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LAND USE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Keith Ogle called the meeting of the Land Use and Policy Committee meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at the Village Administration Building, 432 W. Nebraska Street, Frankfort, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Land Use and Policy Committee members present included Mayor Jim Holland, Village Clerk Gene Savaria, Chair Keith Ogle, Trustees John Clavio, Adam Borrelli, Margaret Farina, and Jessica Petrow; Stacy Bond, Michael DiMaggio, and Paul Slade. Staff in attendance included Village Administrator Rob Piscia, Asst. Administrator Jeff Cook, Police Chief John Burica, Deputy Chief Kevin Keegan, Deputy Chief Will Dowding, and Administrative Assistant Theresa Cork. Bert Behnke was also present. Members Cindy Heath and Brian Samuels were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (December 11, 2019)

Trustee Borrelli made a motion (#1), seconded by Member Slade, to approve the minutes of the Land Use and Policy Committee meeting of December 11, 2019, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

DOWNTOWN PARKING ONLINE SURVEY

Deputy Chief Dowding shared the results of the downtown parking survey that was distributed by Village staff and open from November 5 to November 20, 2019. He reported the survey was sent out through various online outlets and 717 responses were received.

Committee members discussed the findings of the survey and although the results of the survey did not support the proposed parking plan presented, members felt it was appropriate to take some type of action in an effort to increase turnover of prime parking spaces in the historic downtown area. Members considered 3-hour parking restrictions from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM in various downtown locations and ways to encourage downtown business owners and employees to park in peripheral parking lots rather than in the prime spaces. Discussion ensued among committee members regarding enforcement, the associated cost of staffing, legal considerations, aesthetics of additional signage, and the potential spill-over of parking into the residential areas.

Downtown business owner and resident, Bert Behnke, voiced his support of 3-Hour parking restrictions in the downtown business district.

Following discussion, Trustee Borrelli made a motion (#2), seconded by Trustee Petrow, for Deputy Chief Dowding to develop an implementation plan to establish 3-Hour Parking from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM in the following downtown historic district locations and return to Committee for further consideration:

- Kansas Street between White Street and Oak Street
- Ash Street between Nebraska Street and Kansas Street
- Oak Street between Nebraska Street and Elwood
- Breidert Green Parking Lot

The motion was unanimously approved.

SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES UPDATE

Asst. Administrator Cook reported former Governor Bruce Rauner signed Senate Bill 1451 (Public Act 100-0585), the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act on April 12, 2018. The Act became effective June 1, 2018 and municipalities had two months from the effective date to adopt application fees. The Village of Frankfort adopted Ordinance No. 3162 on July 16, 2018, amended by Ordinance No. 3174 on September 17, 2018. He further reported that he spoke with Brad Cole, Executive Director of the Illinois Municipal League, to learn of any changes to the state law governing small wireless facilities. Mr. Cole confirmed there are no changes in Illinois law affecting small wireless facilities since the original effective date, although there are ongoing conversations at the state and federal level. Mr. Cook noted one application has been filed with the Village of Frankfort to date.

OTHER BUSINESS

○ *Casino Update*

Chair Ogle reported Yumeka Brown, Matteson Village Clerk, posted an agenda on Facebook for the Village of Matteson Board of Trustees Special Meeting scheduled on December 30, 2019, for the consideration by the Trustees to adopt a resolution relating to the approval of an alternative location for the siting, construction, and operation of casino within the corporate limits of the Village of Matteson. Chair Ogle noted he was unable to verify if any action to amend their application with the Illinois Gaming Board was taken. It was also noted no response has been received from the Office of the Attorney General relating to the Village's request to review any FOIA denials by the Village of Matteson relating to the casino. Village officials and administrative staff will continue to closely monitor the matter.

○ *Cannabis Update*

Chair Ogle reported the Will County Board did not ban sales of recreational marijuana in unincorporated Will County. Members discussed ways to protect Village borders, including annexation of contiguous properties. Staff was asked to identify areas within Frankfort boundaries that would qualify as eligible properties for annexation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Trustee Farina made a motion (#3), seconded by Trustee Borrelli, to adjourn the Land Use and Policy Committee meeting of January 8, 2020, at 8:32 P.M. The motion was unanimously approved.