



**MINUTES OF THE HIGHWOOD CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HIGHWOOD CITY HALL  
JUNE 15, 2010**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pecaro called the Committee of the Whole of the Highwood City Council to order at 6:04 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

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

Absent: Alderman Harpster

Attending: M. Burke, City Clerk; T. Lenzini, City Treasurer; S. Hannon, Director – Finance; J. Harding, Director of Community Development & Water Distribution

Not Attending: R. Pieri, Deputy Fire Chief; L. Rossi, Police Chief; A. Marrin, Assistant City Manager; J. Ponsi, Director – Public Works;

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

**3. Executive Session**

Mayor Pecaro requested a motion to go into Executive Session under exceptions: (2)(c)(1) Personnel; (2)(c)(2) Collective Bargaining; (2)(c)(11) Litigation; (2)(c)(21) Review of Executive Session minutes; 2(c){6} Sale or lease of real property. Alderman Falberg so moved; Alderman Murphy-Pieri seconded. Vote:

Yes: Aldermen Bruni; Cahnmann; Falberg; Linari; and Murphy-Pieri

No: Alderman Fiore and Sepulveda

Absent: Alderman Harpster

The motion to go into Executive Session for the reasons listed by the Mayor passed 5 Yes; 2 No; 1 Absent; and 0 Abstain at 6:04 p.m.

At 7:04 Alderman Fiore made a motion to reconvene the Committee of the Whole meeting; Alderman Bruni seconded. Vote:

Yes: Aldermen Bruni, Cahnmann, Falberg, Fiore, Linari, Murphy-Pieri, and Sepulveda

No: –

Absent: Alderman Harpster

**4. Any action necessary coming out of Executive Session**

none

**5. Special Business**

none

**6. Review of Minutes**

**6.1. Committee of the Whole: June 1 and June 8, 2010**

There were no questions or comments. The council will accept these minutes as submitted

**6.2. Regular City Council: June 1, 2010**

Alderman Linari was incorrectly included in the list of Aldermen who voted to retain Lindy Fox (Agenda Item 13.5). Alderman Linari had already left the meeting.

6.3. Executive session: February 16, May 18, June 1, 2010  
All of the aldermen present had reviewed and were ready to accept the minutes for February 16 and May 18. Additional review time was request for the June 1 executive session minutes.

6.4. Special meetings: --

**7. Appointments**

none; looking for Library trustees

**8. Review of payments to be approved**

**9. Confirmation of Action Items for the next Regular Meeting of the Highwood City Council**

9.1. Approval of window signage for Nueva Hair Salon, 548 Sheridan Road

*ARC has recommended approval of signage.*

9.2. Ordinance 10-O-xx: Ordinance Amending SWALCO Agreement

*Requested by SWALCO to allow alternates to attend Board meetings.*

9.3. Ordinance 10-O-xx: Ordinance Amending the Vehicle Sticker Fee Structure

*Imposes significant late fees on people who do not purchase city stickers for their vehicles by July 1.*

There were no questions or concerns raised about these items. They will be handled as an omnibus motion.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**10.1 Review of Water and Sewer Fees Ordinance**

*Summary: review of how proposed fees set, including minimums and per unit charges and confirmation of intent to adopt proposed fee ordinance*

Ms. Hannon distributed an analysis of water costs. On page one she showed the average water bill for residential and for high volume residential users that was based on actual data. This comparison of residential and high volume residential showed that the average cost per dwelling unit for high volume residential was actually three lower of the two. Page 2 showed the fiscal year 2009-2010 monthly history of Morningside's cost per dwelling unit which came to an average of \$35.17 per unit. On page 3, Ms. Hannon showed a comparison of the Highwood and the Highland Park cost per household. Page 3 also included a comparison of Highwood's and Highland Park's monthly fees. She said that the data showed that Highwood's cost per household has been and would remain lower than Highland Park's. She said that the revenue increase from the higher rates would yield total revenue adequate to pay expenses and to establish a \$150,000 capital reserve.

**10.2 Benefits communications and opt-out plan.**

*Summary: Council review of announcement of plan changes, including opt-out program and new premium sharing with non-bargaining unit employees.*

There was a general consensus that since the plan had already been adopted by the Council, the premium sharing and opt-out should be set by policy following the guidelines provided by the City Council.

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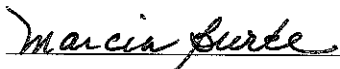
Because it was past 7:30, Mayor Pecaro requested that the rest of the items on the agenda be deferred to the next COW meeting (June 22, 2010). There were no objections raised.

- 10.3 **Discussion of revenue sources and review of utility ordinances**  
*Summary: further discussion of increasing tax on electricity usage*  
Deferred until the June 22 COW meeting.
- 10.4 **Budget/Appropriations Ordinance:** deferred until the June 22 COW meeting.
- 10.5 **Discussion of outstanding professional services bills**  
*Summary: Determine if everyone who has questions regarding attorney bills or who has questions about the audit has submitted them to Mayor Pecaro for forwarding to Lauterbach and Amen.*  
  
Deferred until the June 22 COW meeting.
- 10.6 **Review and recommendation on Comcast alternative**  
*Summary: Consideration of referring to Council for approval*  
Deferred until the June 22 COW meeting.
- 10.7 **Reconsideration of City Manager ordinance/discussion of responsibilities of elected officers .**  
*Scheduled for discussion at July 6 COW. Clerk Burke to submit report on other Ordinances that would be affected.*
- 11. **New Business - deferred until the June 22 COW meeting.**
  - 11.1. **Consideration of Proclamations**
  - 11.2. **Discussion of creation of rank of Battalion Chief**
  - 11.3. **Discussion of Isaac and Moishe Signage. (Alderman Falberg)**
  - 11.4. **Discussion of Mean Weiner Temporary Signage and Fee replacing Maria's Bakery Signage**
  - 11.5. **Discussion of Flagpole, Patio and Patio Lighting installations at the Highwood Bocce Court**

**12. Adjournment**

As it was past time to convene the regular meeting of the Highwood City Council, Alderman Fiore made a motion to adjourn the COW; Alderman Bruni seconded. Passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



MARCIA BURKE, CITY CLERK

REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED BY THE HIGHWOOD CITY COUNCIL ON: \_\_\_\_\_ JULY 6, \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

