



CITY OF HIGHWOOD

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City Council Meeting MINUTES

February 5, 2008 Regular 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 7:35 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; T. Lovejoy; Fire Chief; S. Henley, Assistant to the City Administrator; M. Sommer, City Planner; J. Harding, Superintendent of Water and D. Blondin, City Attorney

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 January 15, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting. Alderman Pecaro seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye. The motion carried.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

- Paul Diambri, Highwood business owner, asked whether or not the Police Chief's leaving would be discussed during the meeting {the Mayor replied no}. Mr. Diambri's other comments included: 1) the City already has a training agreement in place, 2) he did not feel the Long Term Planning Committee had the information from staff that was needed, 3) he felt it was odd to recommend combining the Zoning and Plan Commission yet want to add a new Building Board of Appeals Committee (why shouldn't appeals come to the Council, what is being hidden?), 4) agreed that the comprehensive plan should not be put in a drawer and should be used and noted that the current comprehensive plan does mention North Shore Estates and it's undesirable density (page 46) and finally, 5) referred to a lawsuit and asked if City Attorney Blondin would accept service {City Attorney Blondin replied no}. Regardless, Mr. Diambri served the documents. The Council was directed not to discuss the matter further.
- Fran Kuchinsky, Highwood resident, commented positively on the Public Works snow removal effort; however, requested whether they could avoid pushing so much snow onto her property because she feels it will ruin her landscaping.

- Joe Passini, Highwood resident, noted the Highwood Open held in Arizona. Mr. Passini also expressed appreciation for the work done by several City Employees and City Council members, noting specifically, Alderman Fiore, Alderman Linari, City Administrator Lasday, and Superintendent of Water Harding. He also apologized for a prior incident where he was involved in inspecting property that he felt he had no right to inspect.

6. REPORTS

Mayor's Report

1. Announcements – Joyce O'Keefe from Open Lands wanted to alert the public that they will begin work on the Bartlett Ravines. Care of Trees is the company that will be performing the work.
2. City Administrator's Report
 - a. Fire Chief Report – update includes: 1) currently in the process of hiring 3 firefighters, 2) finished the emergency plan draft, and 3) working with the Alley on installation of fire alarms.
 - b. Public Works Report – update includes: 1) water main breaks, 2) snow removal (public was asked to no push snow into the streets), 3) working on consortium with Highland Park and Lake Forest for sewer work, 4) working with Highland Park on street program in order to obtain better pricing and 5) working on the CBG Grant.
 - c. Building Department Report – update includes: 1) Bridie McKenna has opened, and 2) the City's website has been updated under the Building Department section.
3. Aldermen Reports
 - a. Aldermen Fiore and Pieri made a house call to talk with residents of their ward. They encouraged residents to call them with questions. Alderman Fiore also noted that the Long Term Planning Committee and Finance Committee had met to discuss the funding of the comprehensive plan proposal.
 - b. A joint Zoning Board and Plan Commission Meeting will be held on February 6, 2008.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Bruni, moved to remove the following items on the consent agenda and to table them until the February 19, 2008 meeting:
 - Zoning Code Text Amendment related to condominium requirements
 - Ordinance amending zoning Ordinance to rezone 700 North Sheridan Rd.

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.

2. Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Murphy, moved to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda:
 - Transfer of Special Use Permit – 950 Sheridan Rd. (Starbucks)
 - **2008-O-2** - Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2007 to pay the Principal and Interest on \$1,860,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2004, of the City of Highwood, Lake County, Illinois
 - **2008-O-3** - Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2007 to pay the Principal and Interest on a General Obligation Bond Not to Exceed \$4,000,000 (TIF Alternate Revenue Sources) Series 2002, of the City of Highwood, Lake County, Illinois
 - Referral to ZBA for Sprint Telecommunications equipment on water Tower

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.

8. **OLD BUSINESS** – Committee members are needed. Several committees noted that need members are the Zoning Board of Appeals, Library Board, and the Appearance Review Committee.
9. **ADJOURN** - Alderman Bruni, seconded by Alderman Hospodarsky, motioned to adjourn the meeting and to reconvene the Committee of the Whole Meeting. All Aldermen voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Druktenis - City Clerk