

CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

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, present from Huntington Woods, Mayor Pro Tem Olsman, present from Huntington Woods, Commissioner Jenks present from Huntington Woods, Commissioner Elder, present from Huntington Woods, Commissioner Rozell, present from Huntington Woods.

ABSENT: None

City Staff Present: City Manager Sullivan, City Attorney Rosati and Finance/Treasurer Director Rowland.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Elder to approve the January 5, 2021 agenda as presented.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Jenks, Elder, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman to approve the January 5, 2021 Consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Jenks, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL REMARKS

County Commissioner Cavell:

- Commissioner Cavell introduced himself as the new Oakland County Commissioner for District 18. Noted he would provide his cell number to the City Manager if any Commissioners wanted to contact him.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joyce Krom – 10422 Hart Avenue

Presented the request for a moral budget including the re-allocation of police funds for social justice initiatives.

AWARD PRESENTATION

2020 Voting Challenge Award

Mr. Pernick presented the City of Huntington Woods with a check for \$1000 that the City has pledged to use to purchase library material for the Huntington Woods Anti-Racism Plan, after Huntington Woods won his second annual voting challenge. Huntington Woods led Pleasant Ridge, Berkley and Lathrup Village with an 83.5 percent voter turn out in the November 3, 2020 General Election.

RESOLUTION R -170 -2021:

Matter of consideration of approval of the class action Settlement Agreement as to the matters of *Finkelberg, et al. v City of Huntington Woods, et al.*, Oakland County Circuit Court Case No. 2017-157533-NZ and its related case, *The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc. v. City of Huntington Woods*, Oakland County Circuit Court Case 2017-160246-NZ.

City Attorney Rosati made note that these cases arose after the August 2014 rain event. The defendants in the case included the Oakland County Water Resource Commission as well as the surrounding communities. A global settlement was put together and the settlement with respect to Huntington Woods was within its insurance coverage which meant no funds would come out of the City budget.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to approve on behalf of Huntington Woods the portion of our involvement in the resolution of the Finkelberg v. Huntington Woods and related Hanover litigation in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement presented and recommended by legal counsel as well as the related cases that are part of the settlement involving the August 2014 flood.

Commissioner Comments:

Rozell - Noted for the record that prior to being elected to the City Commission, he was a claimant in this lawsuit. He has since signed off and relinquished his claim in the suit allowing him to vote on the matter.

Olsman – Acknowledged the good work of Carol Rosati’s firm in this case and noted that the City Commission acted fiscally responsible in settling the suit. He is in full support of the resolution.

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

The Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. :

Matter of consideration of the Adoption of an Ordinance to amend the City Code of the City of Huntington Woods, Chapter 24, Offenses, Article III, Offenses Against the Person, To Add Offenses for Domestic Assault and Domestic Assault and Battery.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Rozell to adopt an Ordinance to amend the City Code of the City of Huntington Woods, Chapter 24, Offenses, Article III, Offenses Against the Person, To Add Offenses for Domestic Assault and Domestic Assault and Battery

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

The Motion Carried.

REVISION OF 2021 CITY COMMISSION MEETING DATE SCHEUDLE:

The meeting date of November 8, 2021 was added for the Organizational Meeting as required by the City Charter.

Moved by Commissioner Elder and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman to approve the revision of the 2021 City Commission Meeting Date Schedule.

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

The Motion Carried.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENTS:

Matter of reappointment of residents to various Boards, Commissions and Committees.

Mayor Paul presented his mayoral recommendations for the Library Advisory Board, reappointing Manjula Kaza-Egan and Student Representative, Mia Ceaser and for the Historic District Commission, Jim Malloure.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to approve the Mayoral reappointments of Manjula Kaza-Egan and Student Representative, Mia Ceaser to the Library Advisory Board and to the Historic District Commission, Jim Malloure.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Jenks, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Rozell to approve the reappointments of Linda Solomon and Bree Stocker-Smart to the Board of Review; David Egan, Sarah Jo Sautter and Julie Petrik to the Environmental Advisory Committee; Gordon Glidden to the Construction and Property Maintenance Board of Appeals and Lenny Newman to the Senior Advisory Committee.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Jenks, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Matter of appointments of residents to various Boards, Commissions and Committees.

Mayor Paul presented his mayoral recommendations to the Planning Commission appointing Chris Golembiewski, Gale Linden and Todd Sperl to a three year term and Gordon Glidden to a two year term along with Mayor Pro Tem Olsman to a one year term as the Commission Representative and Nina Dodge Abrams and Beth Applebaum to the Library Advisory Board.

Moved by Commissioner Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to appointment Chris Golembiewski, Gale Linden, Todd Sperl to a three year term and Gordon Glidden to a two year term along with Mayor Pro Tem Olsman to a one year term as the Commission Representative to the Planning Commission and appoint Nina Dodge Abrams and Beth Applebaum to the Library Advisory Board.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Jenks, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Rozell and seconded Commissioner Elder to appoint Susan Warrow and Norine Zimmer to the Arts and Garden Board.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Jenks, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and Commissioner Rozell to appoint Ben King and Melanie Goldberg to the Ethics Committee.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Jenks, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Elder and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to appoint Kate Zenlea to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Jenks, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Elder to appoint Bree Stocker-Smart and Nick Fedorchak to terms on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Jenks, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Commissioner Rozell to appointment Heidi Coffman, Bonnie Nowakowski and Lora Frankel to the Senior Advisory Committee.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Jenks, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Elder to appoint Sue Tanner and Krista Jahnke to the Communication Committee.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Jenks, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Elder and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to appoint Suzanne Potter to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Jenks, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to appoint Mayor Paul as delegate to SEMCOG and Commissioner Jenks as the delegate alternate and appoint Commissioner Rozell as the Michigan Municipal League Legislative Coordinator.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Jenks, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried

CLOSED SESSION:

Matter of recessing into 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 Rozell to recess into Closed Session pursuant to MCL.15.268 immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss union negotiations.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Jenks, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Resident Jim Rusk installed the the ice rinks on Men's Club Field but they are not ready to skate on yet.

- Reminded residents that snow clearing of the sidewalks is the responsibility of the homeowners if the DPW is unable to get out and broom them immediately.

Moved from the regular meeting into closed session at 8:08 p.m.

Returned from closed session to the regular meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to approve the tentative agreement for a three-year agreement with the Public Safety Officer's Union as presented by the City Manager.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Jenks, Elder, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried

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

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Jenks, Elder, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried, meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Heidi Barckholtz, City Clerk

Robert F. Paul, III, Mayor