

VILLAGE COUNCIL
MELANIE ROSE WHITE, *Mayor*
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APPROVED MINUTES
PUBLIC SESSION
FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL

Conducted via Livestream

Monday, December 11, 2023

A video of the meeting can be found at:

<https://www.regionalwebtv.com/village-of-friendship-heights>

ATTENDEES:

Bobby Pestronk, Chairman
Martha Solt, Secretary
Roy Schaeffer, Treasurer
Melanie Rose White, Mayor
Michael Mezey
Cheryl Tyler
Vacant, Parliamentarian
Julian Mansfield, Village Manager
Jason Goldstein, Assistant Village Manager
Robert Bryant, Recording Secretary

RECORDING OF MEETING

Recording of this meeting may be found at:
<https://www.regionalwebtv.com/village-of-friendship-heights>; the reference time on the recording time is noted for each topic.

CALL TO ORDER (0.05)

The December 11, 2023 Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

- Remembrance of Council member Paula Durbin (01:13)
 - Comments from the public to the Council about Paula Durbin
 - Al Muller (14:37)
- Chair's announcements (19:39)
- Comments from the public to the Council
 - Each member of the public will be given a 3-minute time limit and is instructed to please sign-in at the front table, where speakers will be called in order of sign-in

- Mike Dorsey (22:47)
- Dan Dozier (25:20)
- Comments from the Council (27:15)
- Mayor's announcements (27:34)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (28:38)

Ms. Solt moved, Ms. Tyler seconded approval of the minutes from the Council's Public Session held on Monday, November 13, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT (29:09)

- Monthly summary

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT (32:25)

COMMITTEE REPORTS (41:23)

- Report of Council Personnel Committee meeting of December 4 (41:30)
- Report of Council Communications Committee meeting of December 4 (43:11)
- Update on Council Public Safety Committee (43:40)

NEW AGENDA ITEM (49:00)

- Appointment of Chairman to Parks Committee (49:05)
Mayor White moved, Mr. Schaeffer seconded the appointment of Michael Mezey as Chair of the Parks Committee. The motion carried with 4 in favor, and 1 (Mr. Mezey) abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS (40:20)

- Update on Page Park permit application process (50:23)
- Adoption of documentation for Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Environment (55:52)
Mr. Pestronk moved, Ms. Solt seconded, adoption of the documentation for the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Environment. The motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion/vote on nominees for Council Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Change and Environment (56:48)
Mayor White moved to appoint six nominees to the Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Change and Environment, (Sonya Starnes, Leni S. Berliner, Philip Lu, Patricia Canessa, Joyce Mushaben, Aleisha Bynum (provisionally until her residency in the Village can be confirmed), Mr. Mezey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion/vote on additional documentation for Council Ad Hoc Committee on Development (59:50)
Mr. Pestronk moved, Ms. Tyler seconded, to adopt additional documentation for the Ad Hoc Development Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

- Discussion/vote on proposal from Securitas to provide a pay increase for contracted security guard (1:00:27)
Mr. Schaeffer moved to reduce the holiday rate of pay in the Securitas contract to \$23.50 per hour to be paid to the security guard, Mr. Mezey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Solt moved to draft a Request For Proposal (RFP) to provide parking enforcement services to the Village, Mr. Schaeffer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mezey moved, Ms. Tyler seconded, increasing the regular pay rate for the guard to \$20 per hour in the Securitas contract. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS (1:19:00)

- Discussion/vote on filling the Council vacancy (1:19:06)
Ms. Solt moved, Mr. Mezey seconded, to fill the Council vacancy. The motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion/vote on process to be followed to fill the Council vacancy (1:22:11)
Mr. Pestronk moved to adopt the procedures to fill the Council vacancy in this instance; Ms. Tyler seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion/vote on statement to authorize Village Council signer to request lot consolidation in conjunction with County review of Page Park permit application (1:27:23)
Ms. Solt moved to designate Mayor White to serve as the Village Council signer for plot consolidation for Page Park, Ms. Tyler seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion/vote on revision of policy on Public Information Act (1:33:40)
This item was moved for reconsideration pending more information on the new policy and the comparison to the previous policy, which will be presented at the January 8 Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT (1:37:00)

Mr. Mezey moved, Ms. Tyler seconded adjourning the December 11, 2023 Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Martha Solt, Council Secretary