

Winnetka Village Council
VIRTUAL STUDY SESSION

Zoom
February 8, 2022
7:00 PM

AGENDA

In accordance with social distancing requirements and Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order 2021-32 and Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the Winnetka Village Council meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 will be held virtually. The meeting will be livestreamed via the Zoom platform. At least one representative from the Village will be present at Village Hall in compliance with Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, and the virtual meeting will be simulcast at Village Hall for members of the public who do not wish to view the virtual meeting from another location. Due to the need to maintain social distancing, the opportunity to view the virtual meeting at Village Hall is available on a “first come, first-served” basis.

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- 1) Telephone (audio only Call 312-626-6799), when prompted enter the Meeting ID – 82200100395 (Please note there is no additional password or attendee ID required)
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- In the subject line – “Village Council Meeting Public Comment”
- Name
- Address (optional)
- Phone (optional)
- Organization or agency representing, if applicable
- General comment or comment on topic of specific agenda item number

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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

NOTICE

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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: 02/08/2022

Consent: YES NO

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Item History:

During the January 14, 2020 Study Session, the Council confirmed key priorities and identified additional policy matters for future discussions.

Executive Summary:

At the January 14, 2020 Study Session, the Village Council discussed key priorities and initiatives, and identified a list of secondary topics they would like to see addressed as time permits. At the February 8, 2022 Study Session, the Council will again discuss additional policy matters for future consideration.

The Council has addressed many of the items identified in 2020. At the February 8, 2022 Study Session, the Council will be asked for their suggestions on ancillary policy items for 2022 and beyond.

Recommendation:

Discussion only; no immediate action needed.

Attachments:

1. Minutes of the January 14, 2020 Study Session
2. Village Council Priorities from 2020
3. 2022 Village Council Initiatives

ATTACHMENT 1

MINUTES WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

January 14, 2020

(Approved: February 4, 2020)

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, January 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to Order. President Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Present: Trustees Jack Coladarci, Andrew Cripe, Robert Dearborn, Penny Lanphier, and John Swierk. 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 Village Council Discussion Regarding Policy Matters for Future Agendas. President Rintz explained that the Comprehensive Plan process will create future policy items for the Council's consideration; however, there may also be more immediate actions that could be taken. He noted that development of preliminary design and cost estimates for stormwater projects will soon begin, which will lead to community-wide financing discussions. After he reviewed the 2020 list of projects on the Council's to-do list, he asked the Trustees for recommendations for auxiliary policy items for the Council's consideration.

Trustee Dearborn suggested the Village use what it learned in Phase I Streetscape implementation and develop a better process of business/shopper engagement and support for the upcoming Phase II project. He advised supporting retailers during the Streetscape implementation, including getting the word out to the community to support the retailers during the construction, and demonstrating sensitivity to the concerns of merchants and shoppers.

President Rintz suggested perhaps the Streetscape project manager can give a presentation to the Council on lessons learned from Phase I and recommend some solutions for Phase II.

Trustee Coladarci commented that there is disengagement in the community, and residents are not always equipped with the right information; in addition, the businesses had many opportunities to meet with the Village about Streetscape and very few took advantage.

President Rintz added that he sponsored a series of meetings specifically for the businesses at a time when merchants specified they could attend, and the turnout was very disappointing. He noted that he personally visited every business in the West Elm district to remind them of the meetings, with very little effect.

Trustee Cripe said people are too busy and a large percentage of the population isn't aware of the facts; however, this is typical in many communities. He advised finding out if there were problems in Phase I that can be mitigated in Phase II and providing those solutions.

Manager Bahan explained that the Village had staff on-site in the construction zone every day to provide updates to businesses, and the Village established a merchant email list for sending targeted E-Development updates. He said for Phase II Streetscape, possibly a broader audience could be reached by also using the local papers and electronic media outlets.

