



# Village of Hanover Park Administration

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## VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK

### VILLAGE BOARD SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING

Virtual

**Municipal Building: 2121 Lake Street  
Hanover Park, IL 60133**

**February 18, 2021  
5:30 p.m.**

### MINUTES

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Village President Craig called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

As the Village of Hanover Park continues to follow social distancing requirements and guidelines established in Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan: the Governor has issued a disaster declaration related to a public health disaster throughout all of the State of Illinois as defined in Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Act; and the Village President has determined that an in-person meeting conducted under the Open Meetings act is not practical or prudent because of the disaster, accordingly the Village Board public meeting will be held by audio and video conference (in-person attendance is also available) without the requirement of a quorum being present.

Roll Call:

PRESENT: Trustees: Roberts, Gutierrez, Porter, Shahjahan, Prigge

ABSENT: Trustee(s) Kemper

Quorum established.

ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney Paul, Village Manager Juliana Maller and Department Heads

ABSENT:

#### 2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Roberts and seconded by Trustee Shahjahan to accept the agenda.

Roll Call:

AYES: Prigge, Roberts, Gutierrez Porter, Shahjahan,

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kemper

ABSTENTION: None

Motion carried.

#### 3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Discussion regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Trustee Porter requested that Trustee Shahjahan lead the discussion due to her expertise on the subject matter.

Village Manager Maller noted that the following was provided to the Board:

- a. A copy of staff discussion items i.e., questions, comments and points of clarification which was sent to the Board under separate cover.

Village Manager Maller read through the bulleted items, provided recommendations, and made herself available for any questions, she also noted that Police Chief Menough was available for questions under the section pertaining to the police department.

Trustee Shahjahan spoke to the difference between an ordinance and a resolution she noted that the more permanent and binding of the two is an ordinance. She noted that an ordinance is the choice of the CIDC Committee and provided a summary detailing how the CIDC Committee came to draft the ordinance they presented. She noted that the suggested guidelines were followed and that their collective research was considered and incorporated in the ordinance draft as presented to the Board. She concluded by stating that the implementation of the ordinance should not be dependent on the timeline of the strategic planning goal(s) or objective nor the outcome of a community outreach survey.

President Craig noted that more input and understanding of all the changes taking place needs to be examined and considered before a Board decision(s) are identified and that consideration of the community survey response or input should be considered as a means of being inclusive. He noted that a committee is a recommending body and that the Board is the legislative body. He stated that the issue should be addressed after a new board is seated after the April elections. Furthermore, President Craig noted that he believes a resolution is a more appropriate means of addressing this topic due to the evolutionary pace and development of these measures.

Discussion ensued identifying previous forums which provided the input of community leaders, experts, administrative leaders, elected officials, and law enforcement leaders and that a community survey at this point may not be as productive or valuable input. Acknowledgement of the complexity of this issue was mentioned and it was noted that an ordinance having so much far-reaching impact should be studied thoroughly and should be discussed at length since it applies to policing processes, staff training, budgetary concerns, operational procedures and at risk of the Board overstepping its purview.

Trustee Porter noted that matters did not need to be put on hold to wait for new Board members to be elected. Furthermore, it was recognized that during the three Peace Together Our Community townhall meetings measurable information was gathered and that a continuum of discussions is necessary and need not be discontinued to a future timeline.

A consensus for Police Chief Menough to address the police department response to ICE requests section as outlined in the discussion items provided by Village Manager Maller to the Board.

Chief Menough noted that our police staff has always worked with ICE when asked to participate, that their participation is only to "stand by" for safety measures. That our police presence provides a level of trust from our residents due to the familiarity of the officers. He stressed that our police staff does not perform any arrests while on support to standby. He recommended that everyone should keep in perspective that ICE is providing us with valuable assistance by providing resources that we otherwise do not have access to help solve serious crimes within our community.

Chief Menough continued to address the bulleted items on the list and noted that the ordinance, as it currently stands, is not clear and requires revision because it prohibits our police staff to ask ICE for any assistance in locating and preventing a murderer or child molester from fleeing the country. Concern by Chief Menough is the inability to interact with ICE during crucial times as indicated by the manner in which the ordinance.

Further discussion as to whether the community views the presence of our police staff, accompanying ICE law enforcement officers, as increasing, or decreasing trust in our community towards our police officers and

should be fully considered due to the large immigrant population in our community.

Trustee Shahjahan noted that our police department should not participate or assist in any way during an immigration raid, and it was clarified by Chief Menough that our police staff has never been asked to assist by ICE during an immigration raid. Chief Menough noted that ICE, a Federal agency, provides their own staff for those types of arrests.

Village Manager Maller asked for direction from the Board as to the modification or revision to the ordinance as presented by the CIDC Committee and clarification and intent of the committee as it pertains to the ordinance itself. Trustee Shahjahan noted that the CIDC Committee's intent is to follow the recommendation(s) of civil rights organizations and ordinances modeled by other municipalities within the Chicago metropolitan area and to ensure that the civil rights of immigrants are protected.

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Prigge and seconded by Trustee Roberts to adjourn.

Roll Call:

AYES:	Prigge, Roberts, Gutierrez Porter, Shahjahan,
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Kemper
ABSTENTION:	None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Recorded and Transcribed by: Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Village Clerk  
Minutes approved by President and Board of Trustees on this 18th of March 2021.