



**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HIGHWOOD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE HIGHWOOD CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – DECEMBER 15, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pecaro called the meeting of the Highwood City Council Committee of the Whole to order at 6 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Pecaro; Aldermen Bruni, Cahnmann, Fiore, Harpster, Falberg, Murphy-Pieri, and Linari

Absent: Aldermen Sepulveda

Also present: M. Burke, City Clerk; T. Lenzini, City Treasurer, G. Jackson, City Manager; A. Marrin, Assistant City Manager; D. Blondin and J. Stein, City Attorneys

There being a quorum present, the Mayor announced the meeting to be in session.

3. Executive Session

Attorney Blondin announced the need for an Executive Session under 2(c)(1) personnel issues, 2(c)(2) collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, and 2(c)(11) litigation, when an action involving the public body has been filed and is pending, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

Alderman Bruni made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Linari to go into executive session under exceptions 2(c)(1) personnel, 2(c)(11) litigation, and 2(c)(2) collective bargaining as described by Mr. Blondin. All aldermen present voted yes, the motion passed, and recessed to go into executive session at 6:01 p.m.

At 7:07 pm, Mayor Pecaro called the COW back into session. Alderman Bruni made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Linari to reconvene the COW meeting. Vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Bruni, Cahnmann, Fiore, Harpster, Falberg, Murphy-Pieri, and Linari

Nays: --

Absent: Alderman Sepulveda

The motion passed and the meeting reconvened at 7:08 pm.

4. Any Action Necessary Coming Out of Executive Session

none

5. Review of Minutes

Alderman Fiore requested that a DVD of the public comments be included with the minutes of the November 17 city council meeting. Mayor Pecaro asked Ms. Marrin to cause such a DVD to be

created from the Comcast tape and to make it available in City Hall; he directed Clerk Burke to note this in the minutes.

The November 17 COW meeting minutes and the December 1 minutes for both the COW and the regular council meeting could be accepted as presented.

6. Appointments

Library Board: Mayor Pecaro said that he anticipated making another appointment to the Library Board at the first meeting in January.

JPC: Mayor Pecaro directed that copies of James Levy's application be provided to council members at the December 21 special meeting so that they could be prepared to vote on it at the first meeting in January.

7. Review of Bills

The bills were referred to the regular Council meeting for payment subject to the council addressing questions raised regarding the special payroll amounts and several special events bills. These will be held for further research as noted in the minutes of the regular city council meeting.

8. Special Business

None

9. New Business

None

10. Old Business

10.1. Discussion of payment to Raysa & Zimmerman, LLC. For Property Maintenance Code Billing.
Deferred to the regular city council meeting.

10.2. Discussion of Social Hosting Ordinance
Deferred to the regular city council meeting.

10.3. Discussion of Review of Executive Session Minutes for Release Under the Open Meetings Act
All outstanding Executive Session minutes for this fiscal year to date will be reviewed and voted on at the January 5 city council meeting. The semi-annual review of executive session minutes will be done at the January 18 council meeting.

11. Announcements

None.

12. Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Alderman Harpster, seconded by Alderman Linari, and passed unanimously by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MARCIA BURKE, CITY CLERK

REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED BY THE HIGHWOOD CITY COUNCIL ON: JANUARY____, 2010