

CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Tuesday, June 2, 2020
7:30 p.m.
Remote Meeting – Not at City Hall

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

PRESENT: Mayor Paul, Mayor Pro Tem Rozell, Commissioner Jenks, Commissioner Olsman, Commissioner Elder, City Manager Sullivan and City Attorney Rosati.

ABSENT: None

City Staff Present: Finance/Treasurer Director Rowland.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Commissioner Olsman to approve the June 2, 2020 agenda as presented.

Ayes: Paul, Jenks, Rozell, Elder, Olsman

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Olsman to approve the June 2, 2020 Consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Elder, Olsman, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

ELECTED OFFICIAL REMARKS

County Commissioner Helaine Zack reported:

- The County is looking at additional ways to invest COVID money.

- The County continues with COVID-19 no reason swab testing at the Oakland County Health Department on Monday and Wednesdays. To make an appointment, call the Nurse ON Call Line at 248- 858-5533.
- The County is issuing Back to Work Kits for small businesses. The links to locations distributing the kits can be found at www.oakgov.com.
- More funding is coming through for emergency aid for Veterans. Encouraged veterans to apply for services at the Oakland County Veterans Department.
- Additional Block Grant Dollars were received that are being considered for rental and mortgage assistance appropriations.

Congressman Levin’s Spokesperson, Stephanie Maroki reported:

- Introduced herself as Congressman Levin’s Community Outreach and Constituent Services representative for Huntington Woods. Stephanie.maroki@mail.house.gov 586-929-2443
- Congressman Levin recently introduced the Corona Virus Containment Corps as well as advocating for smaller communities to receive more funding for the Corona Virus Community Relief Act. The first round of aid went to the larger cities and he is trying to assist the smaller communities such as Huntington Woods in capturing some of these funds.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CITY COMMISSION STATEMENT

Mayor Paul read the following statement:

In the words of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” In the wake of another act of senseless violence, resulting in George Floyd’s shocking death in Minneapolis, people across America are taking to the streets in justifiable protest against racial and social inequality, including persistent inequity in the administration of justice.

The City of Huntington Woods stands in solidarity and empathy with people all over the world who are shocked by this tragedy. Our elected and public officials condemn all acts of racism and discrimination, and actively promote justice and peace for all. We unanimously oppose excessive police force, and regularly monitor and evaluate our public safety department to ensure that senseless violence and inequity do not happen here.

At this time of unrest and disbelief, we want to reassure Huntington Woods residents that our public safety department achieves and maintains the highest accreditations offered to law enforcement agencies through CALEA – the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement. Huntington Woods is one of 11 public safety departments in Michigan accredited by CALEA, out of 580 departments statewide. Our public safety officers are committed to being part of far-reaching solutions and embrace training on community relations and peaceful de-escalation.

The death of George Floyd under these circumstances comes at a time of unprecedented change, extreme anxiety, and fear in our country.

We as a city are committed to making Huntington Woods a warm and welcoming city free of fear and turmoil.

Our public and elected officials stand committed to doing all that we can do to foster a safe and inclusive community. It is our moral, ethical, and sworn duty to do so.

Mayor Robert F. Paul, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Rozell, Commissioner Jenks, Commissioner Olsman, Commissioner Elder

Moved by Commissioner Elder and seconded by Commissioner Olsman to approve the statement from the City Commission condemning acts of racial injustice and commitment for justice and peace for all.

Commissioner Comments:

Olsman: Noted strong support for the resolution.

Elder: Also noted her support of the resolution stressing the need to continue to work towards progress in ensuring a warm and welcoming community.

Jenks: Noted that it is critical that the Commission widely spread the message made in the resolution read by Mayor Paul.

Rozell: Noted his support of the resolution.

Ayes: Paul, Elder, Jenks, Rozell, Olsman

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION R-140 -2020

Matter of consideration of the approval of Banks, Brokers, and Dealers for the City deposits for the upcoming twelve months as required by the City of Huntington Woods investment policy

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to adopt the list of Banks, Brokers, and Dealers as presented by the City's Finance Director.

Ayes: Paul, Elder, Jenks, Rozell, Olsman

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION R-141-2020

Matter of consideration of amending the 2019/200 City Budget (year-end adjustments)

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Commissioner Olsman to approve the amendment to the 2019/2020 City Budget (year-end adjustment)

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Jenks, Elder, Olsman

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE No. 616:

Matter of consideration of an Ordinance, to Amend the City Code of the City of Huntington Woods, Chapter 4, to Add New Article III, Chickens, To Delete Section 4-46, Pilot Program. (Second Reading)

Moved by Commissioner Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Elder to approve an Amendment to the City Code of the City of Huntington Woods, Chapter 4, to add New Article III, Chickens, To Delete Section 4-46, Pilot Program.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Jenks, Elder, Olsman

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

- The Hometown Herald is now online for viewing. Recreation and the library staff worked diligently in a short period of time to create new virtual online programming featured in the Herald.
- Due to COVID-19, there will be a virtual 4th of July Parade featured on the 4th. Participants are needed. If interested in submitting a video, directions on how to do so can be found on the City’s website.
- Road construction will start on Borgman and York, and Nadine next Tuesday.
- Permanent Absentee ballot applications went out in the mail today for the August and November elections. Non-permanent voters will also be receiving an application from the State of Michigan in the coming weeks.
- Reminded everyone to wear orange on Friday for Gun Awareness Day.
- As requested by Commissioner Rozell presented an update on the decision whether to open the pool and run the camp programs. The State of Michigan Executive order is allowing day camps to operate with protocols in place. Camp programming would be challenging to maintain social distancing and inclement weather poses a problem because groups cannot gather indoors. Running a camp is also dependent on being able to hire enough staff and then the virtual camp programs would have to be canceled. Opening the pool is also difficult due to social distancing and having to keep the facilities clean and sanitized. There is also a budgetary concern whether the pool revenue would cover the

expenses since the pool season would be shorter and the pool capacity will need to be lowered.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Jenks seconded by Commissioner Elder to adjourn the meeting.

The Motion Carried, meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Heidi Barckholtz, City Clerk

Robert F. Paul, III, Mayor