

VILLAGE COUNCIL  
MELANIE ROSE WHITE, *Mayor*  
ROBERT PESTRONK, *Chairman*  
DANIEL AHR, *Vice Chairman*  
MARTHA SOLT, *Secretary*  
ROY SCHAEFFER, *Treasurer*  
MICHAEL MEZEY  
CHERYL TYLER  
JULIAN P. MANSFIELD, *Village Manager*

## VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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### APPROVED MINUTES

### PUBLIC SESSION

### FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL

Conducted via Livestream Monday,

May 20, 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
- Comments from the public to the Council

- **Roger Cochetti (00:02:00)**
- **Pat Donovan (00:02:00)**
- **Lois Forrester (00:07:02)**
- **Michael Dorsey (00:09:15)**
- **Cameroon Moody (00:12:20)**
- Comments from the Council
- Mayor's announcements (00:16:17)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (00:16:56)**

- Public session minutes of the April 8 Council meeting
  - **Secretary Solt moved, Mayor White seconded, to adopt the minutes from the Council meeting of April 8, 2024. The motion passed. For: Ayr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White; Abstain: Pestronk.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT (00:18:52)**

**VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT (0:20:21)**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (00:26:47)**

- Report by Public Safety Committee meeting (00:26:52)
- Report on Finance Committee meeting of April 16 (00:39:18)
- Report on Ad Hoc Committee on Development meeting of April 25 (00:43:54)

**OLD BUSINESS (00:55:16)**

- Update from Council working group on prospective tenants for Red House (00:55:25)
  - **Mr. Councilmember Ayr moved, Secretary Solt seconded, to request the Village Manager to develop a letter of engagement letter with Beth Irving of Stein, Sperling for services related to the Red House. The motion passed. For: Ayr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White; Abstain: Pestronk.**
  - **Councilmember Ayr moved, Councilmember Mezey seconded, to request the Village Manager to develop a Request for Proposal for a construction project at the Red House to include accessibility accommodations, and structural accommodations as necessary to accommodate a commercial kitchen. The motion passed. For: Ayr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White; Abstain: Pestronk.**

- **Mayor White moved, Councilmember Tyler seconded, to appoint Councilmember Ayr as Chairman of the Red House Working Group. The motion passed. For: Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White; Abstain: Ayr, Pestronk.**
- Discussion/vote on approval of FY 2025 Village budget (1:06:18)
- **Treasurer Schaeffer moved, Councilmember Tyler seconded, to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. The motion passed. For: Ayr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White; Abstain: Pestronk.**
- Update on Page Park permit application (1:31:01)
- Discussion/vote on the Finance Committee's recommendation to transfer \$500,000 to the Capital Improvements Fund from the \$1 million anticipated payment from the developer. (01:45:26)
- **Treasurer Schaeffer moved, Councilmember Ayr seconded, to transfer \$500,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund when \$1,000,000 is received from the sale of the Red House air rights. The motion passed. For: Ayr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White; Abstain: Pestronk.**
- Discussion/vote on interior plant maintenance contract proposals (01:47:30)
- **Councilmember Tyler moved, Councilmember Ayr approved a three-year contract with Interior Garden Design for \$550 per month. The motion passed. For: Ayr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Tyler, White; Against: Solt; Abstain: Pestronk**
- Report from Council shuttle bus committee on bus proposals (01:50:46)

**NEW BUSINESS (01:54:03)**

- Discussion/vote on trash removal contract proposals (01:54:57)
- Discussion/vote on security/parking enforcement contract proposals (01:59:19)
- Authorization of signers on new accounts with Peoples Bank (02:13:22)
- **Councilmember Mezey moved, Councilmember Tyler seconded to approve signature authority for the People's Bank account to the Treasurer, the Chairman, and the Mayor. The motion passed. For: Ayr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White; Abstain: Pestronk**
- Discussion/vote on recommendation from the Finance Committee for auditor contract (02:17:06)

- **Treasurer Schaeffer moved, seconded by Councilmember Ayr, to accept the proposal by Lindsay & Associations for a 3-year contract for financial audits. The motion passed. For: Ayr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White; Abstain: Pestronk**
- Discussion of off-duty police agreement (02:18:25)

**ADJOURNMENT (2:40:22)**

- The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Martha Solt, Council Secretary