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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL

Conducted via Livestream Monday,

February 12, 2024

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/Chief Innovation Officer

RECORDING OF MEETING

Recording of this meeting may be found at:

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CALL TO ORDER (.05)

- Chair's announcements (1:08)
- Comments from the public to the Council (11:11)
 - Joe Bucherer (Friendship Heights Community Advisory Committee) (11:23)

- Clara Lovett (12:55)
 - Allyson Alt (11:49)
 - Carol Stern (15:50)
 - Prem Garg (17:57)
 - Dan Dozier (20:06)
 - Roger Cochetti (21:52)
 - Al Muller (25:36)
 - Charles Schwartz (28:27)
 - Patricia Canessa (31:39)
- Comments from the Council (33:02)
 - Mayor's announcements (33:49)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (34:06)

- Public session minutes of the January 8 Council meeting

Ms. Solt moved, Mayor White seconded, approval of the minutes from the Council's Public Session held on Monday January 8, 2024. The motion carried. (Abstain: Pestronk; For: Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White)

TREASURER'S REPORT (34:34)

- Monthly summary

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT (39:48)

COMMITTEE REPORTS (55:37)

- Report of Council Finance Committee meeting of January 18; report of Council Public Safety, Committee workshop of January 24; report of Council Personnel Committee meetings on January 17 and January 25

OLD BUSINESS (1:05:51)

- Discussion/vote on nominee to fill vacant Council seat (1:05:53)

Mayor White moved, and Mr. Schaeffer seconded, a motion to nominate Daniel Ayr for the vacant Council position. The motion carried. (Abstain: Pestronk; For: Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White)

- Discussion/vote on shuttle bus draft request for proposals (1:08:20)

Ms. Solt moved, and Mayor White seconded, a motion to issue an RFP for shuttle bus services, with public input sought for five business days after Council approval, and authorization granted to the Village Manager to make minor modifications to the RFP based on public comment. The motion carried. (Abstain: Pestronk; For: Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White)

- Discussion/vote on recommendation from Personnel Committee to approve proposal for classification and compensation study (1:20:24)

Ms. Solt moved, and Mayor White seconded, to approve the PRM proposal dated January 17, 2024 to conduct a classification compensation study for a total of \$25,000. The motion carried. (Abstain: Pestronk; For: Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White)

- Discussion/vote on proposals to install additional speed humps and to paint stop bars (1:25:55)

Mr. Solt moved, seconded by Mr. Mezey, to approve a bid by Sanford Federal, including thermoplast speed bumps for \$17,446. (Abstain: Pestronk; For: Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White)

- Discussion/vote on proposed Village overnight travel policy

Mr. Schaeffer moved, seconded by Ms. Solt, to adopt the proposed overnight travel policy approved at the Finance Committee Meeting of January 18, 2024.

Mr. Mezey moved to amend the motion to adopt the proposed travel policy by including a waiver providing the Mayor with authority to waive travel restrictions to certain states in writing, for a specific trip, if he or she determines that such travel is in the best interest of the village. The motion to amend passed. (Abstain: Pestronk; For: Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White)

The amended motion to approve the overnight travel policy, providing the mayor with the authority to waive travel restrictions to certain states in writing, for a specific trip, if he or she determines that such travel is in the best interest of the village. The motion failed. (Against: Pestronk, White, Tyler; For: Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt)

NEW BUSINESS (2:02:11)

- Discussion/vote on resolution designating authorized signers on Village CD account

Ms. Solt moved, Ms. Tyler, to support signing the corporate resolution appointing Treasurer Schaeffer, Chairman Pestronk, and Mayor White as authorized signers on the Village CD account. The motion passed. (Abstain: Pestronk; For: Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White)

- Discussion of interior plant maintenance contract (2:06:39)

Mr. Pestronk moved, seconded by Mr. Schaeffer, to: a) go month-to-month on the current contract and so notify Interior Garden Designs, b) determine whether there are volunteers who are available who can perform all of these tasks, c) develop an RFP to explore whether this is now a competitive proposal, and d) reimburse volunteers for out-of-pocket expenses.

Mr. Mezey moved to amend the motion, seconded by Ms. Tyler, to eliminate task b and c so that the motion is to: a) go month-to-month on the current contract and so notify Interior Garden Designs, and b) develop an RFP listing the tasks the Village would like performed, sharing with the Council, and then putting the RFP out on the typical sites. The motion passed. (Abstain: Pestronk; For: Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White)

On the original motion, as amended, to: a) go month-to-month on the current contract and so notify Interior Garden Designs, b) develop an RFP listing the tasks the Village would like performed, sharing with the Council, and then putting the RFP out on the typical sites. The motion passed. (Abstain: Pestronk, Solt; For: Mezey, Schaeffer, Tyler, White).

ADJOURNMENT (2:25:00)

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Martha Solt, Council Secretary