

**Minutes of the Taxing Bodies Efficiency Task Force
Tuesday, August 7, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
Oak Park Village Hall, Room 101**

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:**

Present: Members John Hedges, Jim Peters, Gary McCullough, Judy Greffin, and Brian Chang by phone

Absent: Chair David Pope and Joi Cregler

Also Present: Village Manager Cara Pavlicek, Village Attorney Paul Stephanides, Josh Ellis and Sawyer Middleleer of the Metropolitan Planning Council (“MPC”)

3. Introductions

Josh Ellis and Sawyer Middleleer of the Metropolitan Planning Council introduced themselves to the Taxing Bodies Efficiency Task Force (“Task Force”). Each member of the Task Force introduced themselves as well as Village Manager Pavlicek and Village Attorney Stephanides. In the absence of Chair Pope, Member Hedges will act as Chair for the meeting.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Approval of July 24, 2018 Meeting Minutes

It was motioned by Member McCullough and seconded by Member Peters to approve the Task Force’s July 24, 2018 meeting minutes. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

6. TIF Presentation

Village Manager Pavlicek gave a presentation on tax increment financing (“TIF”) and the establishment of TIF districts. Village Manager Pavlicek reviewed the legal framework for establishing a TIF and how TIFs are used by municipalities in Illinois. Village Manager Pavlicek provided a comparison of TIFs to special service areas and business improvement districts. Members Greffin and Hedges asked about existing Village TIFs and returns on investments with regard to the TIFs. Village Manager Pavlicek referred to the report authored by SB Friedman in 2017 that was provided to the Task Force and posted on the Village’s website which contains an analysis of returns on investments for Village TIFs.

7. Report Preparation

a. Outline and confirmation of report structure

Josh Ellis of the Metropolitan Planning Council presented an outline of the report to be provided by the Task Force to the Village Board. The deadline to present the report to the Village Board is August 20, 2018. Member Peters stated the Task Force should stick to the deadline and adopt the report at the next meeting on August 14, 2018. Member McCullough suggested the Task Force needs longer than a week before submitting the final report. He stated his proposed revisions to the report are mostly to clarify and strengthen the report.

b. Prioritization and structure of recommendations

The three categories for possible Task Force recommendations from the last meeting fall under: (1) recommended; (2) study further; and (3) no action. The Task Force discussed its possible recommendations from the last meeting. Member Hedges suggested maybe the taxing bodies can reduce their levies currently in place instead of trying to reduce the trajectory of their levies which could be part of the Task Force's recommendations.

A motion was made by Member Chang and seconded by Member Greffin to ask the Village Board for additional time until the end of September to submit the Task Force's final report.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Members Hedges, Chang, Greffin, and McCullough

NAYS: Peters

The motion was approved.

c. Writing assignments for each section

Josh Ellis stated that there is a list of 23 items to be sorted as part of the final report. Member McCullough stated that the Task Force now needs to coalesce around the recommendations and how to put them together in the final report.

8. Adjournment

It was motioned by Member Peters and seconded by Member Chang to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.