



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



MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Monday, October 17, 2022, at the Village Hall, 3317 Chicago Road, South Chicago Heights, Illinois. Mayor Terry Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. Mayor Matthews requested the Village Clerk, Catherine Linan, to call the roll. The following were present:

Terry Matthews	Mayor	Jeremy McCool	Fire Lieutenant
Catherine Linan	Village Clerk	John Dolasinski	Treasurer
Matt Welch	Attorney	William Joyce	Police Chief
John Ross	Trustee	Mark Martin	Public Works Director
Terry Fiorenzo	Trustee	Nora Gomez	Administrator
Eric Stanton	Trustee	Nick Goncher	Bldg. Director
Rose Ann Diederich	Trustee	Robert Byrnes	Police Deputy Chief

Sally Marrufo, Tracy Bosco, and Fire Chief Vlietstra were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

DISCUSSION – PURCHASE POLICY: Mayor Matthews stated that a purchasing policy was brought up in previous discussions regarding the limits of purchasing authorization and what type of spending needs board approval. Attorney Welch stated that our current ordinances are very vague regarding authority and that now that the village is home rule, we recommend creating a purchasing policy that would include the bidding process. Attorney Welch explained that this type of policy would eliminate any confusion as to what budgeted item would need board approval and who would have authority to execute documents. The mayor and the board agreed to have our attorneys draft a policy for the board to approve.

DISCUSSION – BIDDING PROCESS ORDINANCE: Mayor Matthews explained that this item would be combined in the purchasing policy. He stated that the bidding process will be in the new purchasing policy. Mayor Matthews and the board agreed to have attorney Welch draft an ordinance for staff to review and approve at the next board meeting.

DISCUSSION – 3244 BUTLER AVE CONTENTS: Mayor Matthews explained that an auction will not be profitable for the sale of the contents in this building. Attorney Welch stated that a surplus ordinance would be needed listing the contents and directions for staff to dispose of the contents. Mayor Matthews explained that the village has investigated other sources and that the most cost effective is to scrap the contents. Director Goncher stated that businesses are more automated and that the equipment itself is very dated. Mayor Matthews asked Director Goncher to get an itemized list of the contents.

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DISCUSSION – CAMERA REQUIREMENT IN COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES: Mayor Matthews stated that this item was previously discussed, and that it was the police department who is encouraging Cameras in all commercial businesses. Attorney Welch stated that you can't single one business from another. Deputy Chief Brynes stated that with this ordinance the department would like to have more leverage with businesses providing camera footage when a crime has occurred. He explained that the incident that occurred on October 7th, the department had to go back to Wing Stop multiple times to get footage. Discussion ensued regarding the cost burden on businesses, the type of cameras, the type of businesses, and if Cameras are TIF eligible. Attorney Welch asked the police department if they have data on the types of businesses that are generating additional calls for police service and that cameras are equipment not part of the structure and therefore not TIF eligible. Deputy Chief Brynes will gather information on police calls to discuss the type of businesses.

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 8:04 p.m.



Catherine Linan, Village Clerk



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