



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Board of Commissioners**

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10:00 AM

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

**Cook County Building, Board Room
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

INVOCATION: PASTOR REGINALD W SHARPE, FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

1. Donna Adam

2. George Blakemore

3. Radhika Miragila

PRESIDENT

20-0152

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Lisa I. Lee

Position: Chief Attorney

Department/Board/Commission: Legal Department

Effective date: Immediately

Expiration date: N/A

Summary: Pursuant to Section 1-6-9 (Personnel Provisions) of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Code of Ordinances, Ms. Lisa I. Lee is hereby appointed to the position of Chief Attorney of the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

Ms. Lee received her bachelor's degree in Speech and Language Pathology from Northwestern University and later received her Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Chicago Law School.

Ms. Lee has held various positions in the legal field, including Deputy Chief Attorney and Assistant to the General Superintendent for Labor Matters for the Forest Preserves of Cook County. She has also worked as in-house counsel for two pharmaceutical companies.

This appointment is submitted for your approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to refer 20-0152 to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations . The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

20-0151

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Summary: The Adler Planetarium ("Adler") is dedicated to connecting students and volunteers and the public to hands-on science, engineering and community engagement. As part of its mission, over the last

two years Adler has worked with dozens of teen program participants in advancing our understanding of

the impact of light pollution in our communities. Students have helped to design, build and use GONets - instruments used to monitor light pollution in the field.

Working with the Forest Preserves of Cook County, Adler teams are pursuing the idea of applying for an International Dark-Sky Association Urban Dark Sky Place designation for the area surrounding Little Red Schoolhouse. Adler staff are excited about the opportunity to engage students in making a change through science with the potential to help expand the offerings of the Forest Preserves to their community.

District(s): 17

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to receive and filed 20-0151. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0007

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways

Request: Authority for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (“CCDOTH”)

Goods or Services: CCDOTH is proposing to transfer a portion of new motor fuel tax funds provided through the Rebuild Illinois capital bill for various Forest Preserves transportation improvements.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Six (6) years from full execution

Fiscal Impact: Revenue Generating - up to \$25 million in reimbursement anticipated

Accounts: N/A

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: CCDOTH is proposing to transfer up to \$25 million in new motor fuel tax funding provided through the Rebuild Illinois capital bill to address transportation improvement needs identified in the Forest

Preserves' 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Transportation improvements would include, but not be limited to, engineering (preliminary, design and construction), resurfacing or repaving, ADA improvements

and pedestrian safety improvements. The IGA includes a pre-approval process for submission of Forest Preserves' projects for reimbursement. The Forest Preserves would use the funds to hire engineering consultants and contractors to perform the work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 20-0007. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0114

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Grantee: Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves")

Grantor: Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept, and enter into a related subrecipient agreement in connection with, an \$100,000.00 federal grant through the Coastal Management Program (CMP) from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to support development of a Conservation and Youth Outdoor Ambassador crew at Beaubien Woods located in the City of Chicago.

Grant Amount: \$100,000.00

Grant Period: 2/26/2020 - 10/31/2021

Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed \$102,380.00 (\$90,380.00 in-kind match plus \$12,000.00 in anticipated additional grant funds)

Accounts: Beaubien Woods Conservation and Youth Outdoor Ambassador Grant, 51010.521313

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): 4, 5

Summary: The Forest Preserves will work with Friends of the Forest Preserves which will hire teens, ages 14-19, from the surrounding residential communities, to engage in a paid employment program that focuses on leading education and recreational activities which highlight the unique ecological assets of Beaubien Woods and the Calumet River. The total program cost is \$202,380.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 20-0114. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0134

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Resource Management

Grantee: Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”)

Grantor: Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”)

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: To restore and enhance 118 acres of coastal wetlands at Burnham Prairie Nature Preserve and Eggers Grove in the Calumet region with partial funding from an IDNR Coastal Management Program grant of \$50,000.00

Grant Amount: \$50,000.00

Grant Period: 2/25/2020 - 4/30/2022

Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed \$50,500.00 match

Accounts: Professional Services 51058.520830, 51051.520830, 51028.520830 and all future Professional Services; Special or Co-op Programs 51058.521313, 51051.521313, 51028.521313 and all future Special or Co-op Programs; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): 4

Summary: The Forest Preserves has been awarded a \$50,000.00 federal grant through the Coastal Management Program from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to support the ecological restoration of 118 acres of coastal wetlands at Burnham Prairie Nature Preserve and Eggers Grove in the Calumet region. Restoration activities will include invasive species control on 78 acres at Burnham Prairie

Nature Preserve, and 40 acres of large-scale wetland plug planting at Eggers Grove. The project will also include efforts to foster connections between neighboring communities and the preserves through a series of bird walks led by Audubon Great Lakes’ Wild Indigo Nature Exploration Program. The grant award requires the execution of a subrecipient agreement with the IDNR.

