

CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
November 16, 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 Elder, Commissioner Rozell,
Commissioner Jenks

ABSENT: Commissioner Olsman (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 one change to the agenda with the removal of the Organizational Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2021 from the consent agenda moving it to the regular agenda as item #1.

Moved by Commissioner Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Jenks to approve the November 16, 2021 agenda as amended.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Olsman (excused)

The Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Elder and seconded by Commissioner Rozell to approve the November 16, 2021, Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Paul, Elder, Rozell, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Olsman (excused)

The Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL REMARKS

Charlie Cavell- Oakland County Commissioner

- Covid cases are again on the rise within Oakland County and encouraged everyone to continue being cautious throughout the holiday season.
- The County re-initiated the joint task force related to SWAT – Huntington Woods does benefit from this contract renewal.
- Has been working with HAVEN to double the funding to combat the increase in domestic violence
- The County Commission has started working on how to allocate the remaining two million ARPA dollars dividing funding options into six separate categories. The categories will include Prosperous Communities – Housing and Child Care, Health Care, Infrastructure and Sustainability in Resilient Communities, Economic and Workforce Development, Government Operations, and a Reserve Fund.
- Provided clarification at the request of Commissioner Rozell on the County Commission reapportionment and what the new district will look like. The County Commission district went from twenty-one to nineteen seats with this district now including Ferndale, Huntington Woods, Berkley, Pleasant Ridge, a small portion of Royal Oak and Birmingham.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Harold Stack – 10445 Vernon:

Noted concerns with the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting dates and Commissioner liaison roles within the Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Paul noted the draft minutes of the November 8, 2021 Organizational Meeting consistently and incorrectly reflect Mayor Pro-Tem Olsman as absent under the “Nays” and should be reflected under “Absent”.

Moved by Commissioner Rozell and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Elder to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2021 Organizational Meeting with the noted corrections.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Olsman (excused)

The Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Paul opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment at 7:45 p.m. regarding the 2022 CDBG Grant Allocation and Reprogramming of 2019 CDBG Funds.

Hearing no Public Comments, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:46 p.m.

RESOLUTION R -223-2021:

Matter of authorizing the 2022 CDBG Allocation.

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Elder to approve the Program Year 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application in the approximate amount of \$8,797 as follows and authorize the Mayor to sign the application and submit the documents to Oakland County.

732011 Transportation- Driver Wages \$2,629

731619 Remove Architectural Barriers \$6,158

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Olsman (excused)

The Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION R -224-2021:

Matter of authorizing the reprogramming of 2019 CDBG funds, from Existing Activity Number 731227, Minor Home Repair to Proposed Activity Number 731619, Remove Architectural Barriers.

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Commissioner Rozell to approve the reprogramming of Program Year 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) existing funds from Minor Home Repair, Activity Number #731227 in the amount \$6158.00 to Remove Architectural Barriers, Activity Number 731619 in the amount of \$6158.00.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Olsman (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 a letter subject to Attorney/Client Privilege.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Elder and seconded by Commissioner Rozell to enter into a Closed Session pursuant to MCL.15.268 immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss a letter subject to Attorney/Client Privilege

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Olsman (excused)

The Motion Carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Provided voter turnout for the November 2, 2021 Election noting with both in-person and absentee voter there were 1077 ballots cast.
- Received the resignation letter for retirement purposes from Library Director, Ann Hage. He will be working with City staff to set up the process for replacement.
- On December 6, 2021 the Planning Commission will be meeting at the Recreation Center for the Master Plan Update presentation.
- Recognized and welcomed the return home of Huntington Woods resident Danny Fenster.
- The Finance Department has hired Ethan Haan as the Deputy Finance Director starting November 29, 2021.
- The City will be looking at some changes in the employee health care policy to reduce the increase in City paid premiums.
- The re-appointments and allocations for the Boards and Commissions will be conducted in January 2022.
- The Minora Lighting is scheduled for Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Moved from the regular meeting into closed session at 7:59 p.m.

Returned from closed session to the regular meeting at 8:30 pm.

Moved by Commissioner Rozell and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Elder to establish a City Commission Meeting on November 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall for the purpose of conducting City Manager interviews.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: Olsman (excused)

The Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ayes: Paul, Elder, Jenks, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: Olsman (excused)

The Motion Carried, meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Heidi Barckholtz, City Clerk

Robert F. Paul, III, Mayor