

Winnetka Village Council
STUDY SESSION
Village Hall
510 Green Bay Road
January 14, 2020

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AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Public Comment
- 3) General Village Council Discussion Regarding Policy Matters for Future Agendas
- 4) Closed Session
- 5) Adjournment

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Agenda Item Executive Summary

Title: General Village Council Discussion Regarding Policy Matters for Future Agendas

Presenter: Robert M. Bahan, Village Manager

Agenda Date: 01/14/2020

Consent: YES NO

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Policy Direction |
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Item History:

During the February 13, 2018 Study Session, the Council confirmed key priorities and identified additional policy matters for future discussions.

Executive Summary:

At the February 13, 2018 Study Session, the Village Council discussed key priorities and identified a list of secondary topics they would like to see addressed as time permits. At the January 14, 2020 Study Session, the Council will again develop another list of secondary policy items for future consideration.

The Council has addressed many of the items identified in 2018. At the January 14th Study Session, the Council will be asked for their suggestions on ancillary policy items for 2020 and beyond.

Recommendation:

Discussion only; no immediate action needed.

Attachments:

Minutes of the February 13, 2018 Study Session
Village Council Priorities from 2018
2020 Village Council Priorities

MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

February 13, 2018

(Approved: March 6, 2018)

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held in the Village Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to Order. President Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Present: Trustees Andrew Cripe, Robert Dearborn, Penny Lanphier, Scott Myers, John Swierk, and Kristin Ziv. Absent: None. Also in attendance: Village Manager Robert Bahan, Village Attorney Ben Schuster, and two persons in the audience.
- 2) Public Comment. None.
- 3) General Discussion by the Village Council Regarding Policy Matters for Future Study Sessions and Regular Meeting Agendas. President Rintz explained that Village Council agendas are shaped by prioritizing his primary goals, and that he is interested in also trying to accommodate issues that are important to the rest of the Council wherever possible.

Manager Bahan reviewed the roster of major Council priorities:

- Stormwater projects
- Review of the Retail Overlay District
- Refuse service evaluation
- Streetscape planning
- Green Bay Road jurisdictional transfer discussions
- Financing of business district improvements
- Zoning reviews

President Rintz explained that in 2018 he plans to make significant progress on stormwater projects, conclude the refuse evaluation, discuss zoning code revisions, and move forward on business district improvements. He noted that Manager Bahan, in addition to working with the Council on the priority projects, runs the day-to-day business of the Village, and ensures core services are provided.

Next, President Rintz asked each of the Trustees to elaborate on issues they would like to see addressed. Items of interest the Council identified were:

- Update the Comprehensive Plan.
- Investigate the potential of a solar array on the Landfill.
- Study, update, and clarify zoning standards, so they reflect the Village's concerns with home affordability, historic preservation, and environmental impacts; work with Village Attorney to develop a set of guiding principles for the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Reconsider density limitations in the downtown areas to attract empty nesters.
- Study zoning provisions for height and bulk; review residential zoning districts.
- Study the issue of historic home demolitions to identify contributing factors.
- Develop consistency for funding of services: fees vs. property taxes.

- Develop a program to engage the next generation of leaders; populate boards and commissions with new people.
- Examine preservation practices of surrounding communities in an effort to help preserve Winnetka's housing stock.

Louise Holland, Chair of the Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC). Ms. Holland explained that her commissioners are not interested in making large changes to the Zoning or Landmark ordinances. They would like to conduct a comparison of Winnetka's landmark provisions to those of surrounding communities, in the hopes of identifying some methods to enhance Winnetka's preservation efforts.

The Council generally shared the LPC's concern about preserving housing stock. President Rintz pointed out that past Councils have worked on historic preservation and reached an impasse, with the community split on the issue. He explained that he needs to stay focused on what he can accomplish in the short time allotted to him. He added that the LPC would need to do the bulk of the work involved in conducting a comparison of comparable landmark ordinances, since Staff is already occupied working on the Council's projects.

Finally, President Rintz said the next step would be to schedule another Study Session devoted to working on the list of secondary topics, and assign specific tasks for the boards and commissions to work on.

- 4) Closed Session. None.
- 5) Adjournment. Trustee Dearborn, seconded by Trustee Myers, moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Deputy Clerk

VILLAGE COUNCIL 2018 PRIORITIES

- Stormwater
 - Refined Plans & Stakeholder Intergovernmental Agreements
 - Budget Review and Financing Alternatives
 - CCFPD License Agreement; Regional Permitting
- Retail Overlay District
- Refuse Program Evaluation
- DMP Task Force – Streetscape Planning
- Jurisdictional Transfer
- Business District Financing & Alternative Strategies (Grants, TIF, JT, etc.)
- DMP Recommendations (Zoning) – PC & DRB



VILLAGE COUNCIL 2020 PRIORITIES

- **Stormwater Management**
 - Refined Plans & Stakeholder Intergovernmental Agreements
 - Budget Review (Contractor Pricing) and Financing Alternatives, Grants
 - Engineering for CCFPD License Agreement; Regional Permitting
- **Comprehensive Plan Process**
 - Build on Previous Plans
 - Engagement & Communication
 - Major Elements & In-Depth Sub-Area Plans
 - Feasibility & Sustainability; Education & Exploration
 - Council Check-ins
- **Economic Development**
 - Streetscape Phase III Design – East Elm
 - Former One Winnetka Development
 - Jurisdictional Transfer – Hubbard Woods
 - Electronic Business Development Platform
 - 93 Green Bay Road Redevelopment

