



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Village Board Special Workshop
Monday, November 7, 2022
7:30 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 301

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- A. Call to Order – 8:11 PM**
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - C. Roll Call**

Upon roll call by Clerk Cosby, President Senak, and Trustees Christiansen, Fasules, Kalinich, Payne, and Gould answered “Present.”

Also in attendance: Village Manager Franz, Assistant Village Manager Rodman, Public Works Director Buckley, Finance Director Noller, Assistant Finance Director Brankin, Economic Development Coordinator Hannah, Accounts Manager Backhaus, and Police Commander Webber.

- D. Audience Participation**

No Audience Participation.

- E. Discussion**

- 1) Proposed Parking Modifications

Accounts Manager Backhaus reviewed the proposed parking changes and options.

Overnight parking was the first parking agenda item. Accounts Manager Backhaus reviewed the current policy and logistics, stating that the spots currently available are sold out immediately. She then reviewed the new options being proposed for overnight parking.

Trustee Christiansen asked about the 6 pm -7 am hours instead of 8 am. Accounts Manager Backhaus replied it is based on when people begin to arrive for work.

Trustee Payne asked for clarification on the commuter lot – which would be overnight permit only.

Trustee Christiansen asked about no permits needed for the weekends. Accounts Manager Backhaus explained the thought behind this.

Trustee Kalinich asked about the Civic Center parking garage and any data that might be available about use in evening hours, particularly in the summer. She wondered if the overnight permit parking would create an issue with downtown patrons. Accounts Manager Backhaus replied that this concern is why there are four locations recommended, and that having four locations would help to avoid this issue.

Accounts Manager Backhaus explained that there are not assigned lot for overnight permits and people would need to park in whichever lot is available.

Trustee Kalinich expressed concerns about Civic Center lot from May to September. She is concerned that patrons might not stay downtown if they can't find a parking spot.

Trustee Kalinich wanted to know if there had been complaints about lack of patron parking in the Civic Center. Village Manager Franz replied no, and Commander Webber expounded on that. Village Manager Franz said the staff should review the current recommendation and perhaps change the Civic Center plan based on that review.

Trustee Gould shared Trustee Kalinich's concern regarding the Civic Center plan.

Economic Development Coordinator Hannah pointed out the commuter lots are available for free parking to everyone on the weekend.

Trustee Kalinich asked about the fee refund. Accounts Manager Backhaus replied that there are different regulations depending on the type of permit that a person would buy. She then reviewed the refund policy on all types of permits.

Trustee Fasules asked who would patrol the lots for violation and that would that be the patrol officers. He added that perhaps people should be allowed to leave their vehicles for multiple days. Trustee Kalinich agreed with Trustee Fasules.

Trustee Kalinich asked about guest parking. Commander Webber replied that residents can call the police and let them know if a car will be parked somewhere not legal overnight. Village Manager Franz suggested guests could pay \$2 to park in the Lorraine commuter lot as well.

Trustee Fasules wanted to know why the Village needs to sell parking permits. Village Manager Franz replied that it was to regulate the parking. Assistant Village Manager Rodman added that if there are no regulations, people will take advantage of the lack of regulations which would negatively impact commutes and customers.

Trustee Kalinich suggested that the permitting might be for only the covered lots, which would make them a premium parking opportunity in the winter. Trustee Payne replied that would mean using the 3rd and 4th floors in the Civic Center garage. Village Manager Franz added that the four options were offered to give more choices to people who need the overnight parking.

Accounts Manager Backhaus moved onto the customer parking options available and reviewed the changes being proposed.

Trustee Gould asked if the Civic Center free parking could be available at 10 am instead of 11 am. Accounts Manager Backhaus replied that 11 am is in-line with other lots. Economic Development Coordinator Hannah gave additional information regarding customer parking.

Accounts Manager Backhaus reviewed the commuter parking options available and reviewed the changes being proposed.