Total project costs are \$100,500.00, of which the Forest Preserves are providing \$50,500.00 in direct

match.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 20-0134. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0113

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXERCISE CONTRACT RENEWAL OPTION

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to exercise the second of two (2) one-year extension options and to increase the Lakeshore Recycling Systems contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Provide Refuse Disposal Sites for Region 1 (South/Southwest Region) which consists of Calumet, Tinley Creek, and Palos Divisions

Original Contract Period: 3/1/2016 - 2/28/2019; Board Approved Extension 3/1/2019 - 2/28/2020

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 2/29/2020 - 2/28/2021

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$136,000.00 for forty-eight (48) months

Original Approval: 2/9/2016, \$100,000.00

Previous Increase(s): \$36,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$36,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2020 \$30,000.00, FY 2021 \$6,000.00

Accounts: Refuse Disposal 51001.520050

Contract Number(s): 15-52-205 (R)

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

District(s): 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 16, 17

Summary: The Landscape Maintenance department is requesting a second extension of contract for one

(1) year for refuse disposal sites for Region 1 (South/Southwest) which consists of Calumet, Tinley Creek, and Palos Divisions. During this extension, the price will increase from \$44.80 to \$46.36 per ton. The Forest Preserves will post a new Request for Proposals for a new contract in 2020.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 20-0113. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0115

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXERCISE CONTRACT RENEWAL OPTION

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to exercise the second of two (2) one-year extension options and to increase the Lakeshore Recycling Systems contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Provide Refuse Disposal Sites for Region 2 (Central Region), Salt Creek and Indian Boundary Divisions

Original Contract Period: 3/1/2016 - 2/28/2019; Board Approved Extension 3/1/2019 - 2/28/2020

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 2/29/2020 - 2/28/2021

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$136,000.00 for forty-eight (48) months

Original Approval: 2/9/2016, \$100,000.00

Previous Increase(s): \$36,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$36,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2020 \$30,000.00, FY 2021 \$6,000.00

Accounts: Refuse Disposal 51001.520050

Contract Number(s): 15-52-206 (R)

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

District(s): 1, 6, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17

Summary: The Department of Landscape Maintenance is requesting a second extension of contract for one (1) year for refuse disposal sites for Region 2 (Central Region) which consists of the Salt Creek and Indian Boundary Divisions. During this extension, the price will increase from \$44.80 to \$46.36 per ton. The Forest Preserves will post a new Request for Proposals for a new contract in 2020.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 20-0115. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0116

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXERCISE CONTRACT RENEWAL OPTION

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Groot Industries, Inc., Elk Grove, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to exercise the second of two (2) one-year extension options and to increase the Groot Industries, Inc. contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Provide Refuse Disposal Sites for Region 3 (North/Northwest Region), North Branch and Northwest Divisions

Original Contract Period: 3/1/2016 - 2/28/2019; Board Approved Extension 3/1/2019 - 2/28/2020

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 2/29/2020 - 2/28/2021

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$123,000.00 for forty-eight (48) months

Original Approval: 2/9/2016, \$90,000.00

Previous Increase(s): \$33,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$33,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2020 \$28,500.00, FY 2021 \$4,500.00

Accounts: Refuse Disposal 51001.520050

Contract Number(s): 15-52-207 (R)

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via full MWBE waiver, approved by the Cook County Waiver Committee.

District(s): 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17

Summary: The Landscape Maintenance department is requesting an extension of contract for one (1)

year for refuse disposal sites for Region 3 (North/Northwest Region) which consists of the North Branch and Northwest Divisions. During this extension, the price will increase from \$48.89 to \$49.86 per ton. The Forest Preserves will post a new Request for Proposals for a new contract in 2020.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 20-0116. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0117

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXERCISE CONTRACT RENEWAL OPTION

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Allied Waste Transportation, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to exercise the second of two (2) one-year extension options and to increase the Allied Waste Transportation, Inc. contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Provide Refuse Disposal Sites for Region 4 (Southeast Region), Thorn Creek Division

Original Contract Period: 3/1/2016 - 2/28/2019; Board Approved Extension 3/1/2019 - 2/28/2020

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 2/29/2020 - 2/28/2021

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$71,000.00 for forty-eight (48) months

Original Approval: 2/9/2016, \$52,000.00

Previous Increase(s): \$19,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$19,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2020 \$15,800.00, FY 2021 \$3,200.00

Accounts: Refuse Disposal 51001.520050

Contract Number(s): 15-52-208 (R)

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

District(s): 4, 5, 6

Summary: The Landscape Maintenance department is requesting a second extension of contract for one (1) year for refuse disposal sites for Region 4 (Southeast Region) which consists of the Thorn Creek Division. During this extension, the price will increase from \$51.78 to \$53.07 per ton. The Forest Preserves will post a new Request for Proposals for a new contract in 2020.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 20-0117. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0123

