



## CITY OF HIGHWOOD

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### City Council Meeting MINUTES

#### **April 15, 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 7:43 p.m.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None.

Also present: S. Druktenis, City Clerk; B. Balling, 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 April 1, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting. Alderman Pieri seconded the motion. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

Abstain: Pecaro

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

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

- Meno Passini, 16 Burchell, suggested an insert be included with the vehicle sticker renewal asking if the public is willing to purchase an additional sticker that could help raise funds for the Library, Recreation Center and/or Special Events. {Mayor Donofrio commented that Highwood's vehicle stickers are already priced higher than surrounding communities like Highland Park}
- Maria Lasday, Former City Administrator, thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve the community since she was unable to attend the last meeting. {Mayor Donofrio thanked Ms. Lasday for her work and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation}

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS-** April 23, 2008 Zoning Meeting, Highland Park Health Care @ 7:00 p.m.

## 7. REPORTS

- a. City Administrator's Report – Interim City Administrator Balling indicated that his primary effort has been on consolidating and finalizing the budget and anticipates bringing it to the Council for review in early May.
- b. Public Works Report – The cost for salt this winter was over \$85,000 as compared to \$45,000 the prior winter. It was also recognized that there was significant damage to the roads, manholes, etc. and the public was asked to be patient as the Public Works Department addressed the repairs.
- c. Building Department Report/ Code Enforcement Report – Superintendent of Water Harding reported that the North Shore Estates residential inspections would be conducted next week. North Shore Estates has submitted a plan for the balcony railings. In addition, Baxter & Woodman will be asked to review them for any structural damage. The Appearance Review Committee (ARC) will be meeting regarding an awning plan for the Hoagie Hut, a sign plan for T-Mobile and will be setting a date to conduct a workshop with the Chamber of Commerce regarding signage regulations in the business district. Mega Realty (Highwood Towers) will be presenting the development plan to the ARC in May.

Additionally, it was noted that Morningside is still interested in the North Shore Estates property; however, as rentals rather than condos. They will plan to make improvements to the apartments as they become available and improve the outside, balconies, roofs, air conditioning, etc.; however, the alterations, under our current ordinance, will not require them to install sprinklers. The Council raised the question whether the City has the ability to require sprinklers on a change of ownership. City Attorney Blondin will review and report back to the Council whether or not it can be done legally. The question will then be whether it should be required from a business perspective. This topic will be discussed further at the May 6, 2008 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The Council requested a copy of the North Shore Estates residential inspection report (including pictures) when it is completed.

The 550 Sheridan Road issue (no heat) was settled out of court.

- d. Aldermen Reports
  - Alderman Fiore noted the following:
    - 1) The Highland Park Healthcare representatives have met twice with the community on this zoning matter.
    - 2) The selection of a Police Chief should be made by the middle of May.
    - 3) Aldermen Pieri and Fiore will be meeting with representatives from School District 112 to discuss parking issues. Although the parking issues have improved recently through the efforts of the Principal and the Police, there are some concerns that will need to be addressed before summer school.

- e. Approval of Bills - Alderman Linari seconded by Alderman Pieri, moved for an approval of the Bills as read by City Treasurer Stefani with the exceptions noted below. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

Ayes: Pieri (except the Fire Department dish rack bill), Linari (except the Chalet bill), Cahnmann, Bruni, Pecaro, Murphy, Hospodarsky  
Abstain: None  
Nays: None  
Absent: Fiore

The motion carried.

- f. Treasurer's Report - Alderman Pieri, seconded by Alderman Bruni, moved for an approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2008 as read by City Treasurer Stefani. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda - Alderman Pecaro, seconded by Alderman Linari, moved to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. **2008-O-13** – An Ordinance Affirming and Readopting all Existing Codes and Ordinances of the City of Highwood Pursuant to its Home Rule Authority
2. **2008-O-14** – An Ordinance Making Technical Amendments to the City of Highwood Liquor Control Ordinance.
3. Purchase of Folding Machine (the motion includes a n agreement to be approved by the City Attorney and Mayor)

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

The motion carried.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

- It was noted that the .5% Sales Tax increase effective April 1, 2008 was a Lake County tax increase.

- A City Administrator search will run in parallel with the organization structure being conducted by Interim City Administrator Balling.

10. **MISCELLANEOUS** - Mayor Donofrio wished the community a Happy Passover.

11. **ADJOURN** - Alderman Hospodarsky, seconded by Alderman Bruni, motioned to adjourn the meeting. All Aldermen voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Druktenis - City Clerk