Trustee Christiansen asked if commuter permit had bounced back since COVID. Accounts Manager Backhaus replied that sales were slow, but all commuter permits are sold out now. She also added that there are about 500 names on the waiting list.

Trustee Fasules wanted to know how much the commuter lots are oversold. Accounts Manager Backhaus replied it is 10% and added other information. Village Manager Franz thought the oversold percentage might be higher for some lots.

President Senak asked about the reserve level in the budget for parking. Finance Director Noller replied. Village Manager Franz added that there are other unknowns regarding the Civic Center lot and taking it over, and more information is needed (i.e., snow removal).

Trustee Fasules wanted to know when the new lot will be inspected. Public Works Director Buckley replied about the logistics of this going forward.

Trustee Payne asked about rate increases for parking. Accounts Manager Backhaus went over the increases.

Trustee Fasules suggested that anything with a rate increase for 2 years should not be automatic... i.e., 25% increase in parking fees, and that increases should be a part of the budget process. Village Manager Franz replied that this happened because the rate was not increase during COVID.

President Senak asked Accounts Manager Backhaus if she has everything she needed to move forward with the parking modifications. It was agreed that the Civic Center 2nd floor and the train lots would be closely monitored. The Board approved moving forward.

Economic Development Coordinator Hannah added they are trying to be more flexible for the streetscape next year.

2) 2023 Budget Follow-Up

Finance Director Noller reviewed the Budget Approval schedule.

Village Manager Franz reviewed proposed revisions to the draft of the 2023 budget, including General Fund, Village Links, and Reserve 22.

Trustee Fasules said that instead of increasing the budget, staff should find the funds to provide these changes. Village Manager Franz replied with reasons for revising the budget.

Trustee Christiansen commented on the additional funds for the Chamber of Commerce, and she wondered if there is something structurally wrong with the Chamber's business model. Trustee Kalinich added that a compromise might be to contribute to the music events.

President Senak reiterated that the Chamber should be accountable to receive the additional funds and added that if they are unable to show accountability, then perhaps the Village should arrange some events directly instead of having the Chamber put on all the events.

Village Manager Franz added that the Village partnered with the Chamber to put on the Fair and then the revenue stream from the Carnival allowed the Chamber to support other events.

President Senak said he doesn't believe the current model is sustainable, and that perhaps events that are not profitable for the Chamber should be organized by the Village instead with the help of an outside vendor.

The Board felt that the money for the Polar Plaza should be found from another source. Trustee Kalinich would continue to support it, even if the other funding source is not found.

It was agreed not to approve additional funding for the Chamber of Commerce at this time but that the Board will revisit the issue at a later date. Village Manager Franz asked if the Board would be comfortable with a reimbursement for the concerts.

Regarding the Warhol event – the Board voted in favor of additional funds for this event.

Village Manager Franz asked if it was necessary to have more discussion regarding the proposed tax levy.

Trustee Payne wondered if there was a space somewhere in the middle of the proposed increase that would be more appropriate. He added that perhaps the General Fund could be reduced.

President Senak asked the Board if the 4.9% levy was agreeable. Trustee Fasules said he would appropriate funds, but not approve a budget, adding that he would like to see it lower. Trustee Christiansen leaned toward Trustee Fasules' approach. The Board was split with their opinions on the percentage.

President Senak asked the Board if there was another percentage that would be agreeable. Trustee Christiansen suggested perhaps using an abatement.

Village Manager Franz asked if the Capital and General Fund should be proposed separately.

President Senak stated that the budget as submitted is not acceptable to him and that if approved as is, would be subject to a line-item veto. Discussion ensued whether this would be a viable option. President Senak suggested that this would be a question for Attorney Mathews.

Trustee Gould suggested that prioritization of projects and scope of changes might get the budget closer to where it needs to be.

F. Reminders

1) Village Board Meeting November 14, 2022 at 7 pm

G. Adjourn – 9:22 PM

Unanimous vote to adjourn.