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”)

Request: Authorization to amend an existing Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”)

Goods or Services: For removal of certain dams on the Des Plaines River and North Branch of the Chicago River

Agreement Number: Amendment #3 to OWR-292

Agreement Period: 10/23/2013 - 6/30/2016; Amendment #1 1/9/2015 - 6/30/2016; IGA suspended by IDNR effective 6/30/2015; Amendment #2 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2020; Proposed Extension Period for Amendment #3 - 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2024

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$1,100,000.00 (fully reimbursable by IDNR to the Forest Preserves)

Accounts: Professional Services 51010.520835; Special or Co-op Programs 51010.521314

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: This IGA was originally approved by the Board of Commissioners on 7/16/2013 for the

removal of seven (7) dams on the Des Plaines River and North Branch of the Chicago River.

Amendment #1 of this IGA was approved by the Board of Commissioners on 12/16/2014. IDNR provided an initial advance of \$500,000.00 in May 2015, which allowed removal of two (2) of the seven (7) dams. IDNR removed another two (2) of the seven (7) dams with their construction crew at no cost to the Forest Preserves. IDNR suspended this IGA effective 6/30/2015. On 3/9/2017 Amendment #2 of this IGA was retroactively approved by the Board of Commissioners to allow the project to continue in the event funding was restored. IDNR's funding has recently been restored and IDNR recommends an extension of this IGA until 6/30/2024 to allow time for the removal of the remaining dams. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to refer 20-0123 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0118

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"), as Licensor to grant a License to Commonwealth Edison Company ("ComEd"), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain two (2) utility poles and 730 linear feet of underground electric conduit along the south side of Chicago Heights Glenwood Road in Glenwood Woods. The underground conduit will replace an existing overhead line on the north side of the road that needs to be moved to accommodate a road reconstruction project. Installing the line underground eliminates the need for tree removal and

minimizes impact to the Forest Preserves.

Term: Ten (10) Years

License Fee: \$21,618.46

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

License Review Fees: \$4,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,450.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$33,568.46 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

The area of the License is: 0.251 Acre

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final license agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff have reviewed this license application and plans and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

District(s): 6

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to refer 20-0118 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0119

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 900 linear feet of overhead electric line along Western Avenue north of Sauk Trail at Sauk Trail Woods. The new line will increase reliability and reduce restoration time for one of the major distribution lines in the area. The line will be installed along the existing right of way line of Western Avenue to reduce impact to the Forest Preserves. One (1) tree outside of the right of way is proposed for removal. ComEd has also agreed to pay Construction Access Permit fees for work performed before the start of the license agreement.

Term:Ten (10) Years

License Fee:\$26,652.89

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

License Review Fees: \$5,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,450.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$39,602.89 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$2,474.31

The area of the License is: 0.310 Acre

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final license agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff have reviewed this license application and plans and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

District(s): 6

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to refer

20-0119 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0120

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 10,500 linear feet of underground and overhead electric lines, poles and equipment along Bateman Road from Algonquin Road south to Penny Road at the Spring Creek Preserves. The project is proposed to improve reliability and resiliency services to the surrounding communities, to minimize outages and more quickly identify outages and restore power. The existing 6,800 linear feet of overhead lines and infrastructure has no known license, the new license will include the existing line. An additional 3,700 linear feet will be added underground by directional bore to minimize impact to the Forest Preserves.

Term: Ten (10) Years

License Fee: \$310,950.41

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

License Review Fees: \$20,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,450.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$338,900.41 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

The area of the License is: 3.616 Acres

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final license agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff have reviewed this license application and plans and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

District(s): 15

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to refer 20-0120 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0121

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a replacement H-Frame utility pole for electric transmission line adjacent to the Des Plaines River, south of 47th Street and north of the railroad tracks in Ottawa Trail Woods. ComEd needs to relocate the pole as it does not meet current federal standards, which were not in place when originally installed. To minimize impact on Forest Preserve property, ComEd is looking to relocate the pole the minimum distance required by the new federal standards. The license request includes access to the pole adjacent to the BNSF railroad.

Term: Ten (10) Years

License Fee: \$44,602.73

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

License Review Fees: \$6,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,450.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$58,552.73 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

The area of the License is: 0.519 Acre

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final license agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff have reviewed this license application and plans and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

District(s): 16

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to refer 20-0121 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0135

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED WETLAND MITIGATION CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: First Indiana Resource, LLC, Bellaire, Texas

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Agreement to develop, manage and maintain a wetland mitigation bank at the Paul Douglas Preserve in Hoffman Estates and to grant easement, deed restriction, or similar instrument.

Contract Value: N/A

Contract period: 2/25/2020 - 2/23/2025

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$10,000.00 in miscellaneous real estate fees, such as closing costs.

