

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2023

Mayor Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council in Attendance: Mary Gates, Kathy Isern, Renee Matney, Robert Thatcher and Todd Zimmerman

Absent: Justin LaRosa

Also Present: Fiscal Officer Shirley Roskoski and Solicitor Brian Zets

Minutes

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to approve the minutes of April 24, 2023 with the following amendment: on page 1, under Administrator, change will to we will.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Agenda

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Solicitor

Brian said I have been working with Russ on the easement for the public park space on Glick. Worked with Mark on some zoning issues along Dublin Road. Ordinance 12-2023, that is the ordinance related to the payment to Equity for some of the work that was done on the development. We are not ready for that right now, so you can either table it tonight, or you can just have a first reading tonight. I will be working with Russ and Shirley to wrap up some invoices.

Visitors

Kirsten Carr, Chief Regional Strategy Officer for MORPC, gave a presentation about regional growth in the area. She said there is not enough housing available for our most vulnerable low-income households. We still see discrimination in the market and in lending practices today. There is a greater demand for housing to meet the needs of the more diverse population and we are still experiencing high rates of housing costs, bordering on eviction, because so many people have to make the decision between putting food on the table and paying rent or a mortgage. She said we talked to our development community and asked them what the reason was for the lack of housing. They said the land use processes and approvals are different in each community. A lot of communities have outdated comprehensive plans and zoning codes that make it extremely costly and time consuming to build innovative, more dense, more compact, housing. Kirsten said we also know that we have fairly high construction material costs. The labor shortage is also high. The other reason is residents voicing their concern against certain development projects, so development can't move forward, or it becomes more costly to make it

happen. It is critical that our communities think about new housing every time they are thinking about new jobs. Homes are where jobs go at night. When we are thinking about communities and what makes them special, we know it is our elementary schools where our children go to school. We know it's the nurses that keep our parents healthy. We know it's the coffee shops and the restaurants that we like to frequent and the people that service those areas cannot afford to live in our communities and you really lose a chance to make our community special from what it is today. Our communities need more housing and our residents want options as well. Every year, the National Association of Realtors, takes a survey and ask people the type of lifestyle they want to have. Increasingly, more and more people are saying they want homes that are in walkable distance to downtowns, they want greenspace, they want options for transit, and that the homes are more compact.

Communications

Mayor Mathews said Kathy, Russ and I met with Maumee Bay Brewing Company. He had different ideas for community involvement. I just gave an update to Venu Reddy on where we were on our consideration of multifamily zoning in our code.

Pro Tem Report

Pro Tem Thatcher said he is still working on the park rededication. I have the singer lined up.

Committee Reports

Council member Isern said planning and zoning met and I will be getting a letter of recommendation of making a change to the zoning ordinance to remove the allowance of apartments over store fronts in commercial areas, at least temporarily, unless and until, any changes are made to the PUD regarding multifamily housing.

Legislative Actions

Third Reading – Ordinance 10-2023 – An Ordinance amending Section 769.02 (B) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Shawnee Hills, (Mobile Food Vendors – Permit Required for Operation). It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to adopt Ordinance 10-2023. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

First Reading – Ordinance 12-2023 – An Ordinance authorizing the payment of the invoice received from EQ 6058 Glick, LLC Company and declaring an emergency.

First Reading – Ordinance 13-2023 – An Ordinance authorizing the payment of the invoice received from Patridge Surveying and declaring an emergency. It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 13-2023 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Thatcher to adopt Ordinance 13-2023 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

First Reading – Ordinance 14-2023 – An Ordinance to grant variances to the provisions of the Shawnee Hills Code Section 509.09 to allow applicant, Bogey Inn, to deviate from time and volume standards for the Memorial Tournament and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 14-2023 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Thatcher to adopt Ordinance 14-2023 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Bills

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Zimmerman to pay the bills in the amount of \$37,617.19. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Treasurer’s Report

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Isern to approve the following treasurer’s report:

General Fund	581,470.54	Enfct. and Education	1,245.85
Street Fund	462,498.27	Fire Fund	85,632.63
State Highway	34,862.96	TIF Fund	145,578.53
PD Body Armor	0.00	TIF 2 Fund	43,824.15
Cont. Pro. Training	2,535.48	Police District Fund	138,749.19
Evans Farm JEDD	41.27	Veteran’s Memorial	298.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	63,567.65
Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Replacement	7,506.08
Law Enfct. Trust	3,259.20	Storm Sewer Fund	24,371.79
Am Rescue Plan	63,418.14	Debt Service Fund	123,102.81

For a total of \$1,742,103.56

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Miscellaneous

Council member Gates said that she, along with Russ Baron and Council members Thatcher, Isern and Zimmerman all attended the State of the County meeting in Delaware.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Isern, seconded by Zimmerman to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.