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City Council Meeting MINUTES

October 21, 2008 Committee of the Whole Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
17 Highwood Avenue
Highwood, IL 60040
6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Donofrio called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL
Present: Mayor Donofrio, Aldermen Pieri, Linari, Pecaro, Fiore, Hospodarsky, Bruni, and Murphy
Absent: Alderman Cahnmann

Also present: G. Jackson, City Manager; A. Marrin, Assistant City Manager; S. Druktenis; City Clerk; D. Blondin, and J. Stein, City Attorneys and Joann Pazen from Raysa Zimmermann
3. EXECUTIVE SESSION I
Alderman Pieri, seconded by Alderman Fiore, moved to go into executive session to review executive session minutes. All Aldermen present except for Alderman Murphy voted aye. Alderman Murphy voted no. The motion carried.
{Executive session – City Treasurer Stefani joined the meeting during executive session at 6:23 p.m.}
Alderman Bruni, seconded by Alderman Fiore, moved to close the executive session, seal the minutes until they are no longer sensitive and adjourn the meeting. All Aldermen present voted aye. The motion carried.
4. REVIEW OF COUNCIL MINUTES. –
 1. Minutes from the October 7, 2008, Committee of the Whole meeting.
 2. Minutes from the October 7, 2008, Committee of the Whole Executive Session.
 3. Minutes from the October 7, 2008, Council meeting.
5. APPOINTMENTS – THE appointment of Aldermen Fiore and Hospodarsky to the Ethics Committee will be on the next meeting's agenda.
6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Creation of City Council Ethics Committee – Alderman Murphy suggesting reviewing the Ethics Ordinance already on file. It was agreed that it will be appropriate for the committee to review the ordinance, obtain public comment and look at other ordinances as examples.
- b. Discussion of Municipal Code of Conduct – this will be part of the Ethics Committee's tasks.
- c. Discussion of Request for Overnight Parking DeRoo Loop – tabled until the next meeting.
- d. Discussion of Public Parkway and Signage Ordinance – Alderman Hospodarsky explained that this would include election signs, garage sale signs, etc. He feels that there should be uniformity in signs (i.e., Highwood could provide the garage sale signs as people come in for their permit). It was noted that the City already has a sign ordinance; however Alderman Hospodarsky feels it should be reviewed. It was agreed that it would be appropriate for the ARC to review the existing ordinance for any needed changes.
- e. Motion to Reschedule November 4, 2008, Committee of the Whole and City Council Meeting to Wednesday, November 5, 2008. – A motion will be made this evening.
- f. Resolution in Support of Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant Application for the Storm and Drainage Improvement from Ashland Avenue to North Avenue. – This item is on the City Council Meeting agenda for consideration this evening

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Draft Ethics Ordinance – Ethics Committee will be tasked to develop the draft.
- b. Motion to Approve Blue Cross Blue Shield Employee Health Insurance Contract/Viti Insurance through May 2009 – This would be a 6-month contract with a 1-year renewal. – This item is on the City Council Meeting agenda for consideration this evening

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION II

Alderman Fiore, seconded by Alderman Bruni, moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. All Aldermen present except for Alderman Murphy voted aye. Alderman Murphy voted no. The motion carried.

{Executive session}

Alderman Bruni, seconded by Alderman Fiore, moved to close the executive session, seal the minutes until they are no longer sensitive and adjourn the meeting. All Aldermen present voted aye. The motion carried.

9. ADJOURN – Alderman Bruni seconded by Alderman Linari, moved to adjourn the meeting. All Aldermen present voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Druktenis - City Clerk