

CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Tuesday, October 14, 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 Olsman and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell to approve the October 14, 2020 agenda with agenda item “Proclamation” being moved ahead of “Communications.”

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Jenks, Elder, Olsman

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to approve the October 14, 2020 Consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Elder, Olsman, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Olsman read aloud the proclamation in memory of John Jacobs.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Paul acknowledged the communication from Manner Costerisan noting that they are engaged in auditing the financial statements for the City of Huntington Woods for the year ended June 30, 2020.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL REMARKS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

RESOLUTION R -155-2020:

Matter of consideration to approve the City of Huntington Wood’s Recruitment and Hiring Policy.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Elder to approve the City of Huntington Woods’ Recruitment and Hiring Policy.

Public Comments:

Eli Mosko – 8376 Huntington Woods

Noted she is in support of the Recruitment and Hiring Policy and is concerned with how the hiring of the part time librarian was handled prior to this policy being put in place.

Bree Stocker-Smart – 13101 Balfour

Noted she is support of the Recruitment and Hiring Policy and is also concerned with the hiring of the current part time librarian after Joyce Krom resigned.

Melissa Ostaszewski-Purdy – 10145 Talbot

Thanked the Commission for implementing the Recruitment and Hiring Policy.

Commissioner Comments:

Elder – Noted the importance of this policy in ensuring the City is hiring under diverse and fair practices. Appreciates the residents that reached out and the Commission and City Manager for the support in creating this policy.

Rozell: Noted that this policy is important for setting hiring standards and practices and thanked the residents for reaching out and sharing concerns. He is in support of its approval.

Jenks: Is pleased with the hiring policy as it relates to goals for the City’s hiring practices but objects to the 10-day minimum for posting and preferred a 30-day minimum notice.

Olsman: Noted he supports this policy and thanked Commissioner Elder for addressing the issue and spending a lot of time developing the policy.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Elder, Olsman

Nays: Jenks

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION-156-2020:

Matter of consideration to adopt the City of Huntington Woods Anti-Racism Plan.

Moved by Commissioner Elder and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to approve the City of Huntington Woods' Anti-Racism Plan.

Public Comments:

Karen Nanos – 25812 Salem

Noted concern with how the October 6, 2020 Commission Zoom bombing was handled publicly by the City Commission.

Kevin Withane - 25844 Salem

Commended Commissioner Elder on all her hard work in developing the Anti-Racism Plan. Asked that the Commission take on leadership roles in pushing this plan forward.

Bree Stocker-Smart – 13101 Balfour

Noted that as the plan is a good first step the City and Commission need to push harder and further to make this an inclusive and inviting place to live.

Jessica Downey - 13160 Kingston

Noted concern within Val Jones park and the multitude of radically charged issues that have arose in the park. More attention needs to be given to these issues to achieve resolution.

Karen Nanos – 25812 Salem

Questioned if the Commission is going to make a stronger statement concerning what happened with the interruption of the October 6, 2020 City Commission meeting.

Claire Galed – 10084 Lasalle

Commented on the Anti-Racism plan along with the discussion of SWAT vehicles being stored in Huntington Woods.

Danielle McGuire - 10515 Talbot

Thanked Commissioner Elder and other staff for the development of the City's Anti-Racism Plan.

Commissioner Comments:

Elder: Thanked everyone for the support and assistance in writing the Ant-Racism Plan. She is in complete support of this plan and pleased with the development of it.

Rozell: Offered his apologies to Kevin Withane. He was not aware that he had been verbally assaulted during the Commission Meeting which was Zoom bombed until recently. He applauded the Anti-Racism plan and thanked Commissioner Elder and City Staff on their work in writing the plan. He further noted with regards to the consideration of SWAT vehicles being stored in Huntington Woods, it was suggested by the County because of our location and he had advised the Sheriff's Office that they could not store vehicles here once he was aware of the suggestion.

Jenks: He noted that the plan is broadly and nicely written and has some minor concerns in regards goals being too general. He would like to see more specific measurable goals achieved.

