



Vernon Hills Park District
Regular Board Meeting
November 18, 2021
635 N. Aspen Drive
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Hills Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Doerhoefer at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Robbins, Sente, Kessler, Giraldo, Doerhoefer.

Staff: Jeff Fougerousse, Marla DeCicco, Tom Ritter, James Kim, Cheryl Buhmann, Lacy Velasquez, Jessica Mitchell, Amy Darling.

Guests Present: Shinbi Lee, Dan Forbes.

2. Pledge of Allegiance - President Doerhoefer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Omnibus Vote Agenda – Items under the Omnibus Vote Agenda are considered routine and/or non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. If a separate vote on any one item is desired, it will be pulled from the Omnibus Vote Agenda and voted on separately.

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting October 28, 2021

B. Payables & Payroll through November 18, 2021 in the amount of \$1,177,680.33.

President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to approve the Omnibus Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Robbins.

Second by Commissioner Giraldo.

Discussion: President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to pull the Minutes of the October 28, 2021 Regular Board Meeting from the Omnibus Vote Agenda to be voted on separately.

Motion by Commissioner Sente.

Second by Commissioner Kessler.

Ayes: Commissioner Kessler, Robbins, Giraldo, Sente, Doerhoefer.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

President Doerhoefer stated that the Minutes of the October 28, 2021 Regular Board Meeting inaccurately stated he was present at the meeting. The Minutes have been amended to state that President Doerhoefer was absent from the meeting.



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President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to approve the amended Minutes of the October 28, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Kessler.

Second by Commissioner Giraldo.

Ayes: Commissioner Robbins, Sente, Kessler, Giraldo, Doerhoefer.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

4. Financial Reports for the Period Ending October 31, 2021

President Doerhoefer asked Marla if there are any changes to the Financial Reports filed for the period ending October 31, 2021. No changes were reported.

5. Welcome to Visitors and Guests - Public Comment Period – Guest Shinbi Lee was recognized. Ms. Lee is a student at Vernon Hills High School.

6. Unfinished Business – None.

7. Reports and Communication

- A. Facility Manager- Lacy Velasquez- report attached.
- B. Recreation Superintendent- Tom Ritter- report attached.
- C. Marketing & Communications Manager- Cheryl Buhmann- report attached.
- D. Finance and HR Superintendent – Marla DeCicco- report attached.
- E. Parks Superintendent- James Kim –report attached.
- F. HR/Risk Manager- Jessica Mitchell-report attached.
- G. Executive Director- Jeff Fougrousse – report attached.
- H. Commissioner/Committee Reports and Communications- None.
- I. Board Correspondence - None.

8. New Business

- A. Speer Financial Bond Presentation- President Doerhoefer invited Dan Forbes of Speer Financial to the podium. Dan reported the result of the bond sale to the Board and provided detailed information on the bond issuance process.

Commissioner Robbins inquired as to whether it would be beneficial to increase the bond amount for the district while current interest rates are exceptionally low. Superintendent DeCicco explained that due to the current debt service of the district, the amount of bond issue is intentionally limited to prevent reducing funds for capital projects. Superintendent DeCicco further clarified the difference between the annual bond issue and the annual tax levy and how they relate to one another.

