

CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Monday, May 3, 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 Jenks present in Huntington Woods, Commissioner Rozell present in Huntington Woods and Commissioner Elder present in Huntington Woods.

ABSENT: None

City Staff Present: City Manager Sullivan and Finance Director Tim Rowland

Budget Study Session

Matter of review of the proposed 2021/2022 City Budget

Finance Director Tim Rowland presented a PowerPoint of highlights for the budget and future items the City Commission needs to consider going forward. Key points included the addition of part-time communication position and elimination of part-time recreation position due to staff realignment, 2.25% wage increase consistent with the Public Safety contract, maintaining the same levels of City service, the freeing up of \$800,000 from General Fund after the Act 345 Millage for Public Safety pension costs and road improvements and additional money for Anti-Racism Initiatives.

Continued budget highlights and future items for the Commission's consideration were presented as well as Commissioner discussion.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Steve Gold – Questioned and received clarification on the Parks and Rec Administration Budget noting that the 38% of the total budget seemed high. He further questioned and received clarification if Colette Nutton's position would be replaced once she retires.

Richard Feldman - Noted his support for the budget item for Anti-Racism work but feels the remaining budget does not reflect enough positive change in promoting police reform.

Chris Golembiewski – Asked and received clarification if the officers have the ability to turn on and off the body cams on their own discretion and further why Public Safety is purchasing full sized vehicles versus hybrid technology.

Gail Linden – Questioned the uncapping of City property taxes.

Zak Witus – Noted his concern with the Police budget in reference to the Black Lives Matter policy goals.

Joanne Kristal - Noted she does not feel the police department budget is progressive enough.

Moved by Commissioner Rozell and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman to adjourn the Special City Commission meeting.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Jenks, Elder, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

Heidi Barckholtz – City Clerk