

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING  
("CLOSING STATEMENT")  
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)**

**This form has two sides. Complete items 1 – 4 before closing the meeting.**

1. **Recorded vote to close the meeting:** Date: June 8, 2023; Time: 6 p.m.; Location: Friendship Heights Village Center; Motion to close meeting made by Paul Durbin; Seconded by Melanie White; Members in favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None; Abstaining: None; Absent: Michael Mezey.
2. **Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply).**

**This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only:**

- (1) To discuss:
  - (i) "the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction"; or
  - (ii) "any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals";
- (2) "To protect the privacy or reputation of an individual with respect to a matter that is not related to public business";
- (3) "To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition";
- (4) "To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State";
- (5) "To consider the investment of public funds";
- (6) "To consider the marketing of public securities";
- **(7) "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice";**
- (8) "To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation";
- (9) "To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations";
- (10) "To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including:
  - (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and

(ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans”;

- (11) “To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination”;
- (12) “To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct”;
- (13) “To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter”;  
or
- (14) “To discuss, before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.”

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3. For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Citation (insert # from above)	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§3-305(b) (7)	To consult with the Village attorney for an orientation concerning the Village's authority, Charter, By-Laws, public records policy, and other legal matters concerning the Council.	To preserve the confidentiality of the discussion
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4. This statement is made by [Robert Pestronk, Presiding Officer].

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**OPTIONAL USE IN CLOSED SESSION: INFORMATION FOR SUMMARY TO BE DISCLOSED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT OPEN MEETING. (See also template for summary.)**

For a meeting closed under the statutory authority cited above:

**Time of closed session:** 6 p.m.

**Place:** Village Center

**Purpose(s):** To confer with Village attorney Ron Bolt for an orientation regarding the Village's authority, Charter, By-Laws, public records policy, and other legal matters concerning the Council.

**Members who voted to meet in closed session:** Unanimous (6-0).

**Persons attending closed session:** Melanie White; Paula Durbin; Robert Pestronk; Cheryl Tyler; Roy Schaeffer; Martha Solt; Julian Mansfield; Jason Goldstein; Ron Bolt (Michael Mezey not present).

**Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session:** 7, to consult with legal counsel.

**Topics actually discussed:** Village's authority, Charter, By-Laws, public records policy, and other legal matters concerning the Council.

**Actions taken:** None

**Each recorded vote:** No votes taken.

For a meeting recessed to perform an administrative function (§ 3-104): Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: Persons present: \_\_\_\_\_

Subjects discussed: \_\_\_\_\_