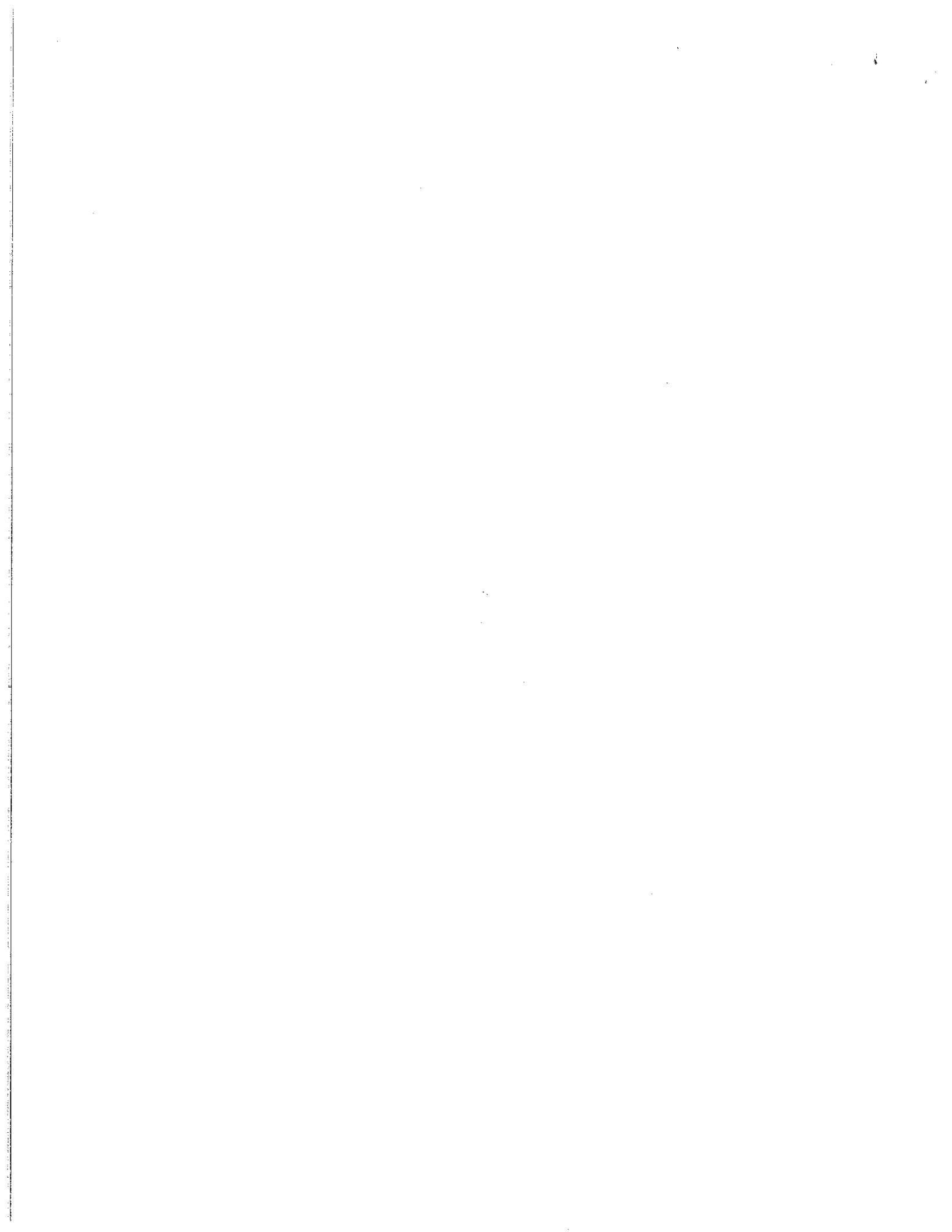


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President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 06-21 “an Ordinance providing for the issue of \$1,113,155 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2021, of the Vernon Hills Park District, Lake County, Illinois, for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of said Park District, to provide the revenue source for the payment of certain outstanding bonds of said Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to State Bank, Wonder Lake, Illinois.”

Motion by Commissioner Robbins.

Second by Commissioner Sente.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioner Sente, Giraldo, Robbins, Kessler, Doerhoefer.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

B. Truth in Taxation Law Resolution 04-21

President Doerhoefer stated that each year the Park Board is required to meet formally and estimate the amount of money they will need to levy to cover their operating costs for the next fiscal year.

He further stated that Resolution 04-21 levies an estimated \$4,179,600 in property taxes less debt service in December of 2021. This estimate represents a 6.5% increase over the 2020 tax levy. The 6.5% increase is based on an estimate for the 2021 tax year equalized assessed value and will be reduced based on the actual EAV before any tax dollars are extended. The levy increase is based on the rising cost of living, an increase in Park District residents and the expansion and improvement of Park District facilities. By State of Illinois Statute, a Truth in Taxation hearing is required to be held in any year that the Park Board determines that the current year's estimated levy will exceed the prior year's actual levy by 5% or more. The estimate for the 2021 levy does exceed the 2020 levy by more than 5%, requiring a Truth in Taxation Hearing to be held this year. The hearing was held on November 18, 2021.

President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 04-21.

Motion by Commissioner Kessler.

Second by Commissioner Sente.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioner Giraldo, Kessler, Sente, Robbins, Doerhoefer.

Nays: None. Motion Carries.

