



## CITY OF HIGHWOOD

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City Council Meeting  
MINUTES

### August 5, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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, Pecaro, Cahnmann, Bruni, Fiore, Murphy and Hospodarsky.

Absent: None

Also present: S. Druktenis, City Clerk; B. Balling, Interim City Administrator; G. Jackson, City Administrator; Anne Marrin, Associate Consultant; and D. Blondin and J. Stein, City Attorneys.

#### 3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Linari moved for an approval of the minutes from the June 17, 2008 and July 15, 2008 Regular City Council Meetings and the June 17, 2008 and July 15, 2008 Committee of the Whole Meetings. Alderman Hospodarsky seconded the motion. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

Ayes: Pieri, Linari, Cahnmann, Pecaro, Bruni, Murphy, Hospodarsky, Fiore (for 7/15/08)

Abstain: Fiore (for 6/17/08)

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

#### 5. PUBLIC FORUM – There were no requests from the Public to address the Council.

#### 6. REPORTS

- a. **Mayor's Report:** Appointment of Greg Jackson as City Administrator - Mayor Donofrio introduced Greg Jackson, whose appointment to City Administrator was approved at the last meeting. Greg indicated he is excited to be back, thanked his friends in the audience for their presence and support and that he looked forward to serving the citizens of Highwood.
- b. **Reports from the Aldermen:**
  - Alderman Bruni met with Highland Park representatives regarding the resurfacing of Western Avenue north of Prairie Avenue. The extent of the repair needs to be determined. The cost will be a 50/50 split between Highwood and Highland Park. The question came up on whether or not an intergovernmental agreement with Highland Park could be considered to address future street projects. It was noted that Highland Park does not do MFT funding. We would need to determine if Highland Park's

standards meet the MFT standards. City Administrator Greg Jackson will be meeting with Highland Park's City Manager on a number of issues and will discuss this item as well.

- Alderman Linari reminded the public of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fine arts festival on August 16 and 17. There will be artists, a silent auction, entertainment and food.
- The Housing Committee will be meeting on August 12, 2008 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The topic of discussion will be the Transfer Tax Referendum.
- Alderman Cahnmann reported that the Judiciary Committee would be meeting to have a Safe Building Act workshop.
- Alderman Pecaro indicated that the Finance Committee Meeting would be on August 11, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. to prepare for the meeting on the Transfer Tax.

- c. **City Administrator's Report:** This is Interim City Administrator Bill Balling's last week. Interim City Administrator Bill Balling noted that a Town Hall Meeting will be held on this Thursday, August 7, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. to present his findings as well as a proposal for City Manager form of government. He also noted that the Police report, Fire report and Building Department complaint list are in the Council's packets for their review.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Alderman Bruni, seconded by Alderman Pieri, moved to approve the ARC Recommendation for 50 Pleasant (site plan with design revision as noted during the meeting). Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

- b. Rescinding Land Ordinance 88-O-5 for 50 Pleasant – City Attorney Blondin recommended that the Council consider an Ordinance which he will have ready for the next meeting on August 19, 2008.

- c. **2008-O-22 An Ordinance Regulating Illicit Discharge and Connection within the City of Highwood.** Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Bruni, moved to approve an Ordinance Regulating Illicit Discharge and Connection within the City of Highwood. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

- d. **2008-R-23 – Resolution Relating to the Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes –** Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Pecaro, moved to approve the Resolution Relating to the Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

- e. Alderman Pieri, seconded by Alderman Bruni, moved to approve the recommended 35 ft Salt Dome in an amount not to exceed \$117,380. Alderman Hospodarsky explained that he would be voting no because of his concern regarding the height and that there was only one bid. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

Ayes: Pieri, Linari, Cahnmann, Pecaro, Bruni, Murphy, Fiore  
Abstain: None  
Nays: Hospodarsky  
Absent: None  
The motion carried.

- f. Alderman Bruni, seconded by Alderman Pieri, moved to award the contract to Chicagoland Paving Contractors in an amount not to exceed \$202,680.00 for the 2008 Street Maintenance Program. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

Ayes: Pieri, Linari, Cahnmann, Bruni, Hospodarsky, Fiore  
Abstain: Pecaro, Murphy  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
The motion carried.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Fiore, moved to approve the Zoning Variance Referral for 246 High Street. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

Ayes: Pieri, Linari, Cahnmann, Pecaro, Bruni, Murphy, Hospodarsky, Fiore  
Abstain: None  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
The motion carried.

- b. Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Pecaro moved to approve an Amendment to Ordinance 2006-O-28: Rules for Requesting Public Documents under FOIA. Alderman Murphy questioned that since we are using our Home Rule authority, would we need to, according to our rules, post the proposed Ordinance in the Library. It was agreed this topic should be tabled and the Ordinance posted. Alderman Linari withdrew her motion.

9. **CLOSING REPORT FOR WRB CONSULTANTS**— Interim City Administrator Balling briefly reviewed his report. He indicated that there are four basic parts to the report. There is an assessment of the organization, two dozen specific recommendations, the primary recommendation is to change to the City Manager form of government, budget and capital planning, property maintenance, administrative issues, planning (comprehensive plan), investment strategy (TIF), long range planning initiatives, and external water sales. His report also includes the PowerPoint presentation that will be presented at the Town Hall Meeting on Thursday night. The Council thanked Mr. Balling for his services.

10. **ADJOURN** - Alderman Hospodarsky, seconded by Alderman Cahnmann, motioned to adjourn the meeting. All Aldermen voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Druktenis - City Clerk