

CITY OF HIGHWOOD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday July 21, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

As the City of Highwood continues to follow social distancing requirements the City Council meeting on Tuesday July 21, 2020 will be held on the front lawn of City Hall beginning at 6:00 PM weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather the meeting will be held in the Council Chambers while following social distancing guidelines and safety precautions.

The City of Highwood remains united in ensuring the safety and health of our community and our employees.

CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Pecaro at 6:03P.M.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Pecaro, Alderman Levi, Fiore, Peterson and Hospodarsky
Also Present: City Manager Coren, City Attorney Jablecki, Assistant City Manager Martin, Finance Representative Jelonek and Administrative Assistant Litjens
Absent: Alderman Falberg and Slavin (Late arrivals noted)

2. Public Hearing - None

3. Review of Minutes to be Approved

3.1. City Council: July 07, 2020
Minutes will be approved at the Regular City Council Meeting.

4. Appointments (Mayor Pecaro)

4.1. Diana Guerrero - Library Board 3 Year Term

4.2. Jason Muelver - Library Board 3 Year Term

Both appointments were present at the meeting and introduced themselves.

5. Review of Bill Warrant List

5.1. 07/21/2020 AP Warrant List
The Warrant List will be approved for payment as presented at the Regular City Council Meeting.

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

7.1 Consideration of a **Resolution Approving an ARC Application for Façade Signage** at Metro by T-Mobile Located at 106 Washington Avenue.
This will be approved as presented at the Regular City Council Meeting.

Note: Alderman Falberg arrived at 6:35 P.M.

7.2 A Discussion on Refinancing Callable Bonds to Save the City of Highwood Interest. Bob Vail from Bernardi Investments gave a presentation on 3 bond refinancing options to save interest. Option 2 was favored. The Council will discuss the best option at a future meeting.

- 7.3 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ComEd Green Region Program for the Everts Park Rain Garden and Native Wildflower Plantings Project. Assistant City Manager Martin discussed the \$10,000 grant from ComEd for Everts Park for a rain garden and pollinator beds which will also include educational signage.
- 7.4 Consideration of a Motion Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Quote from Paragon Micro for the Purchase of Six (6) In-Car GETAC Tablet Computers and Mounting Hardware for the Highwood Police Department. The current computers in the Police cars are 2012 Panasonics with Windows 7 which is no longer supported. The GETAC tablet computers are commonly used in other local municipalities.
- 7.5 Consideration of a Motion Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Lake for COVID 19 Relief. City Manager Coren explained the time sensitive need to implement an intergovernmental agreement to participate in the Federal CARES Act to be reimbursed for eligible COVID 19 related expenses. The first submittal for reimbursement is due on July 31, 2020.
- 7.6 A Discussion on a Request from the Sheridan Point Plaza on Relief for Signage Costs. City Manager Coren explained the request for cost relief for signage in an amount of \$2500.00 at the Sheridan Point Plaza. Note: Alderman Slavin arrived at 6:55P.M. The Council discussed the request and decided not to accommodate the request as Sheridan Point Plaza is not in the TIF district and therefore is not eligible for cost relief. Once a formal submission is received signage proposals will be reviewed according to the Appearance Review code.

8. Executive Session (If Necessary)

9. Any Action Necessary Coming Out of Executive Session

Prior to adjournment mask enforcement was discussed by Council. Items discussed were enforcement capacity within government orders, implementing a city ordinance and changing the hours of operation for bars and restaurants. An ordinance will be drafted for Council's review at the 08 04 2020 meeting.

Assistant Manager Martin discussed an application for a grant from the Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for property acquisition at 340 Green Bay Road. Council agreed to proceed with the grant application process.

There will be a Census event at Everts Park on Saturday July 25, 2020 hosted by the Highwood Public Library.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Alderman Peterson and seconded by Alderman Fiore to adjourn the meeting. All present voting aye, by voice vote, motion carried. Mayor Pecaro adjourned the meeting at 7:26P.M.