

CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
**August 17, 2021**  
7:30 p.m.  
In Person Meeting – Gillham Recreation Center

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Paul, Mayor Pro Tem Olsman, Commissioner Elder,  
Commissioner Jenks.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Rozell (excused)

City Staff Present: Interim City Manager Wollenweber,  
Finance/Treasurer Director Rowland, City Clerk Barckholtz and City  
Attorney Rosati.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Paul noted that under Closed Session, item number two would be removed from the agenda.

Moved by Commissioner Elder and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem  
Olsman to approve the August 17, 2021, agenda as amended.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Jenks, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: Rozell (excused)

**The Motion Carried.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Olsman and seconded by Commissioner  
Elder to approve the August 17, 2021, Consent Agenda as presented.

**Commissioner Comments:**

**Commissioner Jenks:**

Requested that the June 2021 Treasurer's Report be removed from the consent agenda and moved to agenda item #9.

**Mayor Pro Tem Olsman:**

Accepted the removal of the June 2021 Treasurers' Report from the Consent Agenda.

**Commissioner Elder:**

Accepted the removal of the June 2021 Treasurer's Report from the Consent Agenda by Commissioner Jenks.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Rozell (excused)

**The Motion Carried.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL REMARKS**

**Regia Weiss - Michigan 27<sup>th</sup> House District Representative**

- The Michigan legislature passed a school aid budget that was signed by the Governor in July that will be investing more money into the Michigan education system than ever before.
- Other State budgets have yet to be passed which includes revenue sharing. The legislature will continue work on passing these budgets prior to the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to avoid a shut down.
- Residents that are frustrated with DTE's response to the power outages due to recent storms, can contact the Public Service Commission at 800-292-9555 or 517-284-8100, email MPSC Chair Dan Scripts at [mpsc\\_commissioners@mi.gov](mailto:mpsc_commissioners@mi.gov) or complete the online form at [www.Michigan.gov/mpsc](http://www.Michigan.gov/mpsc) to file a complaint.
- The City of Huntington Woods, on behalf of the residents, can also file a complaint with the MPSC concerning DTE's response to the outages.
- Further legislation is being looked at to appropriate funds to update the grid in helping avoid future issues with outages.
- If residents or Commissioner have other questions or concerns, they can contact her at 517-373-0478 or email [reginaweiss@house.mi.gov](mailto:reginaweiss@house.mi.gov).

**Charlie Cavell – Oakland County Commissioner**

- The Delta Variant is on the rise with the July 1.9 positivity rate increasing to a current 5.3 positivity rate. This would be the third spike in numbers for Oakland County since the onset of Covid-19. Encourage Oakland County residents to get vaccinated if they have not already done so.
- In response to DTE outages, the Oakland County Commission is in the finishing stages of the budget process which includes a large investment in Climate Resiliency.
- Additional County budget investments include more funding for police and crisis intervention training.
- The County Commission has created study groups to assist on how the County should spend the American Rescue Plan funds received. Areas of focus include

transit, housing, investing in cities, infrastructure, mental health, childcare, and the Delta Variant. If anyone is interested in offering their input on budget amendments, they can contact him at 248-807-4347.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Paul read the proclamation recognizing Robert and Charlene Nutton.

Mayor Paul read the proclamation recognizing September 11<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> as Patriot Week and September 11, 2021, as Patriot Day.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

### **Steve Gold – 13340 Balfour Ave:**

Commented on the City of Huntington Woods Public Safety Use of Force Policy and cited seven incident reports in which he feels the City's policy was violated.

### **Joanne Kristal – 13321 Victoria:**

Noted support for the comment made by Steve Gold in regard to Public Safety's Use of Force Policy.

### **Dave Welch – 13309 Winchester:**

Noted he has been a law enforcement officer for eighteen years and does not feel the seven incidents cited by Steve Gold violated any law or City policy and are common practice among most agencies.

### **Paula Derbabian – 13336 Balfour:**

Noted support for the comment made by Steve Gold in regard to Public Safety's Use of Force Policy.

## **RESOLUTION R -208-2021:**

Matter of consideration of a resolution of the Huntington Woods City Commission adopting a policy relative to the review and granting of poverty exemptions by the City of Huntington Woods Board of Review.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Elder to adopt a policy relative to the review and granting of poverty exemptions by the city of Huntington Woods Board of Review.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Jenks, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: Rozell (excused)

**The Motion Carried.**

## **RESOLUTION R -209-2021:**

Matter of a consideration to enter into a contract with Applied Imaging of Southfield, MI in the amount of \$20,250 for the purchase of a Richo ICM8000 and Richo ICM3000 copy machine utilizing MITN cooperative bid pricing.

