



## CITY OF HIGHWOOD

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### City Council Meeting MINUTES

#### **February 19, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting**

City Hall Council Chambers  
17 Highwood Avenue  
Highwood, IL 60040

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Donofrio called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Donofrio, Aldermen Pieri, Linari, Cahnmann, Bruni, Pecaro, Fiore, Murphy and Hospodarsky.

Absent: None.

Also present: S. Druktenis, City Clerk; M. Lasday, City Administrator; R. Stefani, City Treasurer; J. Harding, Superintendent of Water; J. Ponsi, Superintendent of Public Works and D. Blondin, City Attorney

#### **3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance, which was led by the St. James School Kindergarten class.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alderman Hospodarsky moved for an approval of the minutes from February 5, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting. Alderman Linari seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye. The motion carried.

#### **5. PUBLIC FORUM**

- Paul Diambri, Highwood business owner indicated that it is time to recognize that the community has a lot of potential. The Highwood Towers is an example where the community's requests were heard and incorporated. He urged the Council to listen to the community with regards to the Morningside project. However, Morningside is not responding. If the cost of the proposed project is broken down, it equates to \$30,000 per unit. This is not going to be enough and it will be another North Shore Estates. He urged the Council to take the time to recognize people's input and the Council should reach out to people.
- Amy Strege, Highwood resident, thanked the Aldermen, particularly Alderman Murphy, for listening and appreciates Mega for working with the community. She noted the outpouring of community involvement over the past 18 months and thanked the community, the board members and the Council for their involvement.
- Bill Moscozni, Highwood resident, noted that a traffic control device or more police involvement is needed on his street (Euclid Ave/Euclid Court) since many cars use it as a turnaround. *{It was noted that this is already under consideration; however,*

*there had been no response from a letter sent to residents. A second letter will be sent asking for input}.*

- Joe Passini, Highwood resident, noted three initiatives he is undertaking; 1) he will be taking a class to become a community service officer and has offered to pay for a city staff member to attend as well, 2) he is working on becoming accredited to provide food service, and 3) He will be bringing art to Highwood by holding fundraisers, bringing in artists at the schools, etc. and noted a piece of art, “These hands have done a lot” that was done 20 years ago that he plans to highlight. He also indicated that he was planning on discussing his support of the Highwood Towers; however, based on the positive discussion at the Council’s Committee of the Whole, he will not bring it up. He hoped that in the future, decisions like these would not be so disruptive.

## 6. REPORTS

- a. Mayor’s Report – Mayor Donofrio indicated that President Bush signed the bill that will provide additional funding for the military students going to our school. He thanked everyone involved in making this happen.
- b. City Administrator’s Report
  - 1. Fire Chief Report – Joshua Evans has been hired as a full-time employee. The Township will be adopting Highwood’s emergency plan. The plan and procedures were put to use in a recent incident involving residents with no heat.
  - 2. Police Chief Report – In the month of January there were 7 DUI investigations, 145 traffic citations issues and 12 criminal matter arrests.
  - 3. Public Works Report – bids for the Greenbay Rd. water main will be pursued in March, the 2008 street program will be combined with Highland Park’s program to obtain better prices, and specifics on the snow removal effort were provided.
  - 4. PPV update – City Administrator Lasday attended a JPC meeting regarding the PPV disposition and provided the Council with the JPC materials and her notes from the meeting.
  - 5. Community Family Center Update – The Community Family Center is considering a new location. Public meetings are scheduled for February 18 and February 28 from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Highland Park Recreation Center.
- c. Aldermen Reports
  - 1. Alderman Pieri indicated that he would like to see the Greenbay Road water main work to go out for bid as soon as possible.
  - 2. Alderman Fiore provided an update on the Police Chief search. Application will continue to be accepted until March 1 after which time, Aldermen Fiore and Linari will review the applications for possible candidates. Alderman Fiore also indicated he would like to challenge the community to get involved and support the development of the Comprehensive Plan. The Long Term Plan Committee will recommend approval of the Comprehensive Plan proposal and if it passes, a committee of 10 to 12 people will need to be

formed. A Resolution to approve a contract with Houseal will be on the agenda for consideration in March.

