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**APPROVED MINUTES**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE  
COUNCIL**

**Conducted via Livestream Monday,**

**April 8, 2024**

A video of the meeting can be found at:

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

**ATTENDEES:**

Melanie Rose White, Mayor

Bobby Pestronk, Chairman

Daniel Ahr, Vice Chairman

Martha Solt, Secretary

Roy Schaeffer, Treasurer

Michael Mezey

Cheryl Tyler

Julian Mansfield, Village Manager

Jason Goldstein, Assistant Village Manager/Chief Innovation Officer

**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 (00:01)**

○ Chair's announcements (00:00:10)

○ Mayor's announcements (00:02:01)

- Public hearing on draft FY 2025 Budget (00:03:24)
- Public hearing comments from the public to the Council (00:18:00)
  - Al Muller (00:18:00)
  - Roger Cochetti (00:20:43)
  - Patricia Canessa (00:30:14)
- General comments from the public to the Council
  - Roger Cochetti (00:41:26)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (00:45:16)**

- Public session minutes of the March 11 Council meeting
  - **Secretary Solt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tyler, to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024 Council meeting. The motion carried (For: Ahr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White; Abstain: Pestronk).**

**TREASURER'S REPORT (00:45:54)**

**VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT (0:46:39)**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (00:50:28)**

- Report on Finance Committee meeting of March 12 (00:50:28)
- Report on Parks & Grounds Committee meeting of March 20 (00:50:55)
- Report from Public Safety Committee (00:54:32)
- Report on Climate Change and Environment Committee meeting of April 2 (00:57:49)

**OLD BUSINESS (00:59:22)**

- Vote on approval of tax rate and Budget for FY 2025 (00:59:22)
  - **Mr. Mezey moved, Ms. Tyler seconded, to approve a tax rate of \$0.04 per \$100 of personal property and real property assessed value. The motion carried (For: Ahr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White; Abstain: Pestronk).**
- Vote on transferring \$1 million to the Capital Improvements Fund (01:02:31)

- o **Treasurer Schaeffer moved, Mr. Mezey seconded, to allow the Treasurer and Village Manager to agree on a plan to bring the balance up to \$1 million by transferring Village funds to the capital improvements account. The motion carried (For: Ahr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White; Abstain: Pestronk).**
- o Update on prospective Red House tenant (01:07:22)
- o Discussion of proposals for shuttle bus contract (01:15:04)
  - o **Mayor White moved, Mr. Mezey seconded, to form an ad hoc committee to evaluate bids for shuttle service with Mayor White, Vice Chairman Ahr, Secretary Solt serving, along with residents Allen Evans, Louisa Klein, Shirley Carr, Sandy Schwarzbart, and Charlie Schwartz. The motion carried (For: Ahr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White; Abstain: Pestronk)**

**NEW BUSINESS (01:23:15)**

- o Discussion/vote on proposals to replace HVAC unit in Village Center
  - o **Mr. Mezey moved, seconded by Vice Chairman Ahr, to approve a bid by Multiservices General Contractor for \$26,675.75 to replace the HVAC unit in the Village Center. The motion carried (For: Ahr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White; Abstain: Pestronk).**

**ADJOURNMENT (1:33:30)**

- o The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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 Martha Solt, Council Secretary