

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MEETING HELD VIA GOTO MEETING AND
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JULY 20, 2021**

Call to Order

President Patel called the Regular Meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 P.M. Tuesday, June 20, 2021, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.

The Village President informed the public how they can view the meeting as well as how to provide comments remotely.

Pledge to the Flag

The Corporate Authorities and all persons in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sophie Sargon.

Roll Call

On roll call by Clerk Herman the following were:

Present: Mayor Patel, Trustees Klatzco, Herrera, Sargon, Saleem, Halevi, Martel

A quorum was present.

Also present: Chuck Meyer, Acting Village Manager; Jason Parrott, Police Chief; Jon Bogue, Assistant to the Village Manager; Jake Litz, Management Analyst; Nadim Badran, Public Works Director; Scott Mangum, Community Development Director; Doug Hammel, Development Director; Steven Elrod, Village Attorney.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 15, 2021 Village Board meeting, Special meeting of the Village Board on June 23, 2021, and the Special Meeting of the Village Board on July 7, 2021 were presented at the Village Board meeting for Village Board approval.

Trustee Sargon made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Trustee Klatzco.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:

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Ayes: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Herrera, Saleem, Halevi, Martel

Nays: None

The motion passed

Warrant Approval

Trustee Klatzco presented the warrants in the amount of \$1549766.30 and moved to approve the warrants, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon roll call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Herrera, Saleem, Halevi, Martel

NAYS: None

The motion passed

President's Report

1. Naming of Finance Director as Village Treasurer

Trustee Klatzco moved to name Finance Director Denise Joseph as Village Treasurer, seconded by Trustee Herrera.

Upon Roll call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Herrera, Saleem, Halevi, Martel

NAYS: None

The motion passed

2. Proclamation Regarding Assyrian Remembrance Day

Trustee Atour Sargon introduced this item:

“Welcome everyone. Thank you for being here today. I would like to take a few minutes to provide some context regarding the forthcoming Proclamation.

August 7th is observed annually by Assyrians as Assyrian Remembrance Day to honor the memory of all those Assyrians who have fallen victim to genocide, other mass atrocities and persecution as a result of their distinct ethnic and religious identity. Notably, the solemn holiday commemorates the victims of the Assyrian Genocide (1914-1923) and the Simele Massacre (1933). It is also known as Assyrian Martyrs Day.

The United States is home to more than 600,000 Assyrian-Americans. This thriving community is a proud reminder of survival and perseverance in the face of mass atrocities and extreme injustice. Illinois is home to one of the largest Assyrian populations in the diaspora, with approximately 80,000 Assyrian-Americans living in Illinois and many Assyrians in our wonderful Village of Lincolnwood, with many in attendance today.

August 7th is a day when everyone can honor those lost and pay tribute to the perseverance and determination of those who survived, as well as members of the Assyrian-American communities who were affected by these crimes. I want to thank Mayor Patel and the Board of Trustees for their support in presenting this Proclamation tonight.

I would like to welcome HG Mar Paulus Benjamin, Mr. Sheba Mando, President of the Assyrian National Council of Illinois, and Ms Helen Badawi on behalf of the Assyrian Cultural Foundation to the podium to accept a copy of the Proclamation on behalf of the Assyrian-American Community. I would also like to welcome and thank Ashtar Nahhas, President of the Assyrian Athletic Club and Reine Hanne, Executive Director of the Assyrian Policy Institute for attending today.

I will now turn this over to Mayor Jesal Patel to present the Proclamation.”

Mayor Patel read the following:

“**Whereas**, Assyrians, an ethnic minority group are the indigenous people of Mesopotamia and have lived in the Middle East since ancient times, including in what is today Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Syria; and

Whereas, today, Assyrians, also known as Chaldeans and Syriacs, live around the world, including over 600,000 who live in the United States and over 80,000 who live in Illinois; and

Whereas, between 1914 and 1923, the Assyrian Genocide occurred; during this time, the Ottoman Empire murdered over 300,000 Assyrian men, women and children by methods that included mass executions, death marches, torture and starvation; and

Whereas, during the Assyrian Genocide, also known as the Seyfo Genocide, the Ottoman Turks and their Kurdish allies also systematically raped and enslaved Assyrian women and girls, forced the Assyrians from their ancestral lands, and pillaged and destroyed their communities/ and

Whereas, the killing of over two million Armenians, Assyrians, Greeks, Christians and other religious minority populations represented the culmination of a series of violent persecutions dating back to the late 1800s; and

