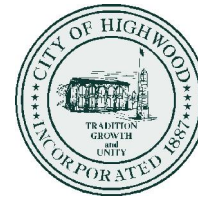


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Regular Council Meeting Minutes July 15, 2008

Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Also Present: Treasurer Stefani, Interim City Administrator Balling; Fire Chief Lovejoy; Police Chief Rossi; Water Superintendent Harding; City Attorney Blondin; Deputy Clerk Baruffi; Assistants to Interim City Administrator Marrin and Niemotka.

Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Alderman Hospodarsky, seconded by Murphy to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting and the July 1, 2008 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Upon a roll call the following voted:

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

Abstain: Pecaro

Public Forum:

There were no requests made by the public to address the Council.

City Treasurer's Report

Moved by Alderman Linari, seconded by Pecaro to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by Treasurer Stefani. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Reports

Mayor's: Mayor Donofrio read the letter sent to the City from the United States Department of Interior regarding the usage of the property just north of the former Moraine Hotel. The property was donated to the City as park land and must be utilized as such. The City will meet with the U. S. Department of Interior to resolve any issues.

City Administrator's:

1. Fire – report is pending
2. Public Works – report is pending
3. Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. to present an overview of Interim City Administrator Balling's assessment and proposed City Government Administration change.

Aldermen Reports:

1. Alderman Pecaro reported the Finance Committee needs to have the Tax Referendum filed with the County of Lake by September in order to be on the November 2008 ballot. This will be discussed in detail at a future date.
2. Alderman Murphy reported the Appearance Review Committee will have a meeting on site at 50 Pleasant Avenue on July 21, 2008 at 9:00 A.M.

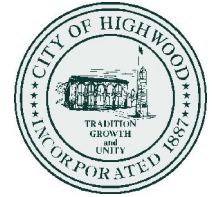
Special Business

Appointment of City Manager

Moved by Alderman Linari, seconded by Aldermen Hospodarsky to approve the Mayor's appointment of Greg Jackson to the position of City Administrator.

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

Nays: Murphy

Aldermen Murphy, Linari, and Hospodarsky each voiced their opinions as to the reason for their vote.

Consent Agenda – City Attorney Dan Blondin recommended considering the consent agenda items separately.

- Alderman Linari moved, seconded by Alderman Pecaro to approve **2008-O-21 – An Ordinance approving collective bargaining agreement with the international association of firefighters.** Upon a call of the roll the following voted:
Ayes: Linari, Pieri, Cahnmann, Pecaro, Bruni, Fiore, Murphy, Hospodarsky.
- Alderman Linari moved, seconded by Alderman Fiore to approve **2008-O-20 – An Ordinance granting a variation from Sections 5.4 and 4.3 of the City of Highwood Zoning Ordinances for the property located at 339 Jocelyn Place.** Upon a call of the roll the following voted:
Ayes: Hospodarsky, Murphy, Fiore, Bruni, Pecaro, Cahnmann, Pieri, Linari.
Ordinance 2008-O-20 was passed with the stipulation that additional verbage be added to the first page section d.
- Alderman Linari moved, seconded by Alderman Pieri to table the Illicit Discharge and Connection Ordinance to the August 5, 2008 meeting. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:
Ayes: Hospodarsky, Murphy, Fiore, Bruni, Pecaro, Cahnmann, Pieri, Linari.

Old Business

1. Fine Arts Festival is scheduled for August 16th and 17th, 2008.
2. Highwood Towers demolition permits are expected for March 2009, prior to demolition, it is expected the property to be released for the Fire and Police for training exercises.

Adjourn

Alderman Hospodarsky moved, seconded by Alderman Fiore to adjourn the meeting. All Aldermen voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candy Baruffi, Deputy City Clerk