Olsman: Noted his support in the efforts made in the writing of the City's Anti-Racism Plan. He further condemned the Zoom Bombing at the previous meeting noting it should be a police and FBI matter and does not feel the group the perpetrated the incident should get any more attention. He thanked Commissioner Elder and City Manager Sullivan for all their hard work.

Paul: Noted that there is an ongoing investigation with the Zoom Bombing incident. He further thanked Commissioner Elder on her hard work writing the Anti-Racism Plan.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Elder, Olsman, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION R -157-2020:

Matter of consideration to approve the Resolution in support of the Parks Ballot Proposal.

Moved by Commissioner Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to approve the Resolution in support of the Parks Ballot Proposal.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Olsman, Jenks, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION R -158-2020:

Matter of consideration to approve the First Quarter 2020-2021 Budget Amendments.

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Commissioner Olsman to approve the First Quarter 2020-2021 Budget Amendment.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Jenks, Olsman, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried

RESOLUTION R -159-2020:

Matter of consideration to enter into a contract with Radiant Asphalt of Northville, MI for as needed infrared concrete repairs at a price of \$1.77 per sq./ft. for a three-year contract ending June 30, 2023.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to enter into a contract with Radiant Asphalt of Northville, MI for as needed infrared concrete repairs at a price of \$1.77 per sq./ft. for a three-year contract ending June 30, 2023.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Elder, Olsman, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried

RESOLUTION R -160-2020:

Matter of consideration to enter into a contract with Pavement Technology, Inc. of Westlake, Ohio for as needed asphalt rejuvenation repairs for a three-year contract ending June 30, 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Olsman and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell to enter into a contract with Pavement Technology, Inc. of Westlake, Ohio for as needed asphalt rejuvenation repairs for a three-year contract ending June 30, 2023.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Jenks, Olsman, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried

RESOLUTION R-161-2020:

Matter of consideration to approve the 2021 Annual Permit for Work on State Trunkline Right of Way.

Moved by Commissioner Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Elder to approve the 2021 Annual Permit for Work on State Trunkline Right of Way.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Jenks, Olsman, Elder

Nays: None
Absent: None

The Motion Carried

Ordinance No. :

Matter of consideration of the Introduction of an Ordinance to amend the City Code of the City of Huntington Woods, Chapter 14, Environment, Article I, in General, Section 14-1, Public Nuisance Defined and Prohibited, and to Delete Section 14-4, Smoke Measurement. (First Reading)

Moved by Commissioner Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Elder to approve the first reading for the Introduction of an Ordinance to amend the City Code of the City of Huntington Woods, Chapter 14, Environment, Article I, in General, Section 14-1, Public Nuisance Defined and Prohibited, and to Delete Section 14-4, Smoke Measurement.

Commissioner Comments:

Olsman: Noted that the term “public decency” should be defined with clearer language, so it easily understood what is being violated per the ordinance. He further noted that there should be a specific paragraph that says this particular ordinance does not seek to regulate fire pits or campfires. He is in favor of the ordinance.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Jenks, Olsman, Elder
Nays: None
Absent: None

The Motion Carried

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

- Diponio has been working hard and making progress with the road construction. Humber is complete, the final base is in on Talbot and Kingston is ready for edge drain and curb and gutter. Three projects have been completed with two to go for road construction.
- Pre-School Program has begun with a modified schedule and limited enrollment.
- Flu shot clinic was held today with ninety people registered. A second date of October 28, 2020 was scheduled, call the recreation center to make an appointment.
- There are virtual and social distancing programming through the library and recreation center scheduled for the fall which can be found in the Hometown Herald.
- The front steps at the library are being repaired so curbside pick up is being conducted in the back of the library.
- The City Clerk is encouraging people to use the three drop boxes located in the City for the return of absentee ballots. Commissioner Jenks asked to note for voters that the ballot is a long and to review it carefully before voting it.
- Commissioner Olsman became aware of a paper written by Nancy Welsh called “Racially Restrictive Covenants in the United States: A Call to Action”. She has agreed

to be the first speaker in a City speaking series of Anti-Racism issues. No date has been set but will be promoted once a date is determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell seconded by Commissioner Olsman to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Jenks, Olsman, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried, meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Heidi Barckholtz, City Clerk

Robert F. Paul, III, Mayor