



## CITY OF HIGHWOOD

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### City Council Meeting MINUTES

#### **May 20, 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 7:56 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Alderman Fiore.

Also present: S. Druktenis, City Clerk; R. Stefani; City Treasurer; B. Balling and Leisa Niemotka, Interim City Administrators; 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 6, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting contingent upon a correction to the section relating to appointments. It was clarified that Margaret Ronzani was not appointed to the ARC at the meeting; however, the library appointments were approved. Alderman Pieri seconded the motion. 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.

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

- a. Meno Passini, 216 Burchell, noted the efforts of many businesses, individuals and groups of volunteers who donated and/or planted flowers at City Hall, the Fire Station and Recreation Center. Mr. Passini also indicated that the Highland Park Health Center would be holding a Diabetes Awareness Program at St. James School Hall on June 1, 2008.

**6. REPORTS**

- a. Mayor's Report – Mayor Donofrio complimented the Historical Society and Judge Dunne on their tribute to Fidel Ghini. Without Fidel Ghini's efforts, Highwood would not have a library and he also guided the City in the purchase of the property that is now Everts Park. The Mayor would like the Council to consider changing the name of the Highwood Library to the Fidel Ghini Library. The Mayor also noted the Memorial Day celebrations planned for Sunday at City Hall, 10 a.m. and at the Fort Sheridan Cemetery on Monday at 10:45 a.m.
  
- b. City Administrator's Report -
  - 1. The recommendation is to use the STAG 2008 money for televising
  - 2. A grant application for \$180,000 (2009/2010) will be submitted that will be used for beautification landscaping. The TIF funds can be used for the grant match.
  - 3. We received a right-of-way from the Army for the 698 building on the Fort. We will be able to store our equipment and plows in it.
  - 4. The old salt dome was taken down and a masonry structure will be built off of the current building and some landscaping will be added.
  - 5. The Fire Department will participate in the master plan for the RED Center of June 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - 6. By the next meeting, a recommendation for a property maintenance program using existing staff will be presented.
  
- c. Aldermen Reports
  - 1. The recent 4<sup>th</sup> Ward town hall meeting generated the following feedback on what the City's priorities should be: property maintenance, equity with the transfer fee (referendum for the next election), storm water management, traffic enforcement and a recommendation for a PR campaign.
  - 2. The Highwood newsletter will be delivered this week and will include information regarding refuse regulations, vehicle stickers, the bocce tournament, Highwood Days (July 24-27) and the Art Show (August 16-17).
  - 3. A meeting was held with the Chamber of Commerce and the Parking Committee and the recommendation from the meeting will be discussed with the Council during the Committee of the Whole meeting.
  - 4. The next ARC meeting is scheduled for June 10-, 2008 at 7 p.m.
  - 5. The next Zoning Board Meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2008 (Peter Biagi – an addition and removal of garage).
  
- d. Approval of Bills - Alderman Linari seconded by Alderman Pieri, moved for an approval of the Bills as read by City Treasurer Stefani. 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.

- e. Treasurer's Report - Alderman Pieri, seconded by Alderman Bruni, moved for an approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2008 as read by City Treasurer Stefani. 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.

- 7. **CONSENT AGENDA** - City Attorney Blondin recommended considering the consent agenda items separately.

- Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Bruni, moved to approve:  
**2008-R-16 – A Resolution Approving the 2008/2009 City of Highwood Budget** - Interim City Administrator Bill Balling reviewed the Budget and indicated that the general fund is balanced and slightly below projection. He reviewed each section and pointed out notable items as well as noting policy issues. He indicated that the budget does not have a lot of flexibility and needs to be closely watched.  
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.

- Alderman Bruni, seconded by Alderman Hospodarsky, moved to table the remaining items from the consent agenda until the June 3, 2008 meeting.
  - a. 50 Pleasant Development Agreement and ARC Approval
  - b. 50 Pleasant Ordinance Variances
  - c. 134 Prairie Ordinance Variation Single Family Home

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.

**ADJOURN** - Alderman Linari, seconded by Alderman Pecaro, motioned to adjourn the meeting and to reconvene the Committee of the Whole Meeting. All Aldermen voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Druktenis - City Clerk