Whereas, the year 2021 marks the 106th anniversary of the Armenian, Assyrian and Greek genocides of 1915; these genocides were part of the planned eradication of those indigenous communities by the Ottoman Turkish Empire; yet to this day, Turkey has still not recognized these genocides; and

Whereas, August 7, 1933 is recognized by the International Association of Genocide Scholars as the date on which as many as 6,000 Assyrians were killed at the orders of the Iraqi government in an event known as the Simele Massacre; this massacre continued the legacy of persecution exemplified by the 1915 Assyrian Genocide; and

Whereas, August 7th, globally observed by Assyrian community as Assyrian Remembrance day, is in remembrance of the Simele Massacre and of all persecution the Assyrian people have faced as a result of their distinct and ancient ethnic and religious identity ; and

Whereas, the persecution against Assyrians continues until this day in their ancestral homeland, where they are continually targeted for persecution by state and non-state actors, such as the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Iraq, the Kurdistan Regional Government and the so-called Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant or ISIL; and

Whereas, ISIL has persistently destroyed culturally and historically significant locations and items, including UNESCO world heritage sites, such as the ancient Assyrian city of Nimrud; and

Whereas, the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate concurrently resolved that the ‘the atrocities perpetrated by ISIL against Christians, Yezidis and other religious and ethnic minorities in Iraq and Syria constitute war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide’; and

Whereas, the denial of genocide is widely recognized as the final stage of genocide; this denial maintains impunity for the perpetrators of these atrocities and demonstrably paves the way for future genocides; and

Whereas, the resilience and endurance of the Assyrian people, despite being victims of a genocide that the Islamic State continues to perpetrate to this day, is commendable and praiseworthy; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Jesal Patel, President of the Village of Lincolnwood along with the Village Board of Trustees recognize the Simele Massacre of 1933 as a genocide and reprehensible crime against humanity and honors the memory of all of those Assyrians who have fallen victim to genocide and mass atrocities and also recognize August 7 2021. As

Assyrian Remembrance Day

And urged all citizens of the Village to join in remembering this date.

3. Retirement

Mayor Patel recognized the retirement of Officer Bill Meister who recently moved to Nebraska to live with his family. He went on to thank the entire police department for their service to our community.

Village Trustees’ Report

Trustee Klatzco called attention to the Delta Variant of COID 19 which is quickly spreading across communities nationwide. He urged those who had not yet done so, to get vaccinated, and all to continue to wear masks.

Trustee Saleem wanted to extend his best wishes to all of the Muslim community in the Village who are celebrating Eid.

Trustee Halevi noted that crows are slowly returning to the Village after their populations were decimated by a virus some years ago.

Village Clerk's Report

The Village Clerk spoke of an event "Celebrating our Asian Neighbors" to be held on August 8 at the shelter in Proesel Park.

Public Forum

The following letter sent by Tony Lazzar, was read by Interim Village Manager Meyer:

"The Honorable Mayor of the Village of Lincolnwood, Jesal Patel and Board of Trustees'
Let it be known that we the Assyrian Universal Alliance Illinois Branch and its affiliates hereby vehemently reject the idea of changing the name of Assyrian Historical event (Assyrian Martyrs Day) into (Assyrian Remembrance Day) for the following reasons:

The Assyrian Martyr's Day has been established and recognized universally among Assyrians and other ethnic groups since 1970

The Assyrian Martyr's Day is synonymous with the Assyrian Culture and historically what they had to endure in the early nineteen hundreds

Changing the name of a historical event by a small local group of Assyrians is irresponsible and will create a rift and political tension among Assyrians

The Assyrian Martyrs' is the only name that has been known and remembered by all Assyrians all over the world

I am very confident that you will address this issue and concern."

