

Regular Meeting - Wednesday, June 28th, 2023 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88279475691?pwd=cHFkcXFwaE1KTDBBZXIwcEdiWFhWQQT09>

Meeting ID: 882 7947 5691 | Password: 015860

In-Person: Wintrust Bank 1000 N. Rush St. Chicago

Commissioners Present: Pam Farley, David Israel, Duke Miglin, Rick Tannenbaum

Commissioners Absent: Stan Razny

Others in Attendance: Gina Caruso (Oak St Council/The Lord Companies, L.L.C.); Robert Kearney, Ald. Reilly's Office

Minutes

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Caruso called the meeting to order at 12:22pm

2. Public Input

- a. No public in attendance.

3. Approval of May 9, 2023 and June 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- a. On acceptance of the May 9, 2023 and June 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the May 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Motion: Tannenbaum **Second:** Farley

VOTE: Approve – ALL **Motion Passes.**

4. SSA Financials

- a. Financials. The SSA Commission reviewed the financials at the June 6, 2024 meeting as there were no new financials yet for the June 28, 2023 meeting. Caruso reported that the Oak Street Council is setting up the new SSA savings account at Wintrust. Caruso reported her discussion with the City regarding bond financing to fund streetscape improvements. The City stated that OSC should do a financial analysis to see if the SSA term can support the financing. Since there are no costs yet for a streetscape project, it is premature to do this financial analysis.

- b. 2023 Budget Amendment. Caruso highlighted the proposed amendments to the 2023 budget that adjust for the change in priorities and to allocate Carry Over funds from the late calendar year 2022 second installment disbursements:

- 1.02 Special Events – increase from \$80,000 to \$111,155
- 1.06 Holiday Decorations – increase from \$50,000 to \$54,940
- 2.02 Landscaping – increase from \$52,000 to \$56,950
- 2.05 Streetscape Elements – increase from \$0 to \$1,110
- 2.08 Sidewalk Maintenance – reduce from \$20,000 to \$16,000
- 2.12 Sidewalk Pressure Washing – reduce from \$20,000 to \$10,000
- 4.08 Master Planning – increase from \$0 to \$38,890
- 5.01 Public Way Surveillance Cameras – decrease from \$35,000 to \$0
- 5.02 Safety Improvement Program – decrease from \$15,000 to \$0
- 5.03 Security Patrol Services – increase from \$0 to \$54,000
- 5.04 Street Barriers – decrease from \$12,000 to \$0
- The Commission would like to reserve any funds leftover in the 2023 budget for streetscape.

Motion to approve the amended 2023 Budget

Motion: Tannenbaum **Second:** Miglin

VOTE: Approve – ALL **Motion Passes.**

- c. 2024 Budget, 2024 Services and 2024 Service Provider. The Commission discussed strategy for the 2024 budget and prefer to not increase the levy amount and keep it the same as the 2023 budget's levy amount. The total budget for 2024 is \$413,200 comprised of \$403,200 in new levy and \$10,000 in Carry Over. The Commission wants to ensure the 2024 budget accounts for inflationary costs. Motion to approve the 2024 Budget, the 2024 Services and the Oak Street Council as the 2024 Sole Service Provider for Oak St. SSA:

Motion: Tannenbaum **Second:** Miglin

VOTE: Approve – ALL **Motion Passes.**

5. Safety & Security

- a. Caruso reported the HLSA Security Inc. security patrol is still in effect through June and will start the third quarter services in July.

6. Special Events

- a. Caruso reported progress on planning the “Couture for the Cause” Campaign for October. OSC board members are reaching out to businesses to enlist their involvement.

7. Public Way & Traffic

- a. Caruso reported she is speaking with the Chicago Dept of Transportation regarding next steps for a streetscape project. Caruso is also speaking with a firm that has done streetscape visioning for suggestions on the process, and will prepare an RFP for a Streetscape Vision Plan.
- b. Caruso circulated the City’s traffic study report to the Commission prior to the meeting. Kearny reported that the Alderman approved using menu money for the striping recommendation in the report for a center line and parking spaces. Kearny will put in another traffic study request after seeing how the striping works. Kearny will request the Dept. of Finance heavily regulate illegal parking on Oak St. Kearney will provide parking citation statistics to OSC. The City can consider restricting delivery times on Oak St.; however, this would require major coordination with the businesses. Kearney stated commercial loading zones are an option; however, they are not very effective. Kearney will recommend Oak St. be part of the pilot for the automated double-parking ticket program. Israel suggested that the City start with CDOT’s recommendations, heavy enforcement approach, and the automated double-parking ticket program and then the situation can be reassessed.

8. New Meeting Business

- a. No new businesses discussed.

9. Next Oak St SSA Commission Meeting

- a. To be determined.

10. Adjournment – Adjourned at 2:20pm

Minutes Submitted By: Gina Caruso, SSA Program Manager

Approved: 7/24/23