Accounts: Professional Services 51058.520830, 51051.520830, 51028.520830 and all future professional services accounts; Special or Co-op Programs 51058.521313, 51051.521313, 51028.521313 and all future special or co-op program accounts

Contract Number(s): N/A

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): 15

Summary: First Indiana Resource, LLC (“First Indiana”) is a subsidiary of Resource Environmental

Solutions, which is an ecological restoration and water resource solutions company that partners with government agencies and other landowners to match restoration needs with mitigation needs. The project will provide a restoration of wetlands that will benefit wildlife and restore native vegetation to a degraded portion of the preserve. Project design will require approval by the Forest Preserves. The Forest Preserves will assume management of the project at the end of the five (5) year period. To accomplish the above, the Forest Preserves will grant an easement, declaration of restrictive covenants, deed restriction or similar instrument in favor of First Indiana or another designated party.

Previously, the Forest Preserves entered into a partnership agreement with Resource Environmental Solutions pursuant to board approval 19-0296. The Forest Preserves will terminate the existing partnership agreement in favor of the proposed Wetland Mitigation Contract. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to refer 20-0135 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0140

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Village of Morton Grove, Illinois

Request: Authority for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the Village of Morton Grove, Illinois (“Morton Grove”).

Goods or Services: Morton Grove is requesting an IGA to provide a connection to the North Branch Trail in Miami Woods, extending from a new commercial development including a fitness center. The trail follows the line of the recently granted storm sewer license (agenda item 19-0400) and has long been used as an informal trail connection.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Perpetual, subject to termination after twenty (20) years

Fiscal Impact: None

License Fee: \$3,257.58 (waived)

License Application Fee: \$3,500.00 (waived)

YELAR Fee: \$6,450.00 (waived)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 13

Summary: The Forest Preserves operates and maintains the North Branch Bicycle Trail in Northern Cook County.

Morton Grove proposes to construct a trail connection to connect residents and businesses to the trail. Morton Grove will be responsible for design, construction and future maintenance costs associated with the project. No trees are proposed to be removed. The license fee, license application fee, and the YELAR fee will be waived, per the usual practice for trail connection project requests from municipalities. There is no cost to the Forest Preserves. The IGA constitutes a license for Morton Grove to construct and maintain the trail in perpetuity, subject to termination by the Forest Preserves after twenty (20) years. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 20-0140. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0136

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Finance and Administration

Vendor: Cellco Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless, Annapolis Junction, Maryland

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into and execute a contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Mobile Telecommunication Services

Contract Value: \$1,000,000.00

Contract period: 1/1/2020, retroactive - 10/14/2024, with two (2) one-year renewal options

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2020 \$200,000.00, FY 2021 \$200,000.00, FY 2022 \$200,000.00, FY 2023 \$200,000.00, FY 2024 \$200,000.00

Accounts: Communication Services 51001.520150

Contract Number(s): 74000007479 (Cook County contract #1790-16928)

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Cook County determined a participation goal of zero for Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: On 10/24/2019, the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved a contract for Mobile

Telecommunications Services with Celco Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless (the “County Contract”). The Forest Preserves is requesting authorization to piggyback off the County Contract. Mobile telecommunication services are used to conduct business of the Forest Preserves. All Departments utilize telecommunication services for cellular phone communication, cellular transmission of data, texting, and email. This agreement includes improved services and reduced cell phone rates which will save the Forest Preserves approximately \$16,100.00 annually.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 20-0136. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0142

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Vendor: Chicago Botanic Garden, Glenview, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Agreement for the purchase of ancillary goods and services in connection with joint initiatives

Contract Value: \$50,000.00

Contract period: 2/25/2020 - 12/31/2022, with two (2) one-year renewals to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2020 \$10,000.00, FY 2021 \$10,000.00, FY 2022 \$10,000.00, FY 2023 \$10,000.00, FY 2024 \$10,000.00

Accounts: Special Events 51001.520635; Supplies and Materials - NOC 51001.530252; Advertising and Promotion 51001.520635; Special or Coop Programs 51001.521441; Training 51001.501806; Other Materials 51001.531900

Contract Number(s): N/A

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming works with the Chicago Botanic Garden on several initiatives, including and without limitation, Bud Burst, Conservation@Home, and Nature Play. Occasionally, there are costs associated with these initiatives that the Forest Preserves would like to cover through payment to the Chicago Botanic Garden. Some examples include but are not limited to plant material, conference fees, professional development and catering fees.

