

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MEETING HELD VIA GOTO MEETING AND
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JULY 21, 2020**

Call to Order

Village President Bass called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees VIA gotomeeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, July 16, 2020, meeting held via GOTO Meeting and available live at WWW.LINCOLNWOODIL.ORG/LIVE-CABLE-CHANNEL/, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.

Before calling the roll the Village President read into the record the requirements for public comments for later in the meeting.

On roll call by Deputy Village Clerk Chuck Meyer the following were:

PRESENT: President Bass, Trustees Ikezoe-Halevi, Klatzco (Via GoToMeeting), Hlepas-Nickell (Via GoToMeeting), Sargon (Via GoToMeeting), Patel (Via GoToMeeting), Cope (Via GoToMeeting)
ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

Also present: Anne Marie Gaura, Village Manager; Chuck Meyer, Assistant Village Manager; Heather McFarland, Assistant to the Village Manager; Jon Bogue, Management Analyst; Robert Merkel, Finance Director; Andrew Letson, Public Works Director; Steve McNellis, Community Development Director; Jay Parrott, Police Chief; Anna Kaperski-Walsh, Superintendent Parks and Recreation Department; Melissa Rimdzius, Director of Parks and Recreation; Doug Hammel, Development Manager; Steve Elrod, Village Attorney; Hart Passman, Village Attorney.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of July 7, 2020 Special Meeting of the Committee of the Whole were presented for approval.

Trustee Sargon moved to approve the minutes of July 7, 2020 Special Meeting of the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Trustee Hlepas-Nickell.

Deputy Clerk Chuck Meyer called the roll.

Ayes: Trustees Ikezoe-Halevi, Sargon, Patel, Hlepas-Nickell, Klatzco, Cope
Nays: None

The motion passed.

Regular Business

1. Discussion Concerning an Update on 4500-4560 West Touhy Avenue and 7350 North Lincoln Avenue

This item was presented by Steve McNellis, Community Development Director.

Mr. McNellis updated the Village Board on a new tenant and the necessary adjustments to the plan. He stated that the new tenant would be a national grocer similar to a Jewel or Mariano's bringing in 26 million dollars per year in revenue. He explained that the grocer would use the entire Building B which would require some adjustments to the plan for parking. He stated that the plan commission will review the plan on August 25 and the updated plan will be brought to the Village Board on September 1 for consideration.

Village Attorney, Steve Elrod, reminded the board of the development agreement, including fifteen conditions that must be met before the TIF notes are issued. He asked that the Village Board allow the appointed negotiating team to work with the developer, Tucker, on the Land Acquisition restriction and Sales Tax Rebate requirements and bring their findings to the September 1 Village Board Meeting.

President Bass asked the Village Board for their questions and thanked Trustees Patel and Hlepas-Nickell for their work on the negotiating team.

Trustee Sargon stated her approval and thanked the negotiating team for their work.

Trustee Hlepas-Nickell thanked the board for their trust and encouragement.

Trustee Patel stated that he looked forward to continuing his work on negotiations.

Trustee Cope had no questions and was in favor of the team continuing to negotiate.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi agreed that this item should go to the plan commission. She thanked the negotiating team, as well as Mr. Elrod and Mr. McNellis for their work.

President Bass concluded that the board agreed to move this item forward to the planning commission and to allow negotiations to continue.

Mr. Elrod stated that he would be leaving and that his partner would be present for the remainder of the meeting.

2. Presentation of the 2018-2020 Zoning Board of Appeals Biennial Report

This item was presented by Bruce Heller, Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), and Community Development Manager, Doug Hammel, using PowerPoint.

Mr. Hammel updated the Village Board on the membership of the ZBA including three retired members and three new members. He explained the nature of the requests considered by the ZBA as well as updated the Village Board on their upcoming activities and goals. He asked for direction from the board regarding the applicability of variation standards in deliberating zoning requests and continuing to work with staff on inconsistencies in Zoning Ordinances.

Chairman Heller summarized the ways in which the ZBA has worked in tandem with the direction of the Village Board.

Trustee Klatzco expressed that Mr. Heller and the ZBA have done a great job.

Trustee Sargon stated that she has sat in on many of the ZBA meetings and thanked Chairman Heller for his and the ZBA's work.

Trustee Patel thanked the ZBA for their service and asked if there are any Zoning Ordinances that the Village Board should be considering making revisions to in addition to the ones that have already been considered. He asked if the ZBA would benefit from an educational session with the Village Board.

Mr. Heller stated that there have been many garage expansion requests recently. He suggested the Village Board create a model for residents to be able to expand a garage. He said the ZBA would be happy learn more about their role in assisting the Village Board.

Trustee Hlepas-Nickell thanked Chairman Heller for his and the ZBA's work and reiterated that she would like to continue to collaborate with the ZBA.

Trustee Cope thanked the Chairman and the ZBA for their work and willingness to contribute to the community. He agreed with the suggestion of an educational program related to Zoning issues and suggested the involvement of Village Attorney, Steve Elrod.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi thanked the ZBA and Chairman Heller for the work they are doing. She commented that she would like to see a woman included on the zoning board commission in the future.

President Bass agreed and thanked Mr. Heller and the Zoning Board for its work as a team.

