

Noel B. Cummings: Meeting is called to order. And I think we all maybe should stand and pledge allegiance to the flag before we start.

----- Pledge of Allegiance -----

Noel B. Cummings: Ok. I'll turn the meeting over to ...

Stephanie Gardner: I'll take a roll call. Mr. Cummings (yeah). Mr. Cuttill (present). Mrs. Moxley (present). Mr. Rice (present). Mr. Struve (present). Mr. Misasi (present). Mrs. Mills (present).

Noel B. Cummings: Ok. Thank you. Ok John ...

John O'Connell: This is a public hearing which is required for, um, by Illinois law, um, for purposes of including the newly annexed 53.5 acres into the Hodgkins/McCook Enterprise Zone. And I have here Pete Iosue from Teska Associates, who has been valuable for us, not only with the lawsuit that um, provided, is there not a, something to hold that?

Don Cuttill: There is an easel in that closet.

John O'Connell: There is an easel Pete.

Pete Iosue: I should have brought one I'm sorry.

John O'Connell: We have one.

----- Brief pause to set up easel and map exhibit -----

John O'Connell: There we go. Ok. So, um, as you know, um, we had a disconnection lawsuit with Willow Springs which we were successful in and um, once the judge ordered, um, that the disconnection was valid, the Board in September of 2017 passed an ordinance annexing that 53.5 acres, and in addition to just annexing we needed to have this public hearing to formalize the um, formalize the process whereby that 53.5 acres um, would now be within the Hodgkins-McCook Enterprise Zone. So we had an amendment to our Enterprise Zone in the late 1990's so that any property that is within Hodgkins is within the Enterprise Zone, but we need to notify the Department of Commerce and Economic Affairs of which this, um, hearing will provide along with when we go to the regular

Board meeting I have an ordinance which formalizes this process. This is being recorded Steph?

Stephanie Gardner: Yes it is.

John O'Connell: Ok. Good. Pete from Teska Associates worked very well on this. I mentioned before as well as the lawsuit itself, Pete do you have anything at all to add to what was just said?

Pete Iosue: The only thing I would add is um, as you have mentioned you have had the Enterprise Zone in effect since probably like 1985, but all the rules and procedures and everything for the Enterprise Zones changed like 3 years ago. We went through this process to re-apply with the State to re-certify the Enterprise Zone two years ago, which was approved. But now this property wasn't in the Village at the time we did that, so that's why this property wasn't included. Now that it's been annexed in, as John said we want to include it in the Enterprise Zone with every other parcel in the Village. But the State requires that we have to go through the exact same process to add a piece in as we went through to create the Enterprise Zone. So I had to put together this application, um, with all the justifications of the eligibility of this parcel, which I have prepared, um, and part of the application is to hold this public hearing. We have a couple people here if anyone has any questions, it's basically just to get comments from, um, the public on their opinions of whether this property should or should not be included in the Enterprise Zone, and then we need to attach those ordinances that John just mentioned to the application.

John O'Connell: And I would add to what Pete just said, the in 2016, um, Hodgkins and McCook we reapplied and Pete was our point person on it, and there used to be a minimum of I think 97 Enterprise Zones ...

Pete Iosue: Yes.

John O'Connell: And the State, um, eliminated all 97 and required re-application. And they already accepted 45 of the locations to resume as Enterprise Zones and we were one of the 45. So, um, we've used this extremely valuable, it's been a valuable tool, and continues to be a valuable tool, and with this 53 acres, um, UPS is going to be using, um, this new, newly, zoned part of our Enterprise Zone, um to build an employee parking lot which will have significant, um, paving materials required to build, and uh they'll have the benefit of a sales tax exemption on that 57 ... 53.5 acres of uh, well, it won't be 57 acres, 53 acres, but it will be 1,700 car parking

lot, so there's going to be a lot of cement, a lot of materials, that they'll benefit from because the sales taxes will be exempt. Any questions?

Noel B. Cummings: One thing about the, how many cars did you say?

John O'Connell: 1,700

Noel B. Cummings: That means there is going to be at least 1,700 people working there somewhere. So, the Enterprise Zone has done so well for the Village of Hodgkins I want to thank you and thank everybody that has helped us get where we are at today, and hopefully this, this, add this much to our Enterprise Zone. Thank you.

Pete Iosue: Thank you.

John O'Connell: We can close the public hearing because we'll have a vote, unless there are any questions from the audience? We'll have the ordinance at the regular Board meeting to uh vote on, and uh ...

Pete Iosue: And I will need uh certified copies of the ordinance ...

John O'Connell: Right.

Pete Iosue: The original and two certified copies to go in here, and then uh, I'm hoping this is being recorded?

John O'Connell: Yes.

Pete Iosue: Can I get a copy of the uh, I have to transcribe it all.

Stephanie Gardner: Ok.

John O'Connell: Also, I will contact McCook. I'll also provide the ordinance as well as the plat of annexation for you to forward to the, are you going to send it to the Department of ...

Pete Iosue: Yes.

John O'Connell: Ok. And I'll send that same plat of annexation to, uh McCook.

Pete Iosue: Excellent. And then one last thing, um, this is my draft application, and I was hoping I could get the Mayor to, I need the Mayor's signature on the application.

John O'Connell: Sure. Yep.

Pete Iosue: I can leave it with you if you want to review it or whatever.

John O'Connell: No he will sign it.

Stephanie Gardner: Do we need a motion to close, John? Do you want a motion or we can just close it?

John O'Connell: Uh, let's take a motion.

Stephanie Gardner: Can we have a motion to close the public hearing?

Don Cuttill: I'll so move.

Dominic Misasi: I'll second.

Stephanie Gardner: Mr. Misasi second? (yes). Mr. Cuttill (yes ma'am). Mrs. Moxley (yes ma'am). Mr. Rice (yes ma'am). Mr. Struve (yes ma'am). Mr. Misasi (yes ma'am). Mrs. Mills (yes ma'am).

-----Meeting adjourned -----