This Contract was approve

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0122

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

Vendor: Recreational Equipment Inc. ("REI"), Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to amend and extend contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Outdoor recreation and outdoor activity classes

Original Contract Period: 7/12/2016 - 12/31/2017; on 11/14/2017 term extended to 12/31/2020

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2022; with three (3) one-year extension options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: N/A

Original Approval: 7/12/2016

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$4,000.00 per year (Revenue Generating)

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): N/A

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves would like to continue its collaborative partnership with Recreational Equipment Inc. (“REI”) for the purposes of providing outdoor recreation and outdoor classes to REI’s

participants, as well as educating the public with nature-based activities. For all classes conducted on the Forest Preserves’ property, REI will continue to compensate the Forest Preserves with 20% of all registration fees collected from its participants in lieu of paying permit fees. This amendment will extend the agreement and allow REI to have a trailer/storage container on site at the Saganashkee Slough Boat Launch to store equipment used by course participants for recreational programming. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 20-0122. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0143

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Legal Department

Vendor: Municipal Code Corporation d/b/a Municode, Tallahassee, Florida

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend and increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Web Hosting and Support Services

Original Contract Period: 2/1/2017 - 1/31/2020, with a one-year renewal option

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 2/1/2020, retroactive - 1/31/2021

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$7,665.16

Original Approval: N/A

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: Not to Exceed \$15,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2020 \$13,750.00, FY 2021 \$1,250.00

Accounts: Dues and Subscriptions 51001.501795

Contract Number(s): 1690-15641

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Attorney have approved this item.

MWBE participation goals are not applicable as annual contract value is below \$25,000.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: On 2/21/2017, Cook County entered into a contract with Municipal Code Corporation for Web Hosting and Support Services to be provided to Cook County and the Forest Preserves. On 12/27/2019, Cook County executed its one-year renewal option. The Forest Preserves would like to continue to purchase services under the contract.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve

20-0143. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0139

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 12/1/2019 - 12/31/2019

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of December 2019. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of

Ordinances.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and filed 20-0139. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0019

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Programming Good(s) or Service(s): Programming Partnerships

Fiscal Impact: \$100,000.00

Accounts: Special Events 51001.520635; Community Trust Grant 51010.520835; Teen Programming

Grant 51010.521443; Supplies and Material 51001.531905

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) requests authorization for the General Superintendent or a designee to have discretionary spending up to \$100,000.00 through the remainder of 2020 to support educational, recreational and community engagement program services with a variety of program partners, including, but not limited to, artists, arts groups, youth development groups, trainers, curriculum development facilitators, and cultural groups. These program partners would be selected through the Forest Preserves’ Event and Program Partnership application. This Event and Program Partnership application has been widely marketed through various Forest Preserves avenues including the Winter Brochure, and a rack card in English and Spanish. Future outreach will include social media ads. Program partners could be selected for one (1) event or a series of events; but would not be engaged for periods of more than one (1) year. Individual contract payment amounts would not exceed \$5,000.00. The program partnerships would be proposed or vetted by the Forest Preserves’ Conservation and Experiential Programming team and selected based on community involvement; ability to provide the service; ability to bring a unique program concept to the Forest Preserves; ability and interest to connect with the Forest Preserves’ mission and vision; ability to support Forest Preserves’ grant programs; price; and ability to bring a new audience to the Forest Preserves. This program strategy complements the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan, to connect more people with nature and to make the Forest Preserves more welcoming and accessible.

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): Districtwide

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 20-0019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0141

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Good(s) or Service(s): Advertising and Promotional Services

Fiscal Impact: \$150,000.00

Accounts: Advertising and Promotional Services 51001.520610

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) is requesting authorization for the General Superintendent or a designee to have discretionary spending up to \$150,000.00 through the remainder of 2020 for advertising and promotional services with a variety of media vendors to promote and showcase the amenities, programs and natural areas of the Forest Preserves. The media vendors would be engaged for periods less than one year.

Media purchases would align with the 2020 communications goals of the Forest Preserves, which include focused outreach to communities and populations in Cook County that have been historically underrepresented in use of and connection to the Forest Preserves. The advertising and promotional spending packages would be suggested by the Forest Preserves’ Communications Division as part of an integrated marketing plan of electronic, print, broadcast and out-of-home (billboard) advertising and vetted based on the desired audience, frequency, reach and budget offered by local media. The marketing strategy also complements the short and long-term goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan, as well as other short and long-term goals of the Forest Preserves.

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): Districtwide..end

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 20-0141. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0137

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar- 2/25/2020 - 3/24/2020

Birdhouse Building Contest, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Build a creative, functional birdhouse. We will hang it up at Trailside where visitors will vote on their favorite. Entries accepted 3/1 through 5/22. Visit fpdcc.com/birdhouse-contest for more details.

Saturday, 2/29; 10am - 1pm

Winter Watercolors, Mathew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center, Chicago

Join us for a winter art workshop as we explore the beauty of nature through watercolor painting. Materials provided. *All ages.*

Saturdays and Sundays, 2/29 - 3/14; 1:30pm

Sap's Rising, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Walk in the sugar maple forest to learn about the sweet process of maple syrup making.

