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VILLAGE BOARD WORKSHOP SPECIAL MEETING Municipal Building: 2121 Lake Street Hanover Park, IL 60133

Thursday, August 1, 2019
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Village President Craig called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

PRESENT: Trustees: Porter, Kemper, Prigge, Shahjahan, Roberts, López Benítez

ABSENT: Trustee(s) None

Quorum established.

ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney Paul, Village Manager Juliana Maller and Department Heads

ABSENT:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Roberts and seconded by Trustee Kemper; to accept the agenda.

Voice Vote:

All Ayes.

Motion carried.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Promoting a Welcoming Community

Village Manager Maller noted that at the Board meeting of June 20, 2019, the Village Board requested a Workshop to discuss items related to a welcoming statement and discuss the bills that had been recently passed by the 101st General Assembly. She noted that upon review staff is providing three draft documents at this workshop.

1. A resolution that was provided to the Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee from the City of Redmond for review and comment.

2. A draft ordinance based on other community samples and verbiage from Police Chief Menough for review and comment.
3. Staff conducted a review of the bills that were included in the Campaign For A Welcoming Illinois handout, previously provided by Trustee Porter.

Village Manager Maller noted that staff is requesting direction from the Board moving forward once discussion is completed.

Village Manager Maller noted that the bills do not have a direct influence on the services provided by Village Staff but that they do affect the residents of our community.

Trustee Porter noted that after Board review of the bills that the Board would defer, in full or in part, to the CIDC (Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee) to provide ideas on how to best address this issue and how we might move towards implementation. He noted that any changes would need legal guidance. Village Manager Maller noted that only bills that apply on the local level were reviewed by staff and that legal counsel was not engaged to review any of the bills. She noted that staff review was to determine if any change to our service process was applicable.

Trustee Shahjahan provided an update and noted a meeting with Mayor Craig whereas he presented a resolution from the City of Redmond on the subject of commitment to culturally inclusive community. The CIDC Committee then held a special meeting in July whereas they reviewed the resolution and brought forward both resolutions and ordinances from several other places such as; Berwyn, Oak Park, the City of Chicago, Seattle and the work the leadership council from the National League of Cities has done. Due to the large amount of information to sort through, the CIDC Committee formed a sub-committee to assist in the research.

Village Manager Maller noted that a draft ordinance was available in the agenda packet that encompassed inclusiveness as a cultural community for review by the Board.

Trustee Porter and Trustee López Benitez both indicated that the Board should not rush to move forward with anything until all research has been reviewed.

Trustee Porter noted that, after speaking with one priest, our residents are not fearful to conduct daily activities but that there has been an increase in the number of parishioners that seek legal advice from the Catholic Charities organization. He does not think that there has been enough time to make a determination at this time and he thinks that the Board should not rush into pronouncing anything official.

Trustee López Benítez agrees with Trustee Porter in not rushing through everything. She notes that a decision should only be made after all avenues have been researched and that we should perhaps include stakeholders and seasoned organizations with expert people who may help us in understanding the bills at a deeper level and provide the insight that we need.

Trustee López Benítez stated further that although it is too late to provide a statement to our community, an ordinance is necessary, but not without extensive research and information. She noted that during the last Board meeting there had been a request by a resident asking for clarity about Police policy as it relates to ICE.

Trustee López Benítez addressed Police Chief Menough regarding a previous conversation they had regarding police procedure and involvement with ICE and Federal law enforcement. She stated that Chief Menough confirmed that PD does not participate in any immigration enforcement activities and ICE does not use HPPD's jail for ICE procedures. However, if a person is arrested of a violent felony (murder, sexual assault, gang related crime) ICE will be contacted for confirmation of citizenship status. If undocumented, the suspect will go to a county jail and processed by ICE. PD Chief Menough responded by adding that if ICE contacts the police department and asks for officers to stand by while they conduct activities that they feel involve dangerous individuals, PD will do so to ensure the safety of everyone involved and to ensure that no one gets hurt.

Trustee Porter noted that he and Police Chief Menough also had the same conversation when he was first elected as Trustee. He noted that he can vouch for the veracity of what Police Chief Menough stated. Trustee Porter spoke to the recommended action made by staff as provided in the agenda memorandum. Trustee Porter referred to the agenda memo's request for direction from the Board to host a Public Forum

with immigrant families to share information.

Trustee Shahjahan provided summary of the efforts that have been made by CIDC and the Village previously.

Village Clerk Corral Sepúlveda noted that the previous urgency was to communicate with the community and provide information as to what immigrants can do regarding ICE interaction.

Trustee López Benítez posed a question; is CIDC going to be the committee that, in addition to providing an ordinance, is the committee going to organize a workshop? or an open meeting with the community? Is the committee also going to respond to previously asked questions regarding the Trust Act also or is that going to be separate and provided by the Board?

Trustee Shahjahan explained what the CIDC committee is working on.

Village Attorney Paul asked why the Village would provide information to our immigrant community as to what their rights are.

Village Clerk Corral Sepúlveda spoke to the information that was distributed regarding the issue and noted that the flyer that was distributed was provided by the Catholic Charities organization. The purpose of the dissemination of this information was to better equip immigrants on what to do if and when ICE interaction is necessary.

Village Clerk Corral Sepúlveda noted that there were two issues that were combined or blended as one. An immigrant wants to know what ICE is doing and what Hanover Park is not doing. They want to know how to move forward in their daily lives. She noted that an ordinance should not necessarily note what we are doing now, but comprehensively what we will do moving forward and that this can take time. She thinks that being transparent is important.

Attorney Paul pointed out that a Village should not be providing legal advice. That there are other organizations that can assist people with what options they have regarding immigration issues. He noted that perhaps the Village can provide what process they have in relationship to this matter but nothing more.

Village Manager Maller summarized what CIDC has agreed to do. Mayor Craig agreed and noted that he wants to give CIDC the time they need to compile the information and provide recommendation to the Board at a later date.

Consensus was made by Board to give necessary time for CIDC to review and compile information and provide recommendation to the Board at a later date.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Kemper and seconded by Trustee Prigge to adjourn.

Voice vote:

All Ayes.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Recorded and Transcribed by: Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Village Clerk
Minutes approved by President and Board of Trustees on this _____.