

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 15, 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 September 23, 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero that the minutes from the September 23, 2024, Closed Session 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

Mr. Tim Buckley and Mr. Thomas Kovac expressed their opposition to the proposed zoning text amendment to Title 9, Section 3 to the Forest Park Zoning Code, which is on tonight's agenda for consideration by the Village Council.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Fire Department submitted its September, 2024, report.

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 \$1,539,539.93.

**R-86-24
RESOLUTION FOR
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$1,539,539.93
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin that the Resolution providing for the levy of an additional Library Tax for Building and Maintenance be adopted.

**R-87-24
RESOLUTION PROVIDING
FOR ADDITIONAL LIBRARY
BUILDING AND
MAINTENANCE TAX
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 jointly by the Village Council that the Resolution appointing Lindsey B. Hankus as the Fire Chief for the Village of Forest Park, Illinois be adopted.

**R-88-24
RESOLUTION APPOINTING
LINDSEY B. HANKUS AS
FIRE CHIEF
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 Melin-Rogovin that the Resolution authorizing the waiver of the hiring freeze for IMRF employees regarding the hiring of a full-time Pace Bus Driver be adopted.

**R-89-24
RESOLUTION WAIVING
IMRF HIRING FREEZE
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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Resolution approving the execution of an intergovernmental agreement for the provision of Environmental Health Inspectional Services be adopted.

**R-90-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT WITH COOK
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH
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 approving and ratifying the execution of an application for a small equipment grant from the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal be adopted.

**R-91-24
RESOLUTION RATIFYING
APPLICATION FOR SMALL
EQUIPMENT GRANT FROM
ILLINOIS STATE FIRE
MARSHAL
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 approving an intergovernmental agreement between the Chicago Transit Authority and the Village of Forest Park for Special Transit Police Detail Services be adopted.

**R-92-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
AGREEMENT WITH CTA
FOR POLICE DETAIL
SERVICES
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 the Resolution to approve and authorize the execution of a Professional Engineering Services Proposal for Construction Engineering Services for the 2024 Village of Forest Park Ferdinand Avenue Watermain and Storm Sewer Replacement and Ferdinand and Adams Street Resurfacing Project by and between Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. and the Village of Forest Park be adopted.

**R-93-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
ENGINEERING SERVICES
PROPOSAL FOR 2024
FERDINAND AVENUE
WATERMAIN AND
FERDINAND AND ADAMS
RESURFACING 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 Melin-Rogovin and seconded by Commissioner Voogd that the Resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement for Phase I Engineering Study of the Harlem Avenue Viaduct be adopted.

**R-94-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT FOR HARLEM
AVENUE VIADUCT
ENGINEERING STUDY
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 Ordinance fixing the salaries for the officials and employees of the Village of Forest Park from and after May 1, 2024, be adopted.

**O-31-24
ANNUAL SALARY
ORDINANCE FOR
OFFICIALS AND
EMPLOYEES
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 Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Ordinance amending Title 9, Chapter 3 of the Village of Forest Park Zoning Code re: PZC 2024-03 be adopted. There was a lengthy discussion between the Commissioners and Director Glinke.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING
TITLE 9, CHAPTER 3 OF
ZONING CODE
TABLED**

It was moved by Commissioner Voogd and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to table the Ordinance amending Title 9, Chapter 3 of the Village of Forest Park Zoning Code.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING
TITLE 9, CHAPTER 3 OF
ZONING CODE
TABLED**

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: Commissioner Nero

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Nero and seconded by Commissioner Maxham that the Ordinance amending Title 9, Chapter 8 of the Village of Forest Park Zoning Code re: PZC 2024-03 be adopted.

**O-32-24
ORDINANCE AMENDING
TITLE 9, CHAPTER 8 OF
THE ZONING CODE
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 Melin-Rogovin to approve the 2025 Village Council Meeting Schedule as presented by Clerk Belmonte.

**2025 VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING SCHEDULE
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Nero to approve the execution of an agreement with Hangar Two by Tangled Roots Brewing Company, associated with events organized by the Community Center.

**COMMUNITY CENTER
AGREEMENT
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 Nero to approve and ratify the request from the Forest Park Theatre to display banners to promote their production of The Misanthrope being performed October 11 – 20, 2024. There was discussion about banner and raffle requests possibly being approved by staff instead of the Village Council.

**FOREST PARK THEATRE
BANNER REQUEST
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 Maxham and seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin to approve the Raffle License Application from the Oak Park Windmills for their fundraiser being held on December 23, 2024.

**OAK PARK WINDMILLS
RAFFLE LICENSE
APPLICATION
APPROVED BY MOTION**

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 thanked the outgoing Fire Chief Phil Chiappetta for his dedicated service to the village for over 20 years. Chief Chiappetta assumed the position in 2020, during the COVID 19 pandemic, leading the village through uncharted situations. The administrator highlighted Chief Chiappetta's fiscal responsibility and high standards in the role of Chief, expressing her best wishes and hopes of good luck to Phil.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Maxham offered her congratulations to the newly appointed Fire Chief, Lindsey Hankus, as well as to Fire Lieutenant Phil Damato on his promotion. The commissioner expressed how much she enjoyed getting to know Chief Chiappetta and thanked him for his honesty and for the amazing field trips he patiently allowed her to attend. Commissioner Maxham further expressed her appreciation for Chief Chiappetta's diligent advocacy for both the department and his staff, and wished Phil good luck in the future.

Commissioner Nero wished Chief Chiappetta good luck and thanked him for his years of service to the village. The commissioner stated that he thought that the discussion tonight was good and expressed his confidence that the Village Council will be able to come to an agreement on the subject.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin commented on the wonderful attendance at the Leaf Town Hall meeting and thanked residents and attendees for their input. The commissioner further thanked the Library for hosting the recent Environmental Fair. The Safety and Traffic Commission will meet this Thursday. The commissioner added that the recent Ordinance that was passed has set a great example for bike and pedestrian safety and has been shared by many other villages in Illinois. Another thing accomplished by the commission is the installation of two speed detector signs that will be used to monitor speed in specific areas of Forest Park.

Commissioner Voogd commented on the great conversation that was held this evening by the Village Council. The commissioner further wished Chief Chiappetta the best of luck in his future and congratulated Chief Hankus on her promotion. Commissioner Voogd announced that Forest Park's Tree City USA application has once again been approved. Last, the commissioner invited the public to attend the Pumpkin Smash event where there will be many creative ways to smash used pumpkins into the composting bin.

Mayor Hoskins also congratulated Chief Chiappetta on his retirement and welcomed Chief Hankus, thanking them both for their service to the village. The mayor reported that Ferrara Candy was highlighted by the Illinois Manufacturers Association in an event which he, Administrator Entler and Megan Roach attended. They were able to re-engage with the leadership at Ferrara Pan Candy. The mayor also attended the Mayor's Roundtable Panel discussion hosted by Illinois Realtors' Association, which led to an invitation to address the West Suburban Building Owners Association. Last, Mayor Hoskins invited all to attend the Casket Races this Saturday.

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 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Belmonte
Village Clerk