Thursday, 3/5; 10:30am - 12:30pm

Nature Play Date, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

Enjoy playing and exploring with natural materials in a new nature play space.

Saturday, 3/7; 1:30pm

Biomimicry: Biology to Design, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Biomimicry means to imitate life. Discover how nature inspires innovation and design. Join a naturalist on an observation hike and creative design session. *Ages 15 and up. Registration required.*

Sunday, 3/7; 1pm

Radio Telemetry, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Learn about radio telemetry, how and why it's used to track animals, and try your hand at using our equipment.

Sunday, 3/8; 1pm

Makin' Music Bluegrass Jam, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Make a simple musical instrument, or bring your own. Play or just listen-all are welcome!

Thursday, 3/12; 10am - 11am

S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Are you a senior who wants to stay active and remain a lifelong learner? Nature will inspire a different activity each week. *Seniors only. Registration required.*

Friday, 3/13; 6pm

Creatures of the Night, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Learn about nocturnal animals and go on a night walk to try to see or hear some.

Saturday, 3/14; 10am - 1pm

Conservation@Home: Adding Color to your Garden, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Learn how to personalize a pollinator garden to have vibrant native colors.

Saturday, 3/14; 11am - 1pm

Kick Start your Garden! Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Learn how to create a sustainable garden using conservation practices and talk to local organizations about native landscaping and gardening. A presentation on Conservation@Home will take place at noon.

Sunday, 3/15; 11am - 3pm

48th Annual Maple Syrup Festival, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Celebrate the arrival of spring with a special day of activities including crafts, games, tree tapping and maple syrup history with syrup samples to taste.

Wednesday, 3/18; 11am - 2pm

Rain date: Thursday, 3/19; 11am - 2pm

Celebrate Spring, Cummings Square, River Forest

Build and play with natural materials. Make a decorative terrarium, paint a bird house, and other activities.

All ages.

Friday, 3/20; 6:30pm

Woodcock Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Short intro inside, then a walk to observe the male woodcock dance. *Ages 7 and up. Registration required.*

Friday, 3/20; 6:30pm - 8pm

Spring Equinox Night Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Welcome the arrival of spring with a sunset stroll, bonfire and s'mores. *Registration required.*

Friday, 3/20; 7pm

Woodcock Walk, Bartel Grassland, Tinley

Join Chicago Ornithological Society on an evening hike to observe the mating dance of the timberdoodle (American woodcock). Wear appropriate footwear and dress for the weather. *Registration required.*

Saturday, 3/21; 1:30pm

Wellness in the Woods, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Improve mental and physical health while being active, restful and playful. *See monthly themes on the Forest Preserves website.*

Saturday, 3/21; 10am

Walk & Talk-Southwest, Orland Grassland, Orland Park

Get some exercise, meet new people, and learn about your local forest preserves with this series. *Walk and Talk Hikes are under 3.1 miles, have a theme and are slower paced.*

Saturday, 3/21; 10am

Fitness Hike-South, Joe Orr Woods, Chicago Heights

Get some exercise, meet new people, and learn about your local forest preserves with this series. *Fitness Hikes are typically over 3.1 miles, offer less information and are at a faster pace.*

Tuesday, 3/24; 11am - 2pm

Spring Breakout Adventures, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

In conjunction with Activate Elgin's March into Health, thaw from the winter and recreate! Activities include a biodiversity hike, archery, pond fishing and more.

Tuesday through Thursday, 3/24 - 3/26; 1pm - 3pm

Spring Break Nature Drop-In Days, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

We provide the fun, you bring the kids to explore nature each day.

Thursday, 3/25; 11am - 2pm

Spring Break-Out Adventure, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Youth and families, enjoy time out of school with activities including animal encounters, nature play, crafts, and other fun during this drop-in program...end

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to receive and filed 20-0137. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

FINANCE COMMITTEE

20-0150

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 1/14/2020

The Finance Subcommittee on Litigation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2020 to Present: \$0.00

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$4,416.87

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2020 to Present: \$0.00

Legal Fees for 1/14/2020 to Be Approved: \$67,057.48

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 20-0150. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0012

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR., SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2020

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County:

Section 1. That this Ordinance is and the same is hereby termed the “Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2020.”

Section 2. That the Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Illinois has considered the subject of the Annual Tax Levy for the year 2020 and the several sums necessary to be levied to meet the needs and requirements of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for said year and has recommended that this ordinance for the levy of taxes be adopted.

Section 3. That the Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, heretofore having approved and adopted the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Forest Preserve District of Cook

County for the year commencing January 1, 2020 at its meeting held November 19, 2019, which ordinance was published by authority of said Board as provided by law and which portion of said Appropriation Ordinance pertaining to Fund and Departmental Appropriations (together with marginal columns captioned “Payable from the Tax Levy” and “Payable from sources other than the Tax Levy” where applicable) is set forth hereinafter.

