

CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 15, 2023
7:30 p.m.
CITY HALL

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

PRESENT: Mayor Paul, Mayor Pro Tem Jenks, Commissioner Olsman, and Commissioner Rozell

ABSENT: Commissioner Elder (excused)

City Staff Present: City Manager Wilson, Finance Director Haan, City Clerk Barckholtz, Deputy Clerk Wagner and City Attorney Rosati

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Jenks and seconded by Commissioner Rozell to approve the August 15, 2023 agenda as presented.

Ayes: Paul, Jenks, Olsman, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Olsman to approve the August 15, 2023 Consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes: Paul, Jenks, Olsman, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL REMARKS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Sixteen Huntington Woods residents spoke in favor and the continuation of the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee.
- Two residents spoke about concerns with the DEI Report and the function of the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee.
- One resident noted concerns with trash containment at the 1-800 Pain Clinic located on Woodward and questioned if enforcement would be taken against the owner.
- One resident noted concern with the lack of snow removal during weekend snow events.
- One resident noted concern with the Val Jones Park and lack of City action being taken to remedy noted concerns.

Commissioner Rozell:

Asked that a recording of tonight's meeting be sent to the Berkely Superintendent and school board, so they are aware of the racial inequalities being experienced in the Berkley School system.

Mayor Paul:

Clarified for the public that there is no plan to disband the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee. The Commission will continue to work with the ARAC to improve communication on the direction of the ARAC.

RESOLUTION-35-2023

Matter of consideration to approve the proposal from MKSK for a Climate Action Plan.

Manager Wilson presented the proposal to the Commission noting the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC) is attempting to develop a Climate Action Plan for the City of Huntington Woods. Development of a Climate Action Plans was a recommendation of the 2019 Energy Plan and also a discussion topic from the Planning Commission during the development of the last Master Plan. The goal of a Climate Action Plan is to develop metrics by which the City can measure and monitor its environmental impact and implement policies, procedures and strategies that will make the City more environmentally sustainable. A Climate Action Plan will also assist in guiding future capital and infrastructure investment and could benefit in the City's efforts to procure grant funding for green infrastructure.

City Administration sought a proposal from MKSK to produce a Climate Action Plan (CAP). MKSK is the firm that did the most recent update to the City's Master Plan. The plan included a

section on Sustainability. MKSK's existing relationship and familiarity between the City and City staff make them a good fit for this assignment. A copy of the proposal from MSKS was provided to the Commission. The total project estimate is not to exceed \$15,000.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Jenks and seconded by Commissioner Olsman to approve the proposal from MKSK for a Climate Action Plan note to exceed \$15,000.

Public Comments:

Harold Stack – Talbot Ave.

Noted concerns with MKSK being selected for the Climate Action Plan.

The Ayes: Paul, Jenks, Olsman, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Moved by Commissioner Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Olsman to appoint Kimberly Skryn to the Environmental Advisory Committee and Beatrice Robinson to the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee as the student representative.

The Ayes: Paul, Jenks, Olsman, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- The July 28, 2023 event at the Rackham Golf course dedicating the historic marker for the golf course and Ben Davis went very well. There was a good turnout with various elected officials in attendance. Thanked City Staff and the Commission for their work in the planning of the event.
- The Berkley School election went well with another solid turn out by Huntington Woods residents. Thanked the City staff and the election workers for their hard work.
- The City recently changed landscaping services, moving on to Great Lakes Landscaping. They have made solid updates to parks and City grounds.
- The City has been working with Mrs. Stone and the installation of the pavers for her Right of Way parking space approved at a previous meeting.
- Noted the upcoming Dream Cruise thanking Public Safety and the Department of Public Works for the hard work they always do with the event.

Commissioner Rozell:

Asked that the City Manager work on getting a meeting about the City parks scheduled as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Commissioner Rozell Seconded by Commissioner Olsman, to adjourn the regular City Commission meeting.

Ayes: Paul, Jenks, Olsman, Rozell, Olsman

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried, meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Heidi Barckholtz, City Clerk

Robert F. Paul, III, Mayor