3. Alderman Hospodarsky indicated that he attended a recent Recreation Board Meeting and they are working on their budget with City Administrator Lasday.
- d. Approval of Bills - Alderman Fiore seconded by Alderman Pecaro, moved for an approval of the Bills as read by City Treasurer Stefani. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

Ayes: Pieri, Linari, Cahnmann, Bruni, Pecaro, Fiore, Murphy,  
Hospodarsky  
Abstain: None  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

The motion carried.

- e. Treasurer's Report - Alderman Pecaro, seconded by Alderman Linari, moved for an approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2008 as read by City Treasurer Stefani. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

Ayes: Pieri, Linari, Cahnmann, Bruni, Pecaro, Fiore, Murphy,  
Hospodarsky  
Abstain: None  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

The motion carried.

- f. Finance Director, Nick Narducci reviewed the monthly financial report and indicated that the target numbers are very close to budget, requested that the Council submit their budget worksheets and discussed the budget process. Alderman Murphy requested clarification on the IEPA loan amount on the Monthly Financial Report compared to the amount read in the Treasurer's report since there appears to be a discrepancy. She also requested a breakdown of the insurance payments.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Cahnmann, moved to remove the following items on the consent agenda and to table them until a Special Meeting to be held on February 25, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m.:
  - a. An Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Highwood, Illinois to Rezone and Amend an Existing Planned Development and Designate the Property Commonly Known as 700 North Sheridan Rd. as a Planned Development
  - b. An Ordinance Amending Section 14.0 of the Zoning Code Text related to condominium requirements

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

Ayes: Pieri, Cahnmann, Linari, Fiore, Bruni, Pecaro, Murphy,  
Hospodarsky  
Abstain: None  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

The motion carried.

2. Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Hospodarsky, moved to approve the following items on the consent agenda subject to a change made in the Ordinance Amending the Powers and Duties of the Board of Fire and Police Commissions Related to Reimbursement Agreements to reflect a 3 year time period:
  - a. **2008-R-5** - A Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Fee and Service Agreement with Lake County Related to an Animal/Rabies Control Program.
  - b. **2008-R-3** - A Resolution Approving a Wireless Service Agreement with Sprint Solutions, Inc.
  - c. **2008-R-4** - A Resolution Approving Connect-CTY Agreement with NTI Group Inc.
  - d. **2008-O-4** – An Ordinance Amending the Powers and Duties of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Related to Reimbursement Agreements.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

Ayes: Pieri, Cahnmann, Linari, Fiore, Bruni, Pecaro, Murphy,  
Hospodarsky  
Abstain: None  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

The motion carried.

3. The remaining two items from the consent agenda were considered individually.
  - a. **2008-O-5 -An Ordinance Granting Variations for the Property Located at 532 Lockard Lane** – Alderman Bruni, seconded by Alderman Pieri, moved to approve an Ordinance Granting Variations for the Property Located at 532 Lockard Lane.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

Ayes: Pieri, Cahnmann, Linari, Fiore, Bruni, Pecaro,  
Murphy, Hospodarsky  
Abstain: None  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

The motion carried.

- b. **2008-O-6 - An Ordinance Designating the Highwood Zoning Board of Appeals as the Highwood Appeals Commission –** Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Bruni, moved to approve an Ordinance Designating the Highwood Zoning Board of Appeals as the Highwood Appeals Commission.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

Ayes: Pieri, Cahnmann, Linari, Fiore, Bruni, Pecaro,  
Murphy, Hospodarsky  
Abstain: None  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

The motion carried.

8. **ADJOURN** - Alderman Bruni, seconded by Alderman Pecaro, motioned to adjourn the meeting and to reconvene the Committee of the Whole Meeting. All Aldermen voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Druktenis - City Clerk