



## CITY OF HIGHWOOD

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### City Council Meeting MINUTES

#### **June 3, 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 7:41 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; B. Balling, Interim City Administrator; Leisa Niemotka, Assistant to the Interim City Administrator; J. Harding, Superintendent of Water; and D. Blondin and J. Stein, City Attorneys.

#### **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 May 20, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting. Alderman Pieri seconded the motion. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

#### **5. PUBLIC FORUM**

- Suzanne Cahnmann, Highwood resident, discussed the need to enforce the noise ordinance (95-O-22). She feels there is excessive noise at Teddy O'Brien's (noted at 11:30 p.m.) and that it is detrimental to health and safety and degrades the environment. She feels that Highwood should adopt an ordinance similar to Highland Park's and charge fines for each offense. Minimally, she feels that Highwood needs to follow through on the existing ordinance.

#### **6. REPORTS**

- a. Mayor's Report -
  1. Appointments

- a. The appointment of Manny Martinez to the Library Board will be postponed until he has had a chance to attend a Library Board Meeting. This item will be put on the June 17, 2008 agenda.
- b. Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Pieri, moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Kenn Nelson to the Appearance Review Commission. Alderman Hospodarsky explained that the reason he was going to abstain from the vote is because 1) he felt that there were qualified Highwood residents who applied for the position and 2) He was concerned about the ARC having 2 out of 5 members (40%) non-residents. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:  
Ayes: Pieri, Linari, Cahnmann, Pecaro, Bruni, Fiore  
Abstain: Murphy, Hospodarsky  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

The motion carried.

- b. City Administrator's Report
  1. The Army has provided use of the 698 Building to the City at no charge.
  2. A new Police Chief, Louis Rossi will be sworn in at the June 17, 2008 meeting. He was chosen out of 48 applicants. Aldermen Linari and Fiore and members of the Fire & Police Commission were commended for their search and interview process. Alderman Fiore explained the process and indicated that the committee utilized search criteria recommended by the Council.
  3. Public Works Report – have filed for the Federal Permit Inspection Grants
  4. Building Department Report – North Shore Wine & Spirits have submitted their plan and they are compliant with the terms of the ordinance. They are planning a soft opening this week.
  5. Fort Sheridan – Regarding the Westover planning area, there are issues with the status of the duplex housing. A request for reconsideration has been submitted and we are waiting to hear back from the State and Federal government.
  6. On June 19, 2008, the Mayor, Alderman Hospodarsky and Interim City Administrator Balling will be meeting regarding a housing development proposal for disposition area #1. A follow-up report will be provided to the Council.
- c. Aldermen Reports
  1. Alderman Linari reported that a Children's Safety day; " Kids are First " will be held in the Highwood Library Parking Lot on June 21, 2008 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
  2. Alderman Pieri reported that letters would be sent out this week to residents with violations noted through the results of the smoke test. If there are any questions, they can be directed to Superintendent of Public Works Ponsi.
  3. Alderman Hospodarsky reported on Openlands, an organization that will be improving the Bartlett Ravine and lakefront. Joyce O'Keefe from Openlands, is interested in doing a presentation for the Council and will be scheduled for a future meeting (either the June 17, 2008 meeting or the following meeting).

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Alderman Hospodarsky, seconded by Alderman Fiore, moved to remove the following items on the consent agenda:
  - 1. An ordinance Granting Certain Variations From The City Of Highwood Zoning Ordinance For The Property Located at 50 Pleasant;
  - 2. An Ordinance Approving A Park Donation and Development Agreement Between The City of Highwood, Illinois and Highland Park NRC Realty, LLC. 50 Pleasant.
  - 3. Approval of The ARC Recommendation for Highland Park Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 50 Pleasant.
  - 7. Discussion of the City of Highwood funding for the Highwood Fine Art Festival.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

- b. Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Bruni, moved to approve the following items on the consent agenda as presented and waiving the rules of the practice for prior presentation and discussion.
  - 1. Authorize The Purchase For Linelazer IV 5900 Airless Lane Striper.
  - 2. **2008-O-15 – An Ordinance Granting a Variation from Section 4.4.1 of the City of Highwood Zoning Ordinance for the Property Located at 134 Prairie.**
  - 3. **2008-R-17 - A Resolution 2016 Support For Chicago Olympics**

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

- c. Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Hospodarsky, moved to table the removed items 1,2 and 3 noted above in section 7(a) to the June 17, 2008 meeting since it is felt that one more meeting with the 50 Pleasant neighbors and developers is needed and it is tentatively scheduled for June 10, 2008.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

- d. Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Bruni, moved to approve an amount not to exceed \$3,000 (subject to a reduction by \$300 per additional artist) to support the City of Highwood funding for the Highwood Fine Art Festival.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

#### 8. Old Business

- Sprinkler Ordinance – City Attorney Blondin reported that he had provided a memorandum to the council regarding this subject which basically indicated that with the City's home rule power, it does have the authority to implement such an ordinance provided the data supports the need for the upgrade by the building owners. The recommendation is for the City to do the analysis and provide a factual basis to require certain structures to be retrofitted. Interim City Administrator Balling requested a panel to review the recommendation. Also, a suggestion was made for the Fire Chief to present the case to the City.
- Codification – The scheduled timeframe for receipt of the information from the codifier is July. An ordinance can be drafted and considered in August.

#### 9. New Business

- Alderman Hospodarsky requested that the subject of the Transfer Fee be on the June 17, 2008 Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion. It was also suggested that this topic be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

#### 10. Executive Session

Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Pecaro, moved to go into executive session to discuss executive session minutes, collective bargaining, personnel, pending litigation and land disposition. All Aldermen voted aye. The motion carried.

{Executive session} Alderman Pecaro, seconded by Alderman Murphy, moved to close the executive session, and seal the minutes until they are no longer sensitive. All Aldermen vote aye. The motion carried.

#### 11. The City Council Meeting was reconvened and roll call taken at 9:38 p.m.:

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

Absent: None.

Also present: S. Druktenis, City Clerk; B. Balling, Interim City Administrator; Leisa Niemojka, Assistant to the Interim City Administrator; J. Harding, Superintendent of Water; and D. Blondin and J. Stein, City Attorneys.

12. **2008-R-18 – A Resolution Waiving Attorney-Client Privilege Related to F.O.I.A Training and Policies for the Period of May 1986 Through June 2005.** Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Pecaro, moved for an approval of A Resolution Waiving Attorney-Client Privilege Related to F.O.I.A Training and Policies for the Period of May 1986 Through June 2005.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

13. **ADJOURN** - Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Hospodarsky, motioned to adjourn the meeting. All Aldermen voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Druktenis - City Clerk