



## CITY OF HIGHWOOD

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### City Council Meeting MINUTES

#### **February 25, 2008 Special City Council Meeting**

City Hall Council Chambers  
17 Highwood Avenue  
Highwood, IL 60040

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Donofrio called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

#### 2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Donofrio, Aldermen Pieri, Linari, Cahnmann, Bruni, Pecaro, Fiore, Murphy and Hospodarsky.

Absent: None.

Also present: S. Druktenis, City Clerk; M. Lasday, City Administrator; R. Stefani, City Treasurer; M. Sommer, City Planner and D. Blondin, City Attorney

1. **An Ordinance Amending Section 14.0 of the Zoning Ordinance** – Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Pieri, moved to consider an Ordinance Amending Section 14.0 of the Zoning Ordinance. It was noted that the developer was asked to submit their application to the Plan Commission and has since withdrawn their application.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion failed.

2. Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Bruni, moved to approve amendments to the **Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Highwood, Illinois to Rezone, Amend an Existing Planned Development and Designate the Property Commonly Known as 700 North Sheridan Road as a Planned Development**. The amendments include 1) the changes noted by Alderman Cahnmann and reviewed by the Council, 2) the attachment of the two planner's reports and 3) the developer's letters dated January 10, 2008 and February 19, 2008.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

Ayes: Pieri, Cahnmann, Linari, Fiore, Bruni, Pecaro, Murphy, Hospodarsky

Abstain: None  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

The motion carried.

3. **2008-O-7- An Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Highwood, Illinois to Rezone, Amend an Existing Planned Development and Designate the Property Commonly Known as 700 North Sheridan Road as a Planned Development** – Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Bruni, moved to approve an Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Highwood, Illinois to Rezone, Amend an Existing Planned Development and Designate the Property Commonly Known as 700 North Sheridan Road as a Planned Development. Comments from the Mayor and Council include:
- Mayor Donofrio commented on the last two years of work and that the developer worked with the Council and was very cooperative. He also noted that the City hired two planning firms that confirmed that this project would be a benefit to Highwood and provide income from property taxes as well as sales tax from the retail.
  - Alderman Hospodarsky indicated that he would continue to vote no on this project since he does not believe that the developer has met the height, density and set-back issues and he believes that the majority of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward does not support the project and their vote should count.
  - Alderman Pecaro indicated he is not sure the final draft has addressed all the issues; i.e., the Council has not mitigated the risk if the Condos don't sell. However, the developers have demonstrated that they believe the project will work and the Council needs to let go.
  - Alderman Murphy indicated that she felt that if citizens in the Ward that is impacted by a particular development don't want something, the Council should respect the Aldermen of that Ward's opinions. The Aldermen need to work together to understand the concerns and respect the input from the affected Ward. She also noted that the developer was very diligent.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

6. **ADJOURN** - Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Pecaro, motioned to adjourn the meeting. All Aldermen voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Druktenis - City Clerk