Section 4. That the sum of Ninety Nine Million, Two Hundred and Eighty Nine Thousand, and Three Dollars and No Cents (\$99,289,003), being the sum of Appropriations heretofore legally made which are to be paid from the collection of the Annual Tax Levy of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2020 A.D. for the corporate purposes, for the construction of improvements and development of the forests and lands, for payment for principal and interest on bonded debt, for payment for contributions to Employees’ Annuity and Benefit Fund, and for the payment of amounts to the Chicago Zoological Society and the Chicago Horticultural Society, all as adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County at its meeting held November 19, 2019 and published by the authority of said Board according to law, is hereby levied on all the taxable property within said Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2020 being composed of the specific amounts for the various purposes herein before named.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois

**ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE
FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2020**

**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES THEREOF
ALL FUNDS**

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Fund	Amount of Appropriation	Payable from The Tax Levy	Payable from Sources Other Than the Tax Levy
Corporate	63,529,304	52,562,375	10,966,929
Self-Insurance	8,540,000	0	8,540,000
Const. & Development	6,790,000	7,000,000	-210,000
Bond & Interest	16,830,550	12,834,300	3,996,250
Employee Annuity & Benefit	4,066,375	3,659,331	407,044
Real Estate Acquisition	850,000	0	850,000

Capital Improvement	500,000	0	500,000
Resident Watchmen	223,000	0	223,000
Chicago Zoological	14,389,505	14,284,927	104,578
Chicago Horticultural	8,932,778	8,948,070	-15,292
Total	\$124,651,512	\$99,289,003	\$25,362,509

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 20-0012. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to reconsider 20-0012. The motion failed by the following vote:

Nayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0138

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

Report Period: 1/1/2019 - 12/31/2019

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for December 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 20-0138. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison,

Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)
Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

RULES COMMITTEE

20-0156

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 01/14/2020.

This Journal of Proceedings was approve

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

20-0105

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

ORDINANCE REQUIRING GENDER NEUTRALITY IN CODE LANGUAGE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners, that Title I - ADMINISTRATIVE, Chapter 1 - OFFICIAL FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT CODE, Section 1-1-3: - AMENDMENTS and Chapter 3 - DEFINITIONS, Section 1-3-1: - CONSTRUCTION OF WORDS of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Code is hereby amended as Follows:

1-1-3: - AMENDMENTS.

- A. Any ordinance amending the Forest Preserve District Code shall set forth the title, chapter and section number of the section or sections to be amended, and this shall constitute sufficient compliance with any statutory requirement pertaining to the amendment or revision by ordinance of any part of this District Code. All such

amendments or revisions by ordinance shall be immediately forwarded to the codifiers and the said ordinance materials shall be prepared for insertion in its proper place in each copy of this District Code. Each such replacement page shall be properly identified and shall be inserted in each individual copy of the Forest Preserve District Code.

- B. The Forest Preserve District Code is hereby amended to remove all gender-specific references within the Code. All future amendments to the Code shall be drafted with gender-neutral language.

• **1-3-1: - CONSTRUCTION OF WORDS.**

Plural to include singular: Whenever any word in any section of this Forest Preserve District Code importing the plural number is used in describing or referring to any matters, parties or persons, any single matter, party or person shall be deemed to be included, although distributive words may not have been used.

Singular to include plural: When any subject matter, party or person is referred to in this Forest Preserve District Code by words importing the singular number only, ~~or the masculine gender,~~ several matters, parties or persons, ~~and females as well as males~~ and bodies corporate shall be deemed to be included. ~~; provided, that t~~ These rules of construction shall not be applied to any section of this Forest Preserve District Code which contains any express provision excluding such construction or where the subject matter or context may be repugnant thereto.

The word "ordinance" contained in the ordinances of the Forest Preserve District has been changed in the content of this District Code to "Title," "Chapter," "Section" and/or "subsection" or words of like import for organizational and clarification purposes only. Such change to the Forest Preserve District's ordinances is not meant to amend passage and effective dates of such original ordinances. Each of the words "woods," "timber," "forest" and "preserve," whenever used in this Code, means land owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 20-0105. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

20-0008

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (“MWRD”)

Request: Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with MWRD for reconstruction and maintenance of the McCook levee.

Goods or Services: MWRD proposes to improve, raise, and maintain the McCook Levee on the west side of the Des Plaines River from 45th Street downstream to the railroad in Ottawa Trail Woods. This project will require the grant of a permanent easement from the Forest Preserves to MWRD.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Continuous

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 16

Summary: MWRD proposes to repair, rehabilitate, and replace a levee along the west side of the Des Plaines River from 45th Street to Lawndale Avenue, known as the McCook Levee, to protect commercial and residential structures from flooding. MWRD will complete the proposed work and assume future maintenance responsibility for the levee pursuant to an agreement for project design and construction with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the proposed IGA. The proposed 3.58-acre permanent easement will provide access and right of entry to MWRD and the Corps for the construction, operation and maintenance of the levee on Forest Preserves property. Under the IGA, the Forest Preserves will have record keeping and reporting obligations, as well as use restrictions, in relation to MWRD funding certain improvements with bond funds.

