



CITY OF HIGHWOOD

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City Council Meeting
MINUTES

May 6, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers
17 Highwood Avenue
Highwood, IL 60040

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Donofrio, Aldermen Pieri, Pecaro, Bruni, Hospodarsky, Murphy-Pieri, Cahnmann, Linari, Fiore
Absent: None
Also Present: Bill Balling, Interim City Administrator, Dan Blondin and J. Stein City Attorneys, Jeff Harding, Superintendent of Water.

Pledge to the Flag

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes, April 15, 2008 City Council Meeting.

Motion to approve made by Alderman Linari, Seconded by Alderman Pieri. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

All in favor, motion carried.

Awards and Recognition: Presentation by Highwood Historical Society President Lisa Cervac:

President Cervac and Board of Directors outlined summer projects:

Find the Perfect Highwood Tomato

May 19, 2008 Wally Dunne presents Tales of Fidel Ghini

A Day in the Life of Highwood

Hosting Highwood Blooms

Presentation of portrait to Mayor Donofrio. Mayor Donofrio's picture was presented and hung on the wall behind the council dais.

No Public Forum

No Public Hearings

Reports

a. Mayor's Report

The City of Highwood was awarded the NSSRA Partner of the Year Award. Mayor Donofrio was given a trophy as the Partner/Agency of the Year and accepted on behalf of the City of Highwood.

b. Appointments

William Koch and Catherine Regalado appointments to the Library Board. Margaret Ronzani to ARC. Alderman Linari made a motion to appoint. Seconded by Alderman Bruni. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

All in Favor, motion carried.

c. City Administrator's Report

Mr. Balling stated that the five-week mark has been reached as Interim Administrator. In that time vacancies have been rearranged. The selection of a Police Chief continues and it is anticipated that the appointment will be made in May. The Fire Department has conducted its inspection of North Shore Estates. Jeff Harding and Ron Pieri will release a report and work with owners for compliance.

d. Aldermen Reports

Aldermen Fiore and Pieri met with the School District Board and the Business Manager. There is a parking issue at Terrace School. It looks like we are closer to an agreement to create a parking lot. There are two homes that the school owns and they can knock them down and still have green area and parking. They are worried about the traffic flow in the area. The police are issuing tickets for parents parking illegally. Summer school is a mess. Mr. Balling stated that a funding study should be conducted to hold intermediate discussions from a traffic standpoint. It could show that northbound traffic flow is proper alternative and can provide assistance and a proposal.

Alderman Fiore inquired as to the selection of the Police Chief. Jeff and Mark are doing inspections but in court they come up short. Attorney Blondin stated that they could meet with the prosecution and code enforcement and talk about what needed to be done to bring a conviction. They can decide if there is any additional requirement. One may want to look at the fine structure because we are not receiving the fines. Mayor Donofrio stated that Jeff had already met with the prosecutor and the fine is \$1,500 so now they reticket and bring back to court. If they don't pay they place liens on property. Alderman Pieri inquired as to the city tearing down properties. Attorney Blondin stated that there is a state statute on demolitions and courts do not generally issue these. They can require structural analysis. You can create an Ordinance of Public Nuisance if they don't comply then a court order can be obtained for demolition and we can place a lien on the property for our costs. Alderman Hospodarsky felt that they should reconvene the committee and have this conversation with them. This sort of thing will be taken seriously when we say you have one month to comply and it really means one month. It will show them we're serious because they don't believe we are. Alderman Bruni agreed and stated, "Let's make it happen."

Alderman Linari reported that Highwood Days was scheduled for July 24-27. The Art Festival is August 16-17; Harvest Days---in the fall; and Bocce Ball Tournament is June 16-21 and we are hosting the National Tournament. The vehicle sticker renewal is coming in June and don't forget to get your dog licenses.

Alderman Pecaro reported that Tuesday May 13, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. is the finance meeting where they will finalize the FY 08-09 Budget. June 14 is Wards 1 and 2 Annual Block Party. "Save the Date" notices were sent out.

Alderman Cahnmann and Hospodarsky reported that the 4th Ward meeting May 15, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall. They will discuss Fort Sheridan and North Shore Estates.

Consent Agenda - Alderman Linari made a motion to approve. Seconded by Alderman Pecaro moved to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. **2008-R-15** - A Resolution Approving a Proposal of Grand Electric Design, Inc. Related to Repair of Street Lights
2. Hoagie Hut
3. McHenry Analytical Water Analysis
4. Greenbay Road Water Main Replacement Contract Award to Baxter & Woodman (CDGB Funded)
5. Greenbay Road Water Main Replacement Construction Engineering Services Agreement to Baxter & Woodman (CDBG Funded)
6. Sweeper Repair Agreement
7. 339 Jocelyn Place-Biagi, Petition for Variation

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to move into Executive Session at 8:38 P.M. by Alderman Bruni seconded by Alderman Pecaro to discuss matters of Pending Litigation, Personnel and Collective Bargaining.

Motion to close executive session, seal the minutes until they are no longer sensitive and resume into Regular Council Session at 9:07 p.m. by Alderman Linari. Seconded by Alderman Pecaro.

All Aldermen voted aye. The motion carried.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Donofrio, Alderman Pieri, Pecaro, Bruni, Hospodarsky, Murphy-Pieri, Cahnmann, Linari, Fiore.

Absent: None.

Also present: Bill Balling, Interim City Administrator, Dan Blondin and J. Stein, City Attorneys

Motion to authorize in *Crow v. City of Highwood* case made by Alderman Linari. Seconded by Alderman Pecaro. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 9:22 P.M. made by Alderman Pecaro. Seconded by Alderman Hospodarsky.

Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

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

All in favor, motion carried.

The next regular scheduled City Council Meeting will be on Tuesday May 20, 2008 at 7:30 P.M.

Anne Marrin
Acting City Clerk