

CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
**April 19, 2022**  
7:30 p.m.  
City Hall

Mayor Paul called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Paul, Mayor Pro Tem Elder, Commissioner Jenks, and Commissioner Rozell

**ABSENT:** Olsman (excused)

City Staff Present: City Manager Wilson,  
Finance/Treasurer Director Rowland, City Clerk Barckholtz and City  
Attorney Zalewski

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Paul noted the addition of a proclamation after Public Participation honoring Gerry VanAcker's retirement from the Detroit Zoo.

Moved by Commissioner Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to approve the April 19, 2022 agenda as amended.

Ayes: Paul, Jenks, Rozell, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: Olsman (excused)

**The Motion Carried.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Elder and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to approve the April 19, 2022 Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Paul, Elder, Rozell, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Olsman (excused)

**The Motion Carried.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Elder to file and receive the communications presented.

Ayes: Paul, Jenks, Elder, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: Olsman (excused)

**The Motion Carried.**

## **COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL REMARKS**

None

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

### **PROCLAMATION BY THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS IN HONOR OF GERRY VANACKER**

**WHEREAS**, Gerry Van Acker has served as the Chief Operating Officer of the Detroit Zoo since 2011;

**WHEREAS**, Gerry Van Acker began his career in the hospitality industry including 28 years with Marriott Hotels in the Midwest. He also owned and operated several locations of Au Bon Pain bakeries;

**WHEREAS**, Gerry Van Acker's expertise in the hospitality industry was a vital component in helping the Zoo to achieve the rank that it now has as one of the leading zoologic parks in America;

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure with the Detroit Zoo, Gerry Van Acker helped lead the Zoo's environmental sustainability efforts. During this time, the Zoo eliminated the sale of bottled water, committed to the utilization of a fleet of all electric vehicles, eliminated the use of plastic bags in shops and also planted 1000 trees on the Zoo campus and in communities throughout Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties;

**WHEREAS**, Gerry Van Acker was also instrumental in supporting the establishment of a farm to table dining concept at the Zoo which serves locally sourced meats and vegetables from nearby Michigan farms;

**WHEREAS**, Gerry Van Acker has at all times sought to maintain a good partnership with the City of Huntington Woods, balancing the needs of the Zoo to provide high-quality programming and events for its patrons with the rights of residents living nearby;

**THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Huntington Woods City Commission hereby expresses its full appreciation to Gerry Van Acker for his skill, knowledge and impactful leadership.

**IN WITNESS, WHEREOF** I hereunto set my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 and caused the seal of the City of City of Huntington Woods to be herein affixed.

**Detroit Zoo Summer Programming Presentation- Gerry VanAcker**

Gerry VanAcker and Paul Good provided zoo highlights from 2020/2021 to include the effects Covid-19 had on zoo operations, significant animal births in 2020/2021, significant rescues and arrivals, upcoming campaigns to include re-opening the Polk Penguin Conservation Center and the Great Ape Heart Project, the conceptual design of the Kid Zone and Zoo events from May 2022 to January 2023. They further discussed the Dinosaurs attraction and what will be done to manage the sounds during the attraction's hours of operation. Components of the sound management system installation will include sound deadening mats along the perimeter of the fence line, the Dinos located along the exit trail will face into the exhibit space, subwoofers will not be used, all audio components will be adjustable, the Tiger expansion reduced the length and proximity of the Dino trail to Huntington Road, and there will be a sound engineer to monitor the sound monitoring system. They noted the hours for the exhibit are 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will provide a direct phone number for the City to the Detroit Zoo Park Safety if there are noise concerns during zoo events.

**RESOLUTION R-12-2022:**

Matter of receiving the City Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2022.

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Commissioner Rozell to receive the City Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2022.

Ayes: Paul, Jenks, Elder, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: Olsman (excused)

**The Motion Carried.**

**RESOLUTION R-13-2022:**

Matter of setting a public hearing on the proposed 2022/2023 City Budget.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Elder and seconded by Commissioner Rozell Elder to set the public hearing for the proposed 2022/2023 City Budget for May 17, 2022.

Ayes: Paul, Elder, Jenks, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: Olsman (excused)

**The Motion Carried.**

**RESOLUTION R-14-2022:**

Matter of consideration to approve and authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Amendment No. 1 to the 2022 City of Huntington Woods Road Improvement Program from work on Hereford Road and Dundee Road in the amount not to exceed \$6000,000.

City Manager Wilson noted the work for Hereford and Dundee was added because of additional funds becoming available as well as trying to coincide the repaving with Royal Oak's road improvement program on these streets, minimizing disruption to the residents.

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Commissioner Rozell to approve the and authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Amendment No. 1 to the 2022 City of Huntington Woods Road Improvement Program from work on Hereford Road and Dundee Road in the amount not to exceed \$6000,000.

**Commissioner Comments:**

**Elder:**

Asked Manager Wilson to assess some of the problematic roads in the City after the winter months to include the front section of Hendrie which is one of the main entries into the City.

Ayes: Paul, Elder, Jenks, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: Olsman (excused)

**The Motion Carried.**

**RESOLUTION R-15-2022:**

Matter of consideration to approve the Annual Permit for Work on State Trunkline Right of Way.

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Elder to approve the Annual Permit for Work on State Trunkline Right of Way.

Ayes: Paul, Elder, Jenks, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: Olsman (excused)

**The Motion Carried.**

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Thanked Tim Rowland and Ethan Haan for their tireless work assembling the budget for review and consideration.
- Continues to work with the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee on a compromise for the Solar Ordinance pertaining to the front facing solar panels. It will be forthcoming for Commission review and consideration.
- Continues to work with the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee on the Juneteenth Celebration. It has been set for June 18<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 6pm. They continue to receive good feedback from parent groups, Berkley Schools and the Huntington Woods Library has set up reading programs promoting Juneteenth. It is looking to be a positive event.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Commissioner Rozell and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Elder to adjourn the regular City Commission meeting.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Elder, Rozell, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Olsman (excused)

**The Motion Carried, meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

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Heidi Barckholtz, City Clerk

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Robert F. Paul, III, Mayor