A two-block portion of the Salt Creek Trail will be closed and temporary access to an on-street detour provided during the construction period. Tree mitigation and other fees will be waived for MWRD consistent with a Memorandum of Understanding providing for mutual waiver of fees between MWRD and the Forest Preserves approved on May 11, 2017. The Forest Preserves may also grant MWRD and the Corps waivers to applicable work-hour limits and truck-traffic restrictions upon written request. The proposed IGA is subject to final review and approval by the Forest Preserves’ Legal Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 20-0008. The motion carried by the following vote

NEW ITEMS

20-0161

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), PETER N. SILVESTRI, LARRY SUFFREDIN, SCOTT R. BRITTON, STANLEY MOORE, BILL LOWRY and LUIS ARROYO JR., Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT AS A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Section 810/15 of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act, 70 ILCS 810/15, grants the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners “the right and power to appoint and maintain a sufficient police force, the members of which may have and exercise police powers over the territory within such forest preserves for the preservation of the public peace, and the observance and enforcement of the ordinances and laws, such as are conferred upon and exercised by the police of organized cities and villages;” and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Law Enforcement Department serves and protects visitors and protects the Forest Preserves’ almost 70,000 acres of natural lands and property - one of the largest public conservation districts in the United States - by upholding and enforcing all state, county, and Forest Preserves laws and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Forest Preserves officers are sworn officers who received additional training in conservation from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Forest Preserves’ Department of Resource Management, and archeological protection training from the Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and perform a dual role: both the conventional duties of police officers and tasks and duties performed by conservation officers; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves Police are regularly engaged in duties and patrols specifically designed to enforce Forest Preserves of Cook County ordinances that protect the many important ecosystems in the Forest Preserves, including over 100 endangered species of plants and animals; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves Police welcome and ensure the safety of residents who make more than 62 million visits each year to the Forest Preserves of Cook County to explore and take respite in

nature and Forest Preserves officers’ presence and role *as part of the Forest Preserve team* is crucial for the visitor experience from answering questions about amenities to directing traffic at large events.

Each day, Forest Preserves police officers patrol the Preserves, by both traditional vehicular patrols and alternative patrols by foot, bike and other means. Forest Preserves police officers conducted 6,200 high-visibility alternative patrols on and off the trails last year; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves Police value diversity and are committed to enhancing their cultural competency through on-going training including a recent cultural awareness forum co-sponsored by the Department of Justice and the Chicago Commission on Human Relations to listen to different perspectives and have an honest conversation about what the Forest Preserves Police can do to be more culturally aware and welcoming to all residents, previous trainings on fostering a respectful workplace and working with people with disabilities, and will soon undergo training on implicit bias; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Maninder Sangha of the Forest Preserve Police assists the Forest Preserves' Racial Equity Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) team in creating a work culture that embraces diversity and is inclusive and welcoming to all Forest Preserves of Cook County employees, visitors, and partners and has developed strategies to advance racial equity by improving the hiring process, broaden outreach efforts, and improve access to training for all employees; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Commander Martin Hasler represents the Forest Preserves Police on the Chicago Commission on Human Relations and Hate Crime Coalition to advocate for individuals and communities impacted by hate crimes; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve Police support numerous events that promote equity and inclusivity within the Forest Preserves, including the annual *Peace in the Preserves* event attended by more than 700 participants to date and *Pride in the Preserves* event sponsored by the Northwest Side Coalition Against Racism and Hate; and

WHEREAS, Section 810/2.1 of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act, 70 ILCS 810/2.1, defines this Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners as the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, each of these governing bodies and their respective Law Enforcement Committees have examined and appreciate the value, operational efficiencies, cost effectiveness, collective contribution and dedication of the officers of the Forest Preserves Law Enforcement Department, and the unique role of the department and its officers to the success of the organization and the safety of visitors and Cook County residents; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2297 in the Illinois General Assembly proposes to eliminate this duly elected body's authority to authorize a sufficient police force, pre-empting local control of a vital operation within the regional treasure that is the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2297 would result in increased payroll cost for taxpayers to police the Forest Preserves by an estimated 20% to 25% and increase pension costs, if this vital function were taken on by the Cook County Sheriff's Office, or reduce the amount of law enforcement attention in the Forest

Preserves; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby oppose House Bill 2297 and support the men and women of the Forest Preserve Law Enforcement Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the Illinois General Assembly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 20-0161. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Anaya, Deer and Johnson (3)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Matthew B. DeLeon".

Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com>.