIF Fund*

• Streetscape Devon Avenue	\$1,600,000
• Streetlight replacement – Lincoln Avenue	\$650,000
<i>*Com Ed Bike Path</i> – Construction of bike path (Village Portion Only)	\$200,000
<i>*Engineering</i> – Bike path and overpass	\$312,000
<i>*E-911 Fund</i> – Replacement of Telephone System	\$134,000
<i>*PEP Fund</i> – Village economic assistance to businesses To improve their property facades Budgeted two matching grants at	\$25,000
<i>*Private Sewer Line Assistance Fund</i> Assistance to residents to replace sewer lines damaged by tree roots on Village parkways	\$25,000 - \$2,000 max. per household

Water and Sewer Fund Expenditure Overview

<i>*Loan debt payments</i>	\$682,273
<i>*Stormwater management pilot program</i>	\$410,000
<i>*Replacement of Vac-con</i>	\$375,000

FY2016 Capital Improvements – Significant Programs

<i>Project</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>General Fund Cost</i>	<i>Other Fund Cost</i>
Streetscape Devon Ave	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,600,000
Bike path Construction	\$1,000,000	\$800,000	\$0	\$200,000
Com.ED ROW Bike Path and Overpass	\$1,242,000	\$994,000	\$248,000	\$0
Streetlight Replacement Lincoln Ave	\$1,849,313	\$0	\$0	\$1,849,313

Water Fund	\$301,118	\$0	\$0	\$302,118
Water main Replacement Crawford Ave				
Water Fund	\$410,000	\$0	\$0	\$410,000
Pilot area Storm water Project				
Totals	\$6,403,431	\$1,794,000	\$248,000	\$4,361,431

Thanks to Mr. Merkel, the Finance Department Staff, and the Finance Committee for a job well done.

3. Discussion Concerning a Request from Airoom for Designated Parkway Parking
Designated Parkway Parking Recent Summary of Events

- *Reviewed by Traffic Commission – September 2013
- *Commission Recommended the Village Board Deny the Request
 - 1995 Ordinance
 - Line-of-Sight
 - Lack of Community Support
- *December 8, 2014 Airoom Submitted a Revised Plan

An aerial View of the area was exhibited as well as a rendering of the request from September 26. 2013.

Designated Parkway Parking Request – Revisions to September 26,2013 Plan

- *Withdrew Designated Parkway Parking on the North side of Karlov
- *Withdrew Designated Parkway Parking on the South Side of Karlov
- *Moved Designated Parkway Parking on the Library Side of Keystone to 110'

A number of renderings were exhibited indicating revisions in the Airoom plan for parking changes

Designated Parkway Parking Request – Summary of Revised Plan

- *Angle Parking in Front of Airoom
- *Drive Aisle and Median
- *Added Five Public Spaces on Lincoln
- *Ten Parking Spaces on Keystone Adjacent to Airoom
- *Nine Parking Spaces on Keystone 110' North of Lincoln, Adjacent to the Library Parking Lot
- *A Net Gain of Nine Parking Spaces in the General Area
- *Improved Safety By Eliminating 90 Degree Head-in Parking in Front of Airoom and Backing Onto Lincoln

Designated Parkway Parking Request – Board Direction Sought

*This is a Community Value Decision

*This is Not an Engineering Decision

*Options:

- Refer Matter to Zoning Board of Appeals for a Public Hearing Regarding the Two Variation Requests
- Direct the Village Attorney to Draft a Resolution Denying the Petitioner's Request

Georgia Talaganis of 3955 Estes, President of the Friends of the Lincolnwood Library addressed the Committee expressing concerns regarding this request as did Kendra Beard of 6500 Nokomis, President of the Library Board.

Copies of a "Resolution Regarding a Request that Airoom Architects and Builders Develop Parkway Parking on a Section of Keystone Avenue Adjacent to the Library Property" were presented to Committee members.

Mike Klein of Airoom, addressed the Committee regarding his plans. He stated that he has met with representatives of the Library to discuss the issues of concern. He exhibited slides and provided a plan information packet to the Committee of the Whole members.

The following residents who reside in close proximity to the library and Airoom expressed concerns regarding the plan including noise, congestion, traffic speed, heavy truck traffic, safety, loss of green and parking dangers:

Mihreteab Gebrehiwet, Doris Gutman, Henry Kruzal, Argen Micelli, and Jim Angelopolis.

Mr. Wiberg requested that the Board review the revised proposal.

Consensus was mixed regarding various portions of the plan.

Mr. Klein stated that he would be open to additional discussion regarding changes to his plan.

Adjournment

At 7:40 PM Trustee Klatzco moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Trustee Cope. The motion passed with a Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted



Beryl Herman
Village Clerk