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of a Resolution Approving the Release of Certain Written Minutes and the Destruction of Verbatim Records of Certain Closed Meetings of the Village Board of Trustees
2. Approval of a Resolution Approving License Agreements with Three Properties for the Village's Stormwater Street Storage Program
3. Approval of an Ordinance Amending the Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance, Chapter 17 Article 1 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Lincolnwood and amending the Ordinance on Nuisances, Chapter 17 Article 3 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Lincolnwood to include Abandoned Vehicles
4. Approval of the Following Items Pertaining to the Purchase of Sewer Televising Equipment: A) a Resolution Approving Participation in the Houston-Galveston Area Council Purchasing Cooperative; and B) a Resolution Approving a Contract with Standard Equipment Company of Elmhurst, Illinois for the Purchase of Sewer Televising Equipment and a 2020 Ram Pro Master Cargo Van through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Program, Contract #SC01- 21A, in the Amount of \$203,975.00
5. Approval of an Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding Process and Approving an Agreement with Aclara Technologies LLC of St. Louis, Missouri for Automated Water Meter Reading Software and Related Implementation, Maintenance, and Hosting Services in the Amount of \$41,434.72
6. Approval of a Resolution Amending the Professional Services Agreement with SAFEbuilt Illinois, LLC, of Loveland, Colorado, for Health Inspection Services

7. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying a Grant Agreement with the United States Department of the Treasury for Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding
8. Approval of a Resolution Appointing and Designating Finance Director Denise Joseph as the Principal Authority for the Village's Illinois Funds Account
9. Continuation to August 17, 2021, of a Recommendation by the Zoning Board of Appeals to Approve an Ordinance Granting a Variation Related to Floor Area Ratio at 6547 North Central Park Avenue
10. Approval of an Ordinance Amending Sections 6 and 17 of the Municipal Code of Lincolnwood Regarding Permitted Hours of Construction
11. Approval of an Ordinance for a Park Permit for the Madraigos Midwest Family Day in Proesel Park on August 29, 2021
12. Approval of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Resolution of Authorization
13. Approval of a Resolution Approving the Renewal of User Licenses for Software Provided by Accela, Inc., of San Ramon, California

Trustee Klatzco moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Trustee Saleem.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Herrera, Saleem, Halevi, Martel

NAYS: None

The motion passed

Regular Business

14. **Public Hearing to Consider the Following Items Pertaining to Fiscal Year 2021-2022: A) Approval of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; B) Approval of the Certificate of Estimated Revenues by Source for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

President Patel opened the public hearing. Clerk Herman called the roll.

Upon roll call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Hererra. Saleem, Halevi, Martel

NAYS: None

There was a quorum.

Finance Director, Joseph, introduced the proposed Ordinance to the Village Board.

Finance Director Joseph stated that the Ordinance represents the maximum spending limits for the Village.

The proposed Ordinance amounts to \$77.6 million. She opened the hearing to questions. There were none.

President Patel asked if the public had any comments. There were none.

Trustee Klatzco moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Martel.

Upon Roll Call the results were

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Herrera, Saleem, Halevi, Martel

NAYS: None

The motion passed

Trustee Sargon moved to approve the Appropriations Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Klatzco.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Herrera, Saleem, Halevi, Martel

NAYS: None

The motion passed

15. Consideration of a Recommendation by the Plan Commission Regarding an Ordinance Amending the Village of Lincolnwood Zoning Ordinance Regarding Adult-Use Cannabis Dispensaries

This item was presented by Scott Mangum, Community Development Director.

Mr. Mangum noted that the Recommendation presented was a text amendment to the item presented to the Committee of the Whole regarding implementation of cannabis dispensaries in the Village of Lincolnwood.

Mr. Mangum provided background and noted that this was previously discussed by the Board. He noted that 16 of 24 communities neighboring Lincolnwood have now allowed for dispensaries to open.

Mr. Magnum then stated several stipulations that would be put in place to ensure that these dispensaries do not negatively affect the community in general.

Mayor Patel noted that the Plan Commission recommendation for the Ordinance in question was less stringent than the previous one brought to the Board in 2019. He stated that this Ordinance would allow for Cannabis use in a large portion of the Village's Zoning Districts. A map displaying the proposed Zoning was put on the screen as the Mayor delineated reservation had by the Board about allowing Cannabis use in the great majority of the Village.

Trustee Sargon stated that she would prefer there to be a public hearing regarding this Ordinance/

Trustee Klatzco stated that coming up with overlay districts to ensure these dispensaries were in responsible locations would be essential. He noted that the financial benefit such dispensaries would bring would be of great benefit to the Village.

Trustee Saleem agreed that doing a one-time assessment of overlay districts would be the best method for deciding where such dispensaries could be opened.

Mayor Patel agreed that the overlay district idea would be the best path forward.

Trustee Martel indicated that he was in agreement and in favor of implementing another Zoning Map.

Mr. Meyer noted that boundaries and textual provisions could create areas of the Village where use and dispensaries are allowed. He went on to discuss the issue of licensure which would work for cannabis much as it works for liquor stores.