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman to enter into a contract with Applied Imaging of Southfield, MI in the amount of \$20,250 for the purchase of a Richo ICM8000 and Richo ICM3000 copy machine utilizing MITN cooperative bid pricing.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Jenks, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: Rozell (excused)

**The Motion Carried.**

**RESOLUTION R -210-2021**

Matter of consideration of a resolution to approve the OAKSTEM 2021 Street Tree Enhancement Matching Grant Pilot Program Cost Participation Agreement.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to approve the OAKSTEM 2021 Street Tree Enhancement Matching Grant Pilot Program Cost Participation Agreement.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Rozell (excused)

**The Motion Carried.**

**RESOLUTION R -211-2021**

Matter of consideration to enter into a contract with Michigan Recreation Construction of Brighton, MI for Reynolds Park Outdoor Fitness area in the amount of \$73,110.00.

**Public Comment:**

**Gayle Linden – 25840 Concord Rd.**

Noted concerns with the lack of lighting being installed for the new equipment, questioned where the proposed benches would be installed, the need for a shade sail, the distance of the equipment from parking and asked what the custom sign will say.

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman to enter into a contract with Michigan Recreation Construction of Brighton, MI for Reynolds Park Outdoor Fitness area in the amount of \$73,110.00.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Rozell (excused)

**The Motion Carried.**

**RESOLUTION R -212-2021**

Matter of consideration to enter into a contract with Snider Recreation of Royalton, OH for the purchase of Greenfield Exercise Equipment in the amount of \$33,629.80

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Commissioner Elder to enter to enter into a contract with Snider Recreation of Royalton, OH for the purchase of Greenfield Exercise Equipment in the amount of \$33,629.80.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Rozell (excused)

**The Motion Carried.**

**RESOLUTION R -213-2021**

Matter of consideration to enter into an agreement with Allied for the replacement of the City Hall condensing cooling unit in the amount not to exceed \$13,700 and authorize the appropriate staff to sign the agreement.

Moved by Commissioner Elder and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman to enter into an agreement with Allied for the replacement of the City Hall condensing cooling unit in the amount not to exceed \$13,700 and authorize the appropriate staff to sign the agreement.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Rozell (excused)

**The Motion Carried.**

**RESOLUTION R-214-2021**

Matter of setting the date to discuss the City Manager applicants for September 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to set the date of Tuesday, September 14, 2021, to discuss the City Manager applicants.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Rozell (excused)

**The Motion Carried.**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Matter of consideration to enter into a Closed Session pursuant to MCL.15.268 immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss union negotiations.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Elder to move into a Closed Session pursuant to MCL.15.268 immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss union negotiations.

**Roll Call Vote**

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Jenks, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: Rozell (excused)

**The Motion Carried**

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Approval of the June 2021 Treasurer’s Report

**Commissioner Comments:**

**Jenks:** Sought and received clarification if it would be beneficial for the fiduciary investments to be moved from Flagstar to Oakland County Bond Pool as well as clarification on the Membership and Dues Charges.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to approve the June 2021 Treasures’ Report.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Jenks, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: Rozell (excused)

**The Motion Carried**

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

- Thanked the Recreation and City staff for running the cooling center at City Hall during the recent power outage.
- Noted that although the City has some DTE contacts, the City is not notified of scheduled outages or work being done in the City in relation to the recent power outages.
- Public Safety has applied for a grant for additional body cameras.
- The Recreation Center gym floor will be varnished in the coming weeks.
- The City along with an outside agency, will be looking at City buildings, their age and equipment including streetlights to capture additional energy savings with upgrades.
- City Hall has a new City Hall staff member as well as a new Public Safety Officer.
- The City will now be conducting Exit Interviews when an employee resigns.

**Moved from the regular meeting into closed session at 8:33 p.m.**

**Returned from closed session to the regular meeting at 8:46 p.m.**

**RESOLUTION R-215-2021**

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman to approve the tentative agreement with ASCME and authorize City Manager Wollenweber to sign the agreement.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Rozell (excused)

**The Motion Carried**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Commissioner Elder and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to adjourn the regular City Commission meeting.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Rozell (excused)

**The Motion Carried, meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.**

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Heidi Barckholtz, City Clerk

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Robert F. Paul, III, Mayor