Mr. Heller thanked Mr. Hammel for his help with the Zoning Board.

3. Discussion Concerning Strategic Plan Goals and Priorities

This item was presented by Charles Meyer, Assistant Village Manager, using PowerPoint.

Mr. Meyer presented the adjustments that were made to the Strategic Plan per the Village Board's suggestions at the last meeting. This included the removal of a goal pertaining to the Youth Citizens Police Academy, modification to the goal related to the Police Pension Board, and an additional Safety Goal related to the response to COVID 19. There were also added

Infrastructure and Service goals in addition to the added theme of Community which will include the goal to hold informal roundtable discussions with residents in the community.

President Bass asked the board if they would like to create an ad hoc committee to create a long term plan related to environmental issues.

Trustee Sargon stated that she was planning to discuss this at the next board meeting.

Trustee Sargon thanked staff for editing the Strategic Plan based on the Board's comments.

Trustee Hlepas-Nickell clarified that the removed goals should be considered to be postponed instead of removed. She stated that she was glad to see the inclusion of community input in the new strategic plan.

Trustee Cope asked about a transportation issue that was previously mentioned.

Mr. Meyer updated the Village Board that PACE and CTA have a plan that would include a new bus line along Crawford through Lincolnwood as well as the elimination of a route that had low participation.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi thanked staff for their work in updating the strategic plan.

Trustee Hlepas-Nickell stated that the CTA should consider the new updates to the District 1860 Plan that will affect the amount of traffic to that area.

Mr. Meyer stated that her concern was brought to the CTA and that they will continue to do so.

President Bass stated that there are other potential improvements that could help with the transportation issue. He concluded that the Village Board agreed to move forward with the new changes to the Strategic Plan.

4. Discussion Concerning Food Scraps/Composting

This item was presented by Andrew Letson, Public Works Director, using PowerPoint.

Mr. Letson asked for direction from the Village Board about a possible curbside food scrap collection program. He explained that Groot is unable to collect food scrap but that there is renewed interest in pursuing food scrap collection. Mr. Letson stated that food waste makes up 20% of waste that is added to landfills. He summarized the models of the food scrap collection programs in Evanston, Skokie, Wilmette and Winnetka. The models included a franchise agreement with an existing vendor, a franchise agreement with a new vendor, or publicizing a list of vendors that offer the service.

Trustee Cope asked how food scrap collection differs from regular garbage collection

Mr. Letson explained that food scrap collection allows for the ability to re-use the waste instead of it going to the landfill. The compost can be sold commercially or to residents to be used as fertilizer.

Trustee Cope asked if it is a voluntary program.

Mr. Letson confirmed that it is voluntary.

Mr. Letson continuing his presentation which outlined the pros and cons of food scrap collection. The pros included environmental benefits and modest reduction in tipping fees through SWANCC. The cons included the potential of smell or rodents. He outlined the financial impact of the program as well as how different models would require potentially no cost or little cost to the village.

Mr. Letson asked for direction from the Village Board regarding whether a food scrap collection program should be pursued and which model should be used.

President Bass stated that he supported a food scrap collection program and the possibility of giving choices of vendors to residents.

Trustee Klatzco reiterated the importance of the Village's commitment to the environment however he had doubts about whether residents would be willing to pay for the service.

Trustee Sargon stated that it is important to offer the option of composting to residents. She reiterated the importance of having a committee to discuss environmental issues. She recommended the model of selecting one vendor to be able to negotiate the right price for residents. She also recommended reevaluating our contract with Groot in order to consider other contractors who offer food scrap collection.

Trustee Hlepas-Nickell stated that she was interested in hearing more but expressed concern about the cost. She reiterated the importance of considering our environmental impact and supported the idea of creating an ad hoc committee.

Trustee Patel supported the idea of creating this program as an option for residents.

Trustee Cope supported giving residents the option to pay for food scrap collection. He recommended the model used in Winnetka as it would be a low cost option for the Village. He brought up the topic of Japan reusing their garbage as fuel.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi shared information about an environmental fair she attended in Wilmette and their environmental energy commission. She suggested using their knowledge to learn more about this item. She also suggested a bidding war to bring costs down for residents.

30-year Lincolnwood resident, Najia Ahmed spoke on the issue of food scrap collection. She stated her opinion of the importance of this issue. She emphasized the importance of the Village making food scrap collection available to residents. She mentioned Wilmette's pilot program

which offered food scrap collection at no cost to the residents. She stated that Lincolnwood should strive for the same type of program. Ms. Ahmed shared her experience with Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi at the Wilmette environmental fair and proposed creating an environmental commission for Lincolnwood. She stated that Lincolnwood could become a model for other cities by creating this commission and by reducing its carbon footprint with food scrap collection.

President Bass concluded that a consensus was reached to move forward with a food scrap collection program and emphasized the importance of considering the environmental impact within the Village of Lincolnwood.

Adjournment

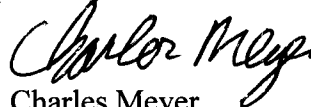
At 7:25 P.M. Trustee Sargon made a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Trustee Halevi.

Upon roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Hlepas-Nickell, Patel, Cope, Ikezoe-Halevi

Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles Meyer
Deputy Village Clerk