Mayor Patel wished to approve a motion to remand to the Plan Commission for deliberation.

Trustee Klatzco moved to approve sending to Plan Commission, seconded by Trustee Martel. Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Herrera, Saleem, Halevi, Martel

NAYS:

The motion passed

16. Consideration of a Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve an Ordinance to Amend the District 1860 Planned Unit Development at 4500-4560 West Touhy Avenue and 7350 North Lincoln Avenue

This item was presented by Scott Mangum, Community Development Director. Mr. Magnum provided the Board with a brief history of previous approvals regarding the development of the area. The current request would revolve around the amendment of the site to accommodate a grocery store. There would be three amendments that would need to be approved by the Board. These would include an increase in the size of so-called Building B a change to the type of non-high-quality building materials for Building B and one which would change the location of the proposed 721 on-site parking spaces. A few other modifications would occur to accommodate this request such as the changing of monument sign location. The requested action would be the approval of an Ordinance to Amend the District 1860 Planned Unit Development at 4500-4560 West Touhy Avenue and 7350 North Lincoln Avenue. To be considered with Item #17.

17. Consideration of a Resolution Approving a Second Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement with Touhy and Lincoln, LLC

This item was presented by Scott Mangum, Community Development Director who introduced the Item and turned it over to Richard Tucker o Tucker Development to make the presentation.

Richard Tucker noted that Amazon Fresh would be Tucker's partner for the grocery store addition to the planned development. Referring to the site plan, he noted that all of the sidewalk widths had been determined to allow fire trucks and delivery trucks to easily maneuver around the site. He went on to display several 3D mockups of the site in question to allow the Board to better visualize the project. Aaron Tucker summarized some changes proposed by Tucker Development to the RDA, including the proposition to tranche the \$25 million "First TIF Note" into two, and the desire for a "sales tax pledge" which would increase the first tranche amount to the minimum required to commence the project in question.

Village Attorney Elrod provided a detailed presentation on the proposed revisions to the Village financing, as well as the proposed revisions to the Redevelopment Agreement.

Mayor Patel noted that this was extremely sensible development for the Village to be involved in, especially given the Village's maintenance of its credit score for the 21/22 Fiscal Year. Trustee Sargon thanked Tucker Development for their hard work over the course of this project/ Trustee Halevi agreed and thanked the organization for placing faith in the Village.

Trustee Sargon moved to approve Items 16 and 17 seconded by Trustee Klatzco.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Herrera, Saleem, Halevi, Martel

NAYS:

The motion passed

18. Consideration of a Recommendation by the Plan Commission to Adopt an Ordinance Amending Section 6.11(4) of the Zoning Code Related to the Applicability of Landscape Regulations

This item was presented by Doug Hammel, Development Manager.

Mr. Hammel discussed a recommendation to amend existing regulations concerning landscape regulations. This followed a Plan Commission Public Hearing revolving around the provision. Where a text amendment was discussed which would remove the provision triggering landscape regulations when more than 50% of the interior of a building undergoes renovation.

Trustee Klatzco moved to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Hererra.

Upon Roll Call the Results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Hererra, Saleem, Halevi, Martel

NAYS: None

The motion pass

19. Discussion Regarding the Disconnection of Existing Water Interconnects with the City of Chicago

This item was presented by Nadim Badran, Public Works Director.

Mr. Badran noted that the Village's water supply no longer interconnects with the City of Chicago and instead is supplied by the City of Evanston. This saved the Village as previously purchased water cost \$4.02 per 1,000 gallons as opposed to the 2020 rate of \$1.60 per 1,000 gallons and the current rate of \$0.94 per 1,000 gallons.

He recommended the termination of the existing connections to Chicago as the Village has in place several safeguards which would store its water in the interim.

Trustee Klatzco moved to approve the recommendation of the Public Works Director, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Sargon, Hererra, Saleem, Halevi, Martel

NAYS: None

The motion passed

20. Consideration of an Extension of the Emergency Declaration Entered by Mayor Patel on May 4, 2021

This item was presented by Village Attorney Elrod.

Mr. Elrod stated that the item is on the agenda for consideration

Discussion ensued. It was decided that this was not necessary at this time.

Adjournment

At 9:30 P.M. Trustee Herrera moved to adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Trustee Martel'

The motion passed by Voice Vote.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beryl Herman
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Village Clerk.