

VILLAGE COUNCIL
MELANIE ROSE WHITE, *Mayor*
ROBERT PESTRONK, *Chairman*
DANIEL AHR, *Vice Chairman*
MARTHA SOLT, *Secretary*
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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION

**FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE
COUNCIL**

Conducted via Livestream Tuesday,

December 9, 2024

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

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 (00:02:01.39)

- Chairs announcements
- Comments from the public
 - **Al Muller (00:11:30)**
 - **Roger Cochetti (00:14:32)**
- Comments from the Council (00:21:15)

- Mayor's announcements (00:21:51)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (00:22:31)

- Corrected minutes of October 15
 - **Secretary Solt moved, Councilman Ahr seconded, to adopt the revised minutes of the October 15 public Council Meeting. Chairman Pestronk moved, Councilmember Mezey seconded, to amend the motion to delete an empty bullet on p. 2. The motion carried (For: Ahr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White, Pestronk)**
- Closed Council minutes of November 12
 - **Secretary Solt moved, Councilman Mezey seconded, to adopt the minutes of the November 12 Closed Council Meeting. The motion carried (For: Ahr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White; Abstain: Pestronk)**
- Council minutes of November 12
 - **Secretary Solt moved, Mayor White seconded, to adopt the minutes of the November 12 Public Council Meeting, with the deletion of an empty bullet. The motion carried (For: Ahr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White; Abstain: Pestronk)**

TREASURER'S REPORT (00:29:55)

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT (00:53:33)

COMMITTEE REPORTS (00:59:52)

- Parks and Grounds Committee meeting of November 19 (1:00:02)
- Public Safety Committee (1:04:46)

OLD BUSINESS (01:06:06)

- Discussion/vote on proposals for Red House improvements and ADA compliance (01:06:06)
 - **Councilmember Ahr moved, Councilmember Mezey seconded, to authorize the Village Manager in cooperation with the Red House Working Group to negotiate a contract with Managed Homes pursuant to their proposal for up to \$171,000. The motion carried (For: Ahr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White; Abstain: Pestronk).**

- Discussion/vote on Shuttle Bus contract (01:27:20)
- **Mayor White moved, Councilman Tyler seconded, to approve the contract for services with RMA Coach LLC and to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract, contingent on a discussion among the attorney, Village Manager, and Mayor. The motion carried (For: Ahr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, Tyler, White; Abstain: Pestronk).**
- Discussion of New Initiatives budget line (01:42:38)

NEW BUSINESS (01:53:15)

- Discussion/vote on the Friendship Heights Alliance's request for contribution concerning pollinator garden (01:53:15)
- **Councilmember Solt moved, Councilmember Schaeffer seconded, to a) authorize the Village Manager to communicate with the Friendship Heights Alliance to identify specific requirements for plant maintenance in the pollinator garden, and b) if the Friendship Heights Alliance chooses not to continue maintenance of the pollinator garden, the Village of Friendship Heights will have the option to adopt maintenance duties. The motion carried (For: Ahr, Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, White; Abstain: Pestronk, Tyler)**
- **Councilmember Ahr moved, Chairman Pestronk seconded, to authorize the Village Manager to make a \$1,000 donation to the Friendship Heights Alliance for the purposes of maintenance of the pollinator garden. The motion failed (For: Ahr, Tyler, Pestronk; Against: Mezey, Schaeffer, Solt, White)**
- Introduction of changes to Village By-laws (02:31:08)

ADJOURNMENT (02:51:15)

- The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

 1/28/2025

Martha Solt, Council Secretary