

CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Tuesday, June 1, 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 in Huntington Woods, Mayor Pro Tem Olsman, present in Huntington Woods, Commissioner Elder, present in Huntington Woods, Commissioner Rozell, present in Huntington Woods.

ABSENT: Commissioner Jenks and Mayor Pro-Tem Olsman

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Paul noted the addition of a proclamation to the June 1, 2021 agenda.

Moved by Commissioner Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Elder to approve the June 1, 2021 agenda as amended.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: Jenks, Olsman

The Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Elder to approve the June 1, 2021 Consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes: Paul, Elder, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: Jenks, Olsman

The Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL REMARKS

Charlie Cavell – Oakland County Commissioner:

- 60% of Oakland County residents over sixteen have received at least the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- 80% of Huntington Woods have received at least the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- For the first time in history, Oakland County raised the Rainbow Pride flag in recognition of LGBTQ+ Community.
- Oakland County has started talking about mental health, childcare and housing in regard to the budget and ARP money and welcomes public input on these topics.

** Mayor Pro-Tem Olsman entered the meeting at 7:34 p.m., present in Huntington Woods.*

** Commissioner Jenks entered the meeting at 7:35 p.m., present in Huntington Woods.*

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Mayor Paul read the Proclamation Declaring the First Friday in June 2021 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

**2021 Proclamation
Declaring the First Friday in June 2021 to be
National Gun Violence Awareness Day**

This proclamation declares the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Huntington Woods to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence.

WHEREAS, every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 230 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are more than 13,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has 1,212-gun deaths every year, with a rate of 12.1 deaths per 100,000 people. Michigan has the 31st highest rate of gun deaths in the US; and

WHEREAS, gun homicides predominantly occur in cities, with more than half of all firearm related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities; and

WHEREAS, cities across the nation, including in Huntington Woods, are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is mayors' highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

WHEREAS, mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than a year of increased gun sales. Increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence;

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, was tragically shot and killed at 15; and on June 4, 2021 to recognize the 24th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to –

- (1) Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and
- (2) The loved ones of those victims; and

WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 4th, the first Friday in June in 2021, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 4, 2021 Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Bob Paul of the City of Huntington Woods declares the first Friday in June, June 4, 2021, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

Proclaimed at the Regular City Commission meeting of June 1, 2021.

2. Mayor Paul read the Proclamation Declaring June 2021 National Scleroderma Month.

**2021 Proclamation
Declaring June 2021 National Scleroderma Month**

WHEREAS, addressing the complex health needs of people with scleroderma is important to the State of Michigan and

WHEREAS, comprehensive and coordinated health services for people with scleroderma are critically important to achieving positive patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize June as Scleroderma Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, through public awareness, the City of Huntington Woods seeks to focus on the needs of people living with scleroderma and the continuing improvement of services to those people and their families; and

WHEREAS, persons living with scleroderma in the City of Huntington Woods, their family and friends are encouraged to wear teal for the month of June, to create awareness and to educate the medical community and public in support of scleroderma awareness and to participate in scleroderma awareness-related events during the month of June; and the Stampede

WHEREAS, the Scleroderma Foundation Michigan Chapter through its collaboration with the Scleroderma Foundation and other organizational partners seeks to raise awareness in our communities through support, education and research toward finding a cure for scleroderma.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Paul the Mayor of the City of Huntington Woods, do hereby proclaim June to be Michigan Scleroderma Awareness Month.

3. Mayor Paul read the Proclamation Recognizing June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

**2021 Proclamation
Resolution to Recognize June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month**

WHEREAS, the City of Huntington Woods cherishes the value and dignity of each person and appreciates the importance of equality and freedom; and

WHEREAS, all are welcome in the City of Huntington Woods to live, work, play, and every family, in any shape, deserves a place to call home where they are safe, happy, and supported by friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the City denounces prejudice and unfair discrimination based on age, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical attributes as an affront to our fundamental principles; and

WHEREAS, Pride month began in June of 1969 on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising in New York City after LGBTQ+ and allied friends rose up and fought against the

constant police harassment and discriminatory laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, the City appreciates the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, plus (LGBTQ+) community which strengthen our social welfare; and

WHEREAS it is imperative that young people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, despite being marginalized, LGBTQ+ people continue to celebrate authenticity, acceptance, and love.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of this City Commission declare the month of June 2021 as LGBTQ Pride Month in the City of Huntington Woods and urge residents to recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQ+ community and to actively promote the principles of equality, liberty, and justice.

Proclaimed at the Regular City Commission meeting of June 1, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

RESOLUTION R -196-2021:

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

Moved by Commissioner Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Elder to approve the Fourth Quarter 2020-2021 Budget Amendments.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION R -197-2021:

Matter of consideration to approve 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 Commissioner Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Elder to approve the adoption of a policy relative to the review and granting of poverty exemptions by the City of Huntington Woods Board of Review.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Elder, Jenks, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION R-198-2021:

Matter of consideration to approve the contract for the 2021 pavement Resurfacing Project to Hutch Paving, Inc. of 300 E. 10 Mile Rd., Warren, Michigan 48091 in the amount of \$593,895.00.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to approve the contract for the 2021 pavement Resurfacing Project to Hutch Paving, Inc. of 300 E. 10 Mile Rd., Warren, Michigan 48091 in the amount of \$593,895.00.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION R -199-2021:

Matter of appointment of Rocco Fortura as Representative and Amy Sullivan as Alternate to the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) Board for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman to appointment Rocco Fortura as Representative and Amy Sullivan as Alternate to the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) Board for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Jenks, Elder, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION R -200-2021

Matter of appointment of Rocco Fortura as Representative and Amy Sullivan as Alternate to the Southeast Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (SOCCRA) Board for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Commissioner Elder appointment of Rocco Fortura as Representative and Amy Sullivan as Alternate to the Southeast Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (SOCCRA) Board for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

Matter of consideration to enter into a Closed Session pursuant to MCL.15.268 to discuss a letter subject to Attorney/Client Privilege.

Moved by Commissioner Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Elder to move into a Closed Session pursuant to MCL.15.268 to discuss a letter subject to Attorney/Client Privilege.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Elder

Nays: None

Absent: Jenks (connection lost during Zoom meeting prior to rollcall)

The Motion Carried

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Reminded residents that the City is in the middle of the Master Plan update and will be hosting a vision session seeking resident feedback at the Recreation Center Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be a food truck on site for Food Truck Thursday.
- Surveys will be going out to residents for the Master Plan Update and the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Plan. Hard copies will be available at City Hall. Door prizes will be given out to residents who complete both surveys.
- Pool Passes can now be purchased online at www.recreation.hmi.org and not at the pool desk. If residents lose a pass or key tag, they should contact the recreation department and new tags will be issued and will then be available at the pool desk upon entering the pool.

Moved from the regular meeting into closed session at 8:03 p.m.

Returned from closed session to the regular meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Elder to accept the early retirement of City Manager, Amy Sullivan for health reasons and to authorize Amy Sullivan to negotiate and prepare a contract working with the City Attorney and with Interim City Manager Mark Wollenweber based on the direction and final approval of the City Commission.

Commissioner Comments:

Mayor Paul: Thanked Manager Sullivan on behalf of the Commission and the Community for her caring, graceful, and confident leadership as the City Manager for the past seven and a half years handling

challenging times and events in the City well. The Commission wishes her and her family prayers and nothing but the best as she battles this disease.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried, meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Heidi Barckholtz, City Clerk

Robert F. Paul, III, Mayor