

VILLAGE OR ROBBINS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 27,2021 3:30 - 5:30 PM

Meeting Location: 3323 W. 137th St. Robbins, IL
Robbins Police Courtroom, 2nd FL
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER(Time): 3:42PM
Pledge of Allegiance in Unison
Lord's Prayer in Unison

BY: Trustee David Dyson__

ROLL CALL (TRUSTEES)

P David R. Dyson

Arrived late Ernest Maxey Jr.

P George Brewton

Via Zoom Tiffany S. Robinson

P Gregory N. Jackson

P Michael Collier Sr.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

P Mayor Darren E. Bryant

P Village Clerk Sharon Dyson

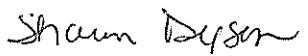
P Administrator Todd Stroger

QUORUM ESTABLISHED? Yes

- I. Presentation on Economic Development from Mc Laurin Development
Introduced by Trustee Dyson commercial development on various economic development projects to solve solutions of community and work with the community to find funding and equity investors. The Village of Robbins is unique and is major thoroughfare and neighboring community.
Mr. McLaurin stated that the Village should take advantage of county, state, and federal government. Mr. McLaurin encouraged the board to come up with realistic ideas and be on the same page. Some of his economic development projects are Bronzeville lakefront, life science masterplan, Englewood connect, restoring the old fire hub for commercial kitchen access and food hub and Bronzeville heights just to name a few. The goal is to create sustainability and accessibility.
Example the proximity to river or corridor can help bring new footsteps and commerce into the Village.
An athletic center near the water tower is possible but takes resources and time for stakeholders to put together and execute the plan. www.claurindev.com is where you can find the information on McLaurin Development feel free to browse at your leisure.
Trustee Dyson asked how feasible would it be to bring Pete's market the Village?

Pete's markets fresh produce and meat market would likely start on a smaller scale beginning with the farmers market program. Businesses want to see consistency and the support of the community. We must analyze the population trend in the Village of Robbins? Mr. McLaurin suggested to start by taking advantage of the industrial aspect and think about bringing workers that are here 8-10 hours. What do we have that other communities don't? Mayor stated that we have received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and have a plan on what the funds will be used for. Mayor stated there is a plan for a grocery store and recommend to the development group to submit a proposal. The Mayor stated has been in contact with black owned grocery store that can potentially come to the Village. Recommendation is to help create the schematics of a multimillion-dollar grocery store. Trustee Dyson asked about industrial development, the Village has no access to canal for barge access the TOD area can solicit builders to allow access off canal. MWRD owns all land to access of the water ways. The goals are to get properties back on tax roll. How much village owned land that's improved allot of companies will lease land just for a truck stop. Met with Senator Jones had dinner to discuss the money from Springfield and was able to secure 1 million dollars for Village hall improvements. Mayor mentioned that the Village is looking to address abandoned property with delinquent taxes. Capital improvement projects the Village has close to 7 million from DECO committed in Springfield but must shake loose to attain.

It was moved by Trustee Michael Collier and seconded by Trustee Gregory Jackson to end the committee of the whole meeting until next scheduled meeting. Upon unanimous vote in the affirmative, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37pm.



Sharon Dyson, Village Clerk