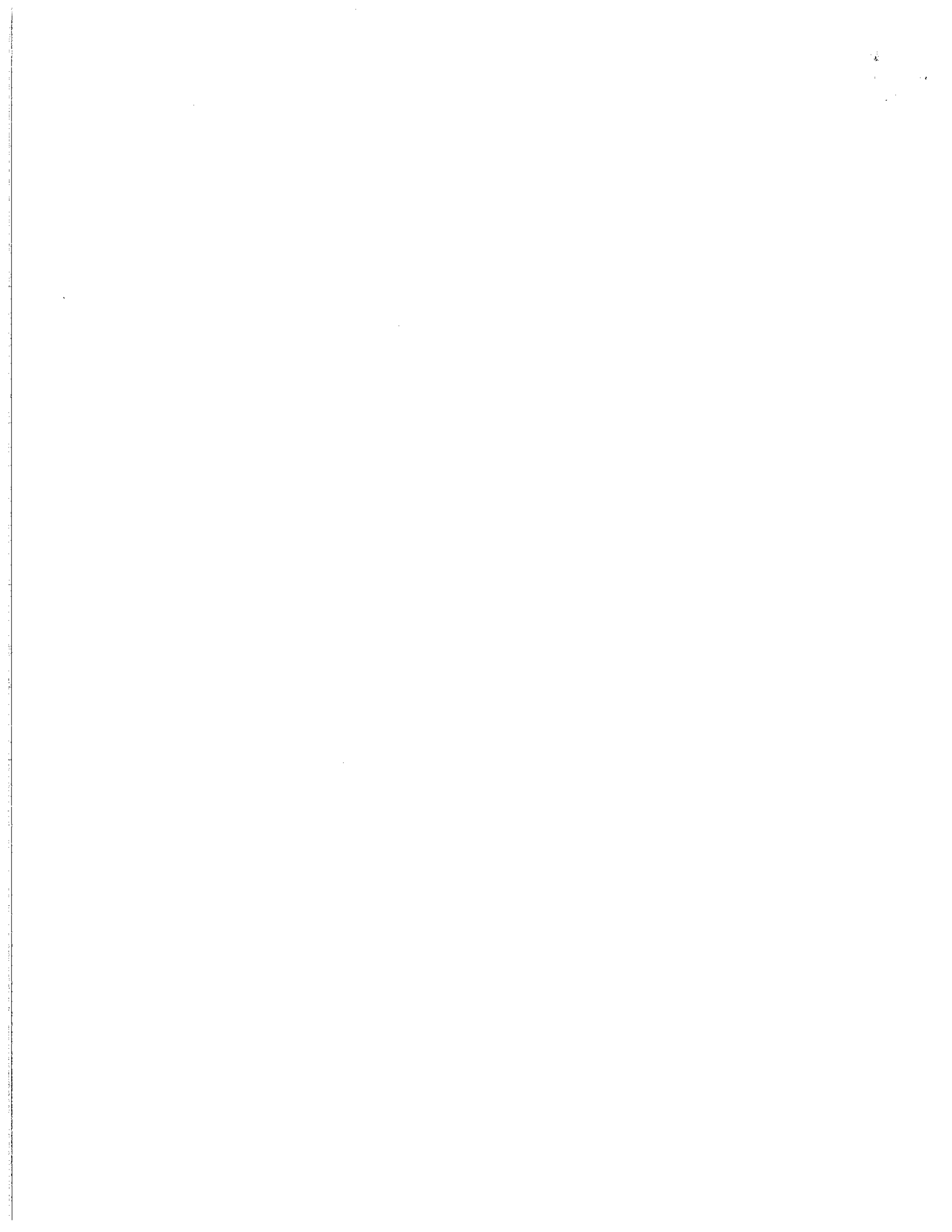


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C. SRACLC Accessibility Resolution 05-21

President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 05-21.

Motion by Commissioner Kessler.

Second by Commissioner Giraldo.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioner Kessler, Robbins, Giraldo, Sente, Doerhoefer.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

D. Sullivan Center Accordion Door Bid Award

President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to award the Accordion Door Bid Award to Carmichael Construction in the amount of \$48,400.00.

Motion by Commissioner Sente.

Second by Commissioner Robbins.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioner Robbins, Sente, Kessler, Giraldo, Doerhoefer.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

E. Appointment to Recreation Advisory Committee

President Doerhoefer appointed Commissioner Giraldo to the district committee. Commissioner Giraldo accepted the appointment.

