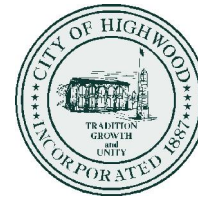


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Regular City Council Meeting Minutes June 17, 2008

Call to Order

Mayor Donofrio called meeting to order at 7:44 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Fiore

Also Present: B. Balling, Interim City Administrator; Leisa Niemotka, Assistant to the Interim City Administrator; J Harding, Superintendent of Water; D Blondin and J Stein, City Attorneys; C Baruffi, Deputy City Clerk.

Absent: R Stefani, Treasurer

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Alderman Hospodarsky, seconded by Alderman Pieri to approve the June 3, 2008, Committee of the Whole and Regular City Council Minutes. Alderman Hospodarsky requested an amendment to go in the minutes as to why he abstained from the appointment of the person to the Appearance Review Committee (ARC) at the June 3, 2008 Council Meeting. Alderman Hospodarsky stated he abstained to the ARC appointment for two reasons: 1.) There were qualified Highwood applicants for the position and 2.) The committee is now comprised of 40% or 2/5 of non-Highwood residents.

Alderman Murphy stated the reason she abstained as the person appointed was not present at the Council Meeting therefore unable to question and as per Alderman Murphy no one had information about him except for his application.

Attorney Blondin clarified that motion was made with corrections.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

Absent: Fiore

Motion Carried.

Public Forum

Meno Joseph Passini, 216 Burchell Avenue, Highwood, Illinois thanked everyone for their work and participation in the Flower Program. Jeff Ponsi and the Public Works Department, Mr. Vasquez and his students from Highland Park High School, plus additional other volunteers worked at planting all the flowers at the Fire Department, Recreation Center, City Hall, and Sheridan Road. It was noted that the Businesses in town are also planting in front of their establishments. Some of the donations toward the cost of the program are from Becks Heating, John's Auto, John Cinqui, and Consignment Incorporated. Ermanno Amidei provided the flowers at a discounted rate for the City. Due to donations, the program paid for itself.

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Approval of Bills

Moved by Alderman Pecaro, seconded by Hospodarsky to approve the bills as read by Alderman Linari. Motion carried.

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

Absent: Fiore

City Treasurer's Report

Moved by Murphy, Seconded by Pieri to accept the treasurer's report as read by Alderman Linari. Motion carried.

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

Absent: Fiore

Mayor's Report

Mayor Donofrio announced the swearing in ceremony of the new Chief of Police Louis Rossi. Chief Rossi accepted the appointment and was sworn in by Deputy Clerk Baruffi. He acknowledged the support of the City Council, Dave Wentz, his wife and family, former Chief from Morton Grove Larry Shey, and current Deputy Chief Mark Erickson supervisor who were present at the meeting.

Mayor Donofrio announced the National Federation Bocce Ball Tournament will continue the rest of the week both during the day and night at the Highwood Bocce Ball Courts. All were encouraged to go over and view the tournament.

Reports from the Aldermen

Alderman Murphy reported the Appearance Review Committee participated in a workshop led by John Hendrick and Lori Marston of De Paul University. The report was favorable toward the workshop and anticipated to have more in the future with the Chamber of Commerce present.

Alderman Cahnmann reported a Judiciary meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday; June 25, 2008. The time will be announced and posted prior to the meeting.

Alderman Linari reported there will be a Community Safety Day, Saturday, June 21, 2008, from 12-4 P.M. The safety event will be held in the library parking lot and will include baby and child car seat installment, fingerprinting of children including photos and a booklet for each, plus an opportunity to meet the new Police Chief.

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Balling reported the City's involvement with MABAS and Fire Chief Lovejoy being deployed to the Mississippi River area in Western Illinois to assist the flooded areas. We wish him well. There will be a meeting on July 1, 2008, with the Cities of Highwood and Highland Park to discuss development proposals for the Ft Sheridan site.

The process of the City Administrator appointment is on schedule.

Discussed the restructure to the Council Management Government.

Special Business

Mayor Donofrio introduced Joyce O'Keefe the Director of Open Lands who gave a presentation of the planned use of the Open Lands in the Ft Sheridan area.

Public Hearing:

Mayor Donofrio opened the Public Hearing at 8:20 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: Pieri, Linari, Cahnmann, Bruni, Pecaro, Murphy, Hospodarsky

Absent: Fiore

Discussion of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

No comment from the Public.

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Mayor Donofrio declared the Public Hearing closed at 8:23 P.M. All present voting aye.

Consent Agenda

D Blondin, the City Attorney, suggested to forgo the consent agenda as discussed in the Committee of the Whole. It was agreed upon to do so.

Moved by Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Pecaro to table the following three Ordinance(s) and Resolution to July 15, 2008 City Council Meeting. 1.) Ordinance Granting Variation for 50 Pleasant, 2.) Ordinance Approving Park Donation & Development 50 Pleasant, 3.) Resolution Approving ARC Recommendation for 50 Pleasant.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

Absent: Fiore

Motion Carried.

08-O-16: 2008 Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Moved by Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Bruni to approve the Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

Absent: Fiore

Motion Carried.

08-O-17: Ordinance Amending the Traffic & Motor Vehicle Code for Parking Restrictions on Green Bay Road. Moved by Alderman Pieri, seconded by Alderman Bruni to approve the Ordinance.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

Absent: Fiore

Motion Carried.

Alderman Murphy explained the rationale for the Ordinance.

08-R-19: Resolution Granting Application for Park Adjacent to 50 Pleasant. Moved by Alderman Bruni, seconded by Alderman Pecaro to approve to Resolution.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

Absent: Fiore

Motion Carried.

08-R-20: Resolution for Baxter Woodman Design Services for Streets. Moved by Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Hospodarsky to approve the Resolution.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

Absent: Fiore

Motion Carried.

08-R-21: Resolution objecting to Westover Road Housing District Historic Designation. Moved by Alderman Hospodarsky, seconded by Alderman Cahnmann to approve the Resolution.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

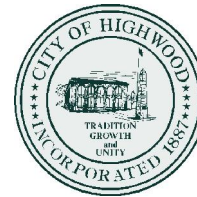
Ayes: Pieri, Hospodarsky, Cahnmann, Pecaro, Bruni, Murphy, Linari

Absent: Fiore

Motion Carried.

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08-R-22: Resolution in Support of ITEP Grant Application for the City of Highwood. Moved by Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Bruni to approve the resolution.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

Absent: Fiore

Motion Carried.

New Business

Moved by Alderman Bruni, seconded by Alderman Linari, to approve the **signage for Mi Gallo De Oro located at 495 Sheridan Road**, in Highwood.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

Absent: Fiore

Motion Carried.

Moved by Alderman Hospodarsky, seconded by Alderman Pecaro to approve the **signage for Gallery 57 located at 327-329 Waukegan Avenue**.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

Absent: Fiore

Motion Carried.

Moved by Alderman Bruni, seconded by Alderman Pieri to **authorize for Grand Electric to replace 2 Light Poles**.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

Abstained: Murphy

Absent: Fiore

Motion Carried.

Adjourn:

Moved by Alderman Hospodarsky, seconded by Alderman Bruni to adjourn the meeting.

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

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

Absent: Fiore

Motion Carried.

Mayor Donofrio **adjourned the meeting at 8:52 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Candy Baruffi
Deputy City Clerk