



VILLAGE OF
SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES



JANUARY 19, 2021

In recognition of the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis, the Village is making every effort to ensure the health, safety and welfare of its residents. To avoid the transmittance of the COVID-19 virus, residents of the Village are invited to attend this meeting telephonically.

Specifically, residents were encouraged to call into the following teleconference line (712) 775-7031 in order to listen to the live meeting. After dialing the teleconference line, they will be prompted to enter the following conference ID: 245-795. After they have entered this conference ID, they would be able to listen to the meeting.

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, by teleconference and at the Village Hall 3317 Chicago Road, South Chicago Heights, Illinois. Mayor Terry Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. Mayor Matthews requested the Village Clerk, Catherine Linan, to call the roll. The following were present:

John Ross	Trustee	Attorney John Wise
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Dialed in by phone:

Terry Matthews	Village President
Catherine Linan	Village Clerk
Terry Fiorenzo	Trustee
Eugene Fazzini	Trustee
Sally Marrufo	Trustee
Eric Stanton	Trustee
Mark Martin	Public Works
Chad Vlietstra	Fire Chief
Bill Joyce	Police Chief
Nick Goncher	Building Director
John Dolasinski	Treasurer
Jesse Kozinski	Deputy Police Chief

Trustee Tracy Bosco and Village Administrator Nora Gomez were absent.

Mayor Matthews stated that residents were encouraged to email their questions and public comments to clinan@southchicagoheights.com prior to and during the meeting. The emails will be read during the public comment portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Clerk Linan stated that no questions were submitted electronically.

DISCUSSION – LIQUOR LICENSE FOR OM CHICAGO HEIGHTS GAMING, INC.: Mayor Matthews asked Mr. Patel to explain his business. Mr. Kalpesh Patel explained his design for this

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location. Discussion ensued regarding combining a café and Wing Stop in this location. Discussion ensued amongst the Board regarding the alcohol being served, hours of operation, sharing the kitchen for two different businesses. Trustee Marrufo asked for the clarification on the hours of operation and a completed business application be submitted. The Mayor took a straw vote and the majority of the Board was in favor of allowing the Wing Stop and a gaming café.

DISCUSSION – JUNETEENTH AS A HOLIDAY: Mayor Matthews explained that June 5th was the end of slavery and that this has been discussed amongst the Obama administration, the Trump administration and he feels it will be discussed with the new president as well about making this a national holiday. Mayor Matthews stated that some governments have added this day as a holiday and wanted to be proactive. Discussion ensued amongst the Board regarding making this a village holiday and if this would be a problem with the police union. The Mayor and the Board agreed to making this a Village holiday.

DISCUSSION – SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY: Mayor Matthews asked Chief Joyce to explain. Chief Joyce stated that the current ordinance prohibits a registered sex offender from living within 500 feet from a school and that he is recommending this be increased to 1000 feet from a school. Attorney John Wise summarized some current cases in court on this topic regarding this being unconstitutional. Discussion ensued amongst the Board regarding a potential lawsuit or waiting to see the outcome of some current cases. The Mayor and the Board agree to wait on amending our ordinance.

DISCUSSION – BYOB CIGAR SMOKE SHOP: Mayor Matthews explained that a business approached the Village about putting in a smoke/cigar shop located between the laundromat and the dentist office in the American Plaza and that they did not request a liquor license but would allow people to bring in their own alcohol. Attorney Wise explained the current liquor code and that it does not allow any alcohol to be consumed on premises that does not have a liquor license and therefore allowing a business to bring their own alcohol would be against the code. Attorney Wise stated that this type of license could be created if the Board wishes to do so. Discussion ensued amongst the Board on allowing this type or not to allow. The Mayor and the Board agreed not to allow this license and asked Clerk Linan to contact the person that inquired about the license.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Stanton motioned to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Trustee Fiorenzo. On a voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.




Catherine Linan, Village Clerk


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