

Meeting of the City of Highwood City Council  
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**City Council Meeting  
MINUTES  
May 5, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting  
Highwood Recreation Center  
7:30 p.m.**

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, Fiore, Pecaro, Cahnmann and Hospodarsky

Absent: Murphy and Bruni

Also present: S. Druktenis, City Clerk; R. Stefani, City Treasurer; G. Jackson, City Manager; Anne Marrin, Assistant City Manager; and D. Blondin City Attorney

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Alderman Pieri moved for an approval of the minutes from the April 21, 2009 City Council Meeting, the April 21, 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting and the April 14 Executive Session Minutes. Alderman Hospodarsky seconded the motion. A correction to the April 21, 2009 Regular City Council minutes was noted (additional of Ralph's last name, Pfaff, on page 4. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Alderman Hospodarsky thanked the 4<sup>th</sup> ward for the opportunity to represent them. He thanked the many contributors to Highwood and offered the new Council members his assistance. He thanked his family for their support and thanked the citizens of Highwood.
- b. City Treasurer Stefani thanked Mayor Donofrio for the opportunity to run for office with him. She thanked the citizens of Highwood and wished Charlie Pecaro luck. She thanked her family and wished the new council members support and perseverance.

- c. Alderman Pieri indicated that it has been a pleasure to serve as Alderman. He thanked everyone for his or her support. He thanked the council members that were leaving office and Mayor Donofrio and wished the new Council luck.
  - d. Mayor Donofrio thanked his family and indicated that he has had the opportunity to meet and work with many great men, women, girls and boys. It has been an honor for him to serve the City of Highwood. The City employees keep the City moving forward and it was a pleasure working with them. He wished the new Council the best of luck.
6. ADJOURN - Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Pieri, motioned to adjourn this portion of the meeting. All Aldermen present voted aye. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Druktenis - City Clerk

## Minutes of the Regular Highwood City Council Meeting

Tuesday May 5, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

### 1. Call to order

The newly sworn in officials were seated and Mayor Pecaro called the regular meeting of the Highwood City Council to order at 7:45 p.m.

### 2. Roll call

a. Present: Mayor Pecaro, Aldermen Sepulveda, Harpster, Fiore, Linari, Falberg, Cahnmann

b. Absent: Aldermen Bruni and Murphy-Pieri

c. Also present: M. Burke, City Clerk; P. Lenzini, City Treasurer; G. Jackson, City Manager; A. Marrin, Assistant City Manager; and D. Blondin, Jeff Stein and M. Zimmerman, City Attorneys

### 3. Petitions, Motions, Resolutions, and/or Ordinances

a. Motion to approve resolution to appoint Baxter&Woodman for engineering on IDOT MFT project.

City Manager Jackson suggested that the decision on Baxter&Woodman be tabled until the newly constituted Council had time to review it and asked if there were a motion to that effect.

Alderman Linari so moved; Alderman Fiore seconded. The vote on a call of the roll was:

Ayes: Aldermen Sepulveda, Harpster, Fiore, Linari, Falberg, Cahnmann

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Bruni and Murphy-Pieri

The motion carried

### 4. Personal Statement - Mayor Pecaro

a. Mayor Pecaro thanked Mayor Donofrio, City Clerk Druktenis, City Treasurer Stefani, and Aldermen Hospodarsky and Pieri for their service. He thanked his supporters and family for their hard work and support.

Mayor Pecaro affirmed that he ran on a platform of ethics and transparency. He announced that the first change would be to allow more public comment at appropriate times during City Council meetings. He also said that at the next meeting he was going to ask all elected officials to join him in signing a Code of Ethics and a Code of Conduct.

Pointing out that we (the elected and appointed officials) were all on the same team with a shared goal of moving Highwood forward. Mayor Pecaro asserted that we need: to hold ourselves accountable; to develop and start to implement a comprehensive plan that made the best use of our limited land; and to create a vision for Highwood that looked 20 years out. He promised to streamline the committee structure and make the entire process of governance more predictable so that more people feel like they have the opportunity to get involved.

He announced the following two initiatives: a weekly farmers' market on Wednesday evenings at City Hall starting in June and a Latino outreach committee headed by a Latino alderman.

Mayor Pecaro promised that whatever the changes and initiatives, his goal was to always preserve the charm of Highwood. He said that he needs and wants help from Highwood residents and pointed out that we currently had 15 open positions on the various Boards and Commissions.

Mayor Pecaro wrapped up his remarks by telling the audience that if anyone had any issue concerning Highwood government he wanted them to tell us about it so it could be addressed.

5. New business

- a. Video presentation -- Mayor Donofrio's service to Highwood by Rosa Stefani
- b. City Manager Jackson read resolutions recognizing the outgoing elected officials.

6. Adjournment

There being no unfinished business, Alderman Harpster moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Alderman Fallberg. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.