Trustee Lanphier suggested the Village consider its lakefront bluff zoning regulations with regard to: bluff restoration; through lots and building down to the bluff; and how to better define the water's edge with regard to bluff edge construction. She noted that other towns have more rigorous standards for building on the lakefront bluff.

Trustee Coladarci commented that he would like to see the Village explore the option to remove the curve at Green Bay Road and Oak Street as part of the jurisdictional transfer talks with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Manager Bahan explained that the Downtown Master Plan committee examined eliminating this curve in Green Bay Road, but ruled it out at the time because of the complexities involved, along with the expense. He said he would add it to the list of options to explore with IDOT, as well as the Comprehensive Plan team.

Trustee Cripe said his concern is property taxes. He suggested the Village explore local options to mitigate the property tax burden on residents, such as combining projects with other agencies for economies of scale, and developing a long-term tax plan that includes all local taxing bodies. He noted that the Village's zoning requirements can place a financial burden on Winnetka's sister agencies; and he recommended scheduling discussions about creating an advisory Local Improvements Board.

Jeffrey Liss, Winnetka resident. Mr. Liss asked if the Village has a long-range plan for water main replacement; encouraged implementation of a better sound system in the Council Chambers; proposed an electronic survey of the community in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan process; commented that a property tax cap referendum might be used as a carrot to get the income tax referendum passed in the Fall; and suggested the Village Council hold an informal reception every September to welcome new residents from the past year and familiarize them with Village issues and communication vehicles.

President Rintz explained that the Village has completed a comprehensive water rate study, which includes a water main replacement schedule; and the sound system will be upgraded in 2020, including adding a hearing loop.

The Council was in agreement to add the following list to their 2020 initiatives:

- Streetscape Phase I take-aways to facilitate communications for Phase II: possible presentation from project manager about lessons learned; encourage community to support businesses during construction (include press releases to local papers, possible marketing and other help for merchants)
- Lakefront bluff regulations: bluff restoration; through lots and building down to the bluff; with bluff edge construction - how to better define water's edge.
- Talk to IDOT re eliminating curve on Green Bay Road at Oak Street as part of jurisdictional transfer talks
- Coordinate capital projects with Winnetka's taxing bodies; possibly create a Local Improvements Board; and long-term tax planning and collaboration

- 4) Closed Session. Trustee Lanphier moved to adjourn into Closed Session to discuss Specific Personnel, pursuant to Section 2c(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Trustee Cripe seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Coladarci, Cripe, Dearborn, Lanphier and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: None.

President Rintz announced that the Council would not return to the open meeting after Closed Session. The Council adjourned into Closed Session at 8:27 p.m.

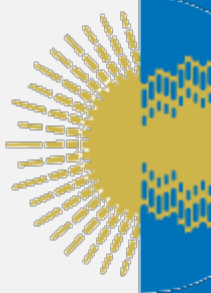
- 5) Adjournment. Trustee Lanphier, seconded by Trustee Cripe, moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Recording Secretary

- **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

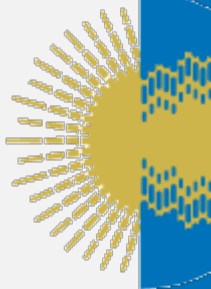


Stormwater Management

- Final Engineering, Permitting & Licensing for North of Willow RD Areas
- Final Engineering, Permitting and Licensing for Cook County Site
- Cook County Forest Preserve Final Agreement
- Final Engineering for Crow Island & South of Willow RD Areas
- Resident Communications & Grants
- East Side Evaluation

Comprehensive Plan Process

- Post Office Site Evaluation
- Council Check-ins, Review & Approval
- Green Bay Trail enhancements



Economic Development

- Former One Winnetka Re-Development
- Hubbard Woods Streetscape Planning, Design & Jurisdictional Transfer
- Review Village owned property inventory – potential uses
- Economic Development Corporation
- Community events to activate business districts

Electric Utility System

- Evaluation FY 2022 & 2023
- Current Generation System Evaluation
- Alternative Energy Review
- Undergrounding of Overhead Lines

