

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 12, 2024**

Mayor Hoskins led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins answered the Roll Call.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the July 22, 2024, Annual Appropriation Public Hearing be approved.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the July 22, 2024, Regular meeting of the Council be approved.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

None

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution for the payment of bills be adopted. The bills totaled \$952,153.66.

**R-66-24  
APPROVAL OF BILLS IN  
THE AMOUNT OF  
\$952,153.66  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,  
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Ordinance waiving bid and authorizing the purchase of a fully equipped 2023 Ford F350 Utility Truck with Buildout be adopted.

**O-24-24  
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING  
PURCHASE OF NEW FORD  
F350 TRUCK  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,  
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution authorizing the execution of a Legal Services Engagement Agreement with the Sonnenschein Groupe, LLC to represent the Village of Forest Park with respect to the Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation matter be adopted. It was discovered today that the deadline for filing has been extended and the village may not need these services. It will be explored by staff and legal.

**R-67-24  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING LEGAL  
SERVICES AGREEMENT  
WITH SONNENSCHIN  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,  
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving Pay Request #1 for the 2024 Green Alley Improvements Project from J. Nardulli Concrete, Inc. (800 & 900 Circle-Marengo Alley) be adopted.

**R-68-24  
PAY REQUEST TO J.  
NARDULLI CONCRETE  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution authorizing acceptance and execution of an Illinois Department of Transportation Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) for High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) Grant for FY 2025 be adopted.

**R-69-24  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
IDOT STEP GRANT FOR  
HIGH VISIBILITY  
ENFORCEMENT  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the Resolution authorizing and accepting a Grant Agreement by and between the Illinois Department of Revenue and the Village of Forest Park for the FY 2025 Tobacco Enforcement Program Grant be adopted.

**R-70-24  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
GRANT AGREEMENT WITH  
IDOR FOR 2025 TOBACCO  
ENFORCEMENT  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution re-approving the specifications and re-authorizing the advertising of bids for the Village of Forest Park 2024 Lead Service Replacement Project be adopted.

**R-71-24  
RESOLUTION  
RE-AUTHORIZING  
SPECIFICATIONS AND  
BIDDING FOR LEAD  
SERVICE LINE  
REPLACEMENT PROJECT  
APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,  
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to approve the execution of agreements with Paramount Theater and Drury Lane Theatre, associated with events organized by the Community Center

**COMMUNITY CENTER  
AGREEMENTS  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,  
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to approve the request for use of the public way from Tool of North America (parking) and the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce (sidewalk sale). Commissioner Voogd disclosed that the parking request was through her husband, who is the location manager for the job.

**USE OF PUBLIC WAY  
PERMITS  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,  
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Maxham to approve the request from the Knights of Columbus, to conduct their Tootsie Roll Drive Fundraising initiative on Friday, 9/6/2024 and Saturday, 9/7/2024 within the Village of Forest Park

**FUNDRAISING REQUEST  
FROM KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin,  
Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**BANNER REQUESTS  
APPROVED BY MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to approve the request from the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce to display banners promoting their sidewalk sale and to ratify the request from the Forest Park Theatre to display banners promoting their production of Pericles, which is occurring August 9-11 and August 16-18, 2024.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Maxham, Nero, Melin-Rogovin, Voogd and Mayor Hoskins

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Administrator Entler reported that staff has been preparing for the Democratic National Convention, which is being held in Chicago in a couple weeks. Due to Forest Park's proximity to the city, we did some planning in the event there is a need.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Maxham reported that the village's annual audit is underway. The field work is happening this week and then auditors will work remotely to complete the report.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin reported that she has been working with the Safety and Traffic Commission and the Village Administrator to create a work plan and define best practices for the commission. There may be an update to the ordinance addressing this commission.

Commissioner Voogd reported that she enjoyed the Shakespeare in the Park event and thanked the Arts Alliance and the Forest Park Theatre Group for holding the event.

Mayor Hoskins reported that he attended a Mayor's Summit in Pittsburgh, which was hosted and paid for by the Strong Cities Network. There were many mayors in attendance, including Highland Park's mayor. One of the focuses was empowering mayors and elected officials to counter threats in the community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Nero moved, and Commissioner Maxham seconded to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hoskins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Belmonte, Village Clerk