



CITY OF HIGHWOOD

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City Council Meeting MINUTES

July 1, 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 7:40 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Alderman Pecaro

Also present: S. Druktenis, City Clerk; B. Balling, Interim City Administrator; Leisa Niemotka, Assistant to the Interim City Administrator; T. Lovejoy, Fire Chief; L. Rossi, Police Chief; R. Pieri, Deputy Fire Chief and D. Blondin, City Attorney.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of the June 17, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting and the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes were tabled until the July 17, 2008 meeting since they have not been completed.

5. REPORTS

a. Mayor's Report -

1. Appointments – Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Pieri, moved to approve the Mayor's appointments as follows:

- Franco P. Alosio—Library Board
- Manuel Martinez—Library Board
- William Mosconi—Police Pension Board
- Timothy Joren—Plan Commission
- Eric Falberg—Plan Commission
- Alderman Cahnmann – Police Pension Board (2 yr. Term)

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

6. REPORTS FROM THE ALDERMEN

- Alderman Murphy reported that an ARC meeting would be held in order to discuss the layout of the Park. Additionally, plans to attend a Chamber of Commerce lunch will be made in the near future to continue the discussion of signage.

7. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Interim City Administrator Balling reported on 1) a Grant Application for \$150,000 for Park improvements, 2) water main work that will start shortly and continue through the end of July and 3) the City of Highland Park has coordinated the construction traffic with Highwood for a water main replacement that they will be making July 1.

8. SPECIAL BUSINESS

- a. Presentation by Rich Piccilo of B&F Technical, Presentation on Safe Building Code – The presentation highlighted the fire protection requirements for multiple family dwellings. A history of what was required in the past and what is required now was provided. There was an emphasis on the fact that sprinkler systems can save lives and significantly reduce property damages. Additionally, short video clips were presented to exhibit how quickly a fire can grow out of control. The Council had questions regarding what other municipalities have done regarding requiring sprinkler systems. The answer is that, unfortunately; action is usually taken only following a disaster. The recommendation is to require sprinkler systems in any building with three or more units. Fire Chief Lovejoy reiterated the benefits of sprinklers and recognized that there is some resistance due to the cost of retrofitting buildings with sprinkler systems. He congratulated the Council on being proactive with requiring sprinklers on new buildings. He noted some statistics; namely, there are 642 apartment units in town, out of the 10 fires in those units, 7 happened in on complex. Alderman Hospodarsky suggested that he and Alderman Pecaro research the sprinkler requirement and present a recommendation to the Council. It was noted that the Judiciary Committee has already begun to discuss this matter and Alderman Hospodarsky and Pecaro were encouraged to join their next meeting.
- b. NSSRA Report – Tracey Crawford from NSSRA shared information regarding the recreation services offered to children and adults with disabilities. She requested everyone's assistance in relaying the services offered by NSSRA to any residents who could utilize the program.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Murphy, moved to remove the following items from the consent agenda:
 1. 50 Pleasant—Donation of Park and Development Agreement.
 2. 50 Pleasant—Variation

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

10. ACTIVE AGENDA

- a. Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Murphy, moved to remove the following items from the agenda:
 1. 50 Pleasant—Donation of Park and Development Agreement.
 2. 50 Pleasant—Variation

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

Nays: None
Absent: Pecaro

The motion carried.

- b. **2008-O-18 – An Ordinance Approving A Park Donation and Development Agreement -** Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Pieri, moved to approve the 50 Pleasant—Donation of Park and Development Agreement contingent on the amendment of Section 3 (Construction Traffic, Staging and Phasing). Alderman Linari distributed the written modifications to the Council and read the requested amendments to sections 1) Hours, 2) Construction Route, 3) Employee and Contractor Parking, 4) Construction Staging and 5) Violations of traffic management provisions.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

- c. **2008-O-19 – An Ordinance Granting Certain Variations from the City of Highwood Zoning Ordinance for the Property Located at 50 Pleasant Ave-** Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Bruni, moved to approve the 50 Pleasant Variations.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

11. **OLD BUSINESS** – The Council is in the process of interviewing candidates for the City Manager position. An update should be available at the next City Council Meeting.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Lease Authorization For Police Cruiser – tabled.
- b. Lease Authorization for Public Works Mini Excavator – Alderman Pieri, seconded by Alderman Linari, moved to approve the leasing of a Mini Excavator for the Public Works Department (\$889.00 a month for a 60 month lease).

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

- c. Request For Procurement For Rec Department
1. Affordable Roofing Supply. —Shelter Roof – Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Hospodarsky, moved to approve the replacement of the Recreation Center Roof by Affordable Roofing Supply in an amount not to exceed \$2,230.00.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

2. Water Fountain – Alderman Hospodarsky, seconded by Alderman Cahnmann, moved to approve a Water Fountain in an amount not to exceed \$2,140.00.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

13. **ADJOURN** - Alderman Hospodarsky, seconded by Alderman Cahnmann, motioned to adjourn the meeting. All Aldermen voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Druktenis - City Clerk