9. Commissioner Comments

A. Commissioner Kessler –Happy Thanksgiving.

B. Commissioner Robbins –Happy Thanksgiving.

C. Commissioner Sente- Thank you to Jeff and the Board for providing the opportunity to participate in the recent Public Officials and Administrators meeting. Thank you Jeff for bringing this group together quarterly.

D. Commissioner Giraldo – Happy Thanksgiving.

E. Commissioner Doerhoefer –Happy Thanksgiving.

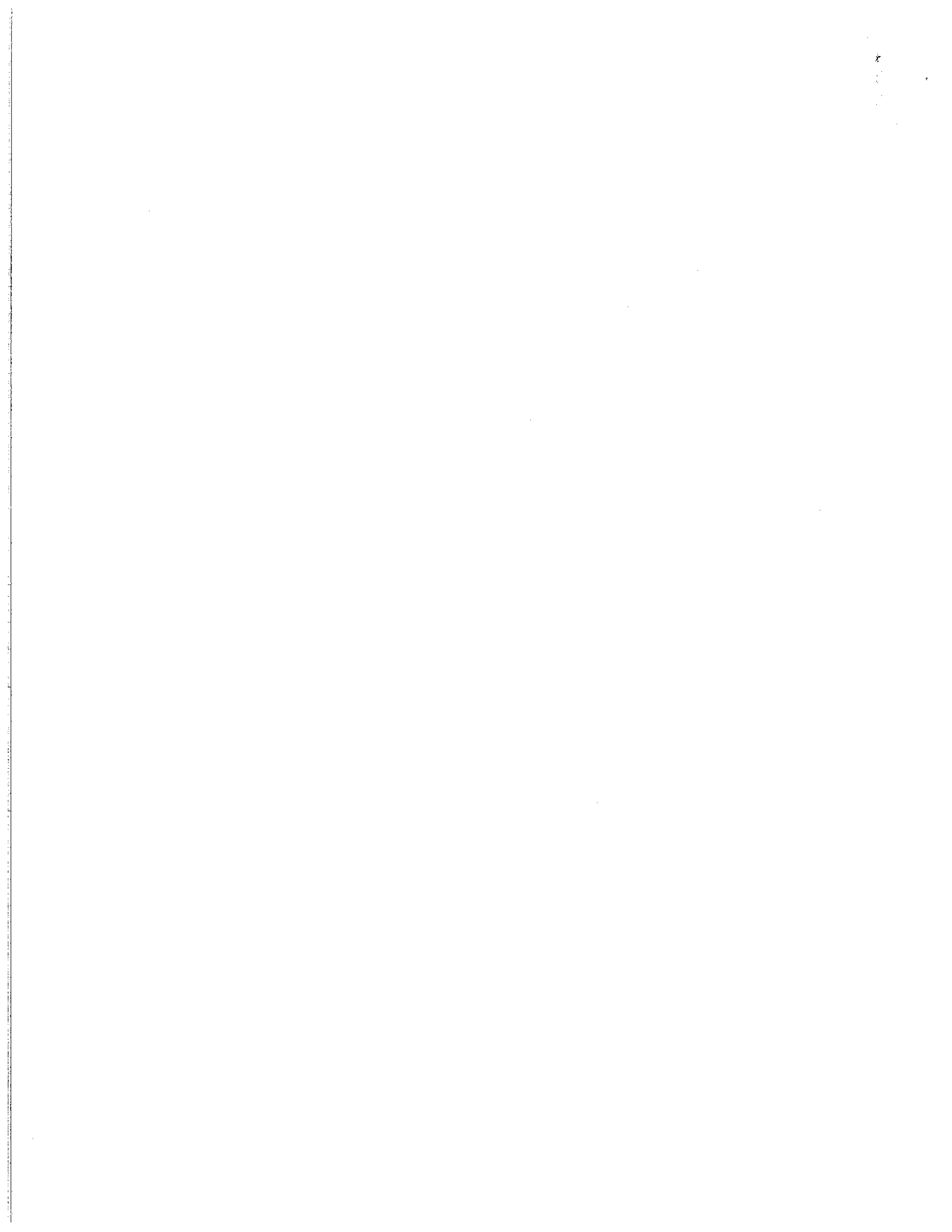


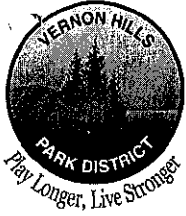
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10. Adjournment

Upon proper motion and second the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

David Doerhoefer, Park Board President

Jeff Fougousse, Park Board Secretary



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