

CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 19, 2021
7:30 p.m.
In Person Meeting – Gillham Recreation Center

Mayor Paul called the Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Paul, Mayor Pro Tem Olsman, Commissioner Elder,
Commissioner Rozell, Commissioner Jenks

ABSENT: None

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Commissioner Elder to
approve the October 19, 2021, agenda as presented.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Rozell, Elder, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Olsman and seconded by Commissioner
Elder to approve the October 19, 2021, Consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Elder, Rozell, Jenks

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL REMARKS

Charlie Cavell- Oakland County Commissioner

- In moving towards Criminal Justice reform, the County Commission recently created the Office of Indigent Defense Services.
- 2.4 million has been set aside in creating a new program to create water and sewer infrastructure opportunities. Encouraged the City to reach out to him for more information on how to capture a portion of these funds.
- The Healthy Aging Sub Committee of the County Commission will be coming out with a sixty-nine-page report with sixty-five recommendations on how to improve the quality of life for Oakland County seniors.
- The County will be looking at different ways to spend the ARP money received.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Paul read the proclamation by the City of Huntington Woods recognizing Detroit Zoo Director, Ron Kagan.

WHEREAS, Ron Kagan was raised in Boston, Massachusetts and educated at the University of Massachusetts, Amhurst where he studied Zoology, stopping one year short of his degree to go to Israel and fight in the 1973 Yom Kippur War, and

WHEREAS, upon his arrival, without having had the opportunity to finish his degree, Ron was tasked with taking care of the animals at the Tisch Family Zoological Garden, and

WHEREAS, after several months, Ron returned to Amhurst and completed his undergraduate degree in Zoology after which he returned to Israel and served 18 months on active duty and an additional eight years as a reservist, and

WHEREAS, Ron spent several years in Israel where he married and raised two children, finally returning to Dallas, Texas to become the curator of the Dallas Zoo, eventually making his way to take over the at the helm of the Detroit Zoo in 1992, and

WHEREAS, Ron has led the development of numerous exhibits including the Arctic Ring of Life, Ford Education Center, National Amphibian Conservation Center, Wildlife Interpretive Gallery, Cotton Family Wolf Wilderness, Mardigian River Otter Habitat, Polk Penguin Conservation Center, Holtzman Wildlife Foundation Red Panda Forest, Australian Outback Adventure, Ruth Roby Glancy Animal Health Complex, and Devereaux Tiger Forest and many other attractions, and

WHEREAS, under Ron's leadership, the Detroit Zoological Society established the Center for Zoo and Aquarium Animal Welfare and Ethics to advance exotic animal welfare science and policy, and

WHEREAS, after 28 years as the Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Detroit Zoological Society, Ron has announced his retirement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that Ron Kagan be recognized and hereby honored as a leader and visionary and that our entire region and environment will forever be changed by his commitment to the Detroit Zoo, one of southeast Michigan's most prized attractions, and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Huntington Woods City Commission, on behalf of all our residents, express our most sincere appreciation to Ron Kagan for all his hard work improving the Detroit Zoo and wish him and his family well in their future endeavors.

PROCLAIMED by resolution of the City Commission October 19, 2021

Mayor Paul read the proclamation by the City of Huntington Woods, recognizing the contributions of Gordon Glidden

WHEREAS, Gordon Glidden was born in New York and raised in Englewood, New Jersey. He graduated from Union College in Schenectady, New York in 1978 with a degree in Civil Engineering, and

WHEREAS, Gordon began his engineering career with Turner Construction in Columbus Ohio. He eventually transferred to their Detroit office in 1985. He settled in Huntington Woods and began his involvement with the community, and

WHEREAS, Gordon left the construction business and opened a successful home inspection service, Inland Lakes Home Inspection Services, Inc., and

WHEREAS, Gordon used his talent and expertise to further his commitment to our City by seeking and obtaining an appointment to the Planning Commission on which he served three terms, including several years as chairperson, and

WHEREAS, Gordon's passion for public service led him to further serve our City by obtaining an appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. He also served as both the Planning Commission Liaison and a regular ZBA member, and

WHEREAS, Gordon's efforts on our boards and committees including the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals were exemplary, and

WHEREAS, Gordon departed this life on October 6, 2021 following a prolonged illness, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that Gordon Glidden be recognized and honored as a distinguished citizen whose contributions to the City of Huntington Woods will forever be appreciated by residents, staff, and the City Commission alike, and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Huntington Woods City Commission, on behalf of all our residents, does express its most sincere appreciation for Gordon

Glidden's efforts and his commitment to the City and wish to extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

PROCLAIMED by resolution of the City Commission October 19, 2021.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Harold Stack – 10445 Vernon:

Noted several suggestions for the upcoming City of Huntington Woods Master Plan update along with concerns with the current plan.

Jessica Downey – 13160 Kingston

Noted she lives near Val Jones Park and has ongoing concerns with the noise pollution, language, littering, loitering, trespassing, and parking. She further noted frustration in the lack of response from the City in addressing these concerns.

RESOLUTION R -218-2021:

Matter of consideration to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Huntington Woods and Verigy.

Interim Manager Wollenweber noted in keeping with the request to solicit additional companies to look at the City's energy usage, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was put out on the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN). Two proposals were received, one from Verigy and the second being from Brewer-Garett out of Ohio. Using the scoring system included in the RFQ, he rated Brewer-Garett at 84 and Verigy at 92 on a scale of up to 100. Due to his familiarity with Verigy and their higher ranking, it is his recommendation to accept the Memorandum of Understanding with Verigy.

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman to acknowledge and to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Huntington Woods and Verigy.

Commissioner Comments:

Elder:

Expressed thanks to Interim Manager Wollenweber for posting this proposal on the MITN and requested that when implementing programming and projects, Verigy be pushed to continue promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in their business practices so to include minority, women, LGBTQ, veteran and disabled owned businesses.

Jenks:

Asked that the lower level of the Recreation Center be evaluated as well to be considered for future use.

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

The Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION R -219-2021:

Matter of consideration to approve the request for an AFG Grant Award for DPS equipment and budget amendment.

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Commissioner Rozell to approve the request for an AFG Grant Award for DPS equipment and budget amendment.

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

The Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION R -220-2021

Matter of consideration to enter into a purchase agreement with Signature Ford of Owosso, MI for the purchase of a 2021 Ford F150 Police Responder in the amount of \$55,687 utilizing the State of Michigan MIDEAL bid.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Rozell to enter into a purchase agreement with Signature Ford of Owosso, MI for the purchase of a 2021 Ford F150 Police Responder in the amount of \$55,687 utilizing the State of Michigan MIDEAL bid.

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

The Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION R -221-2021

Matter of consideration to approve the proposed fees for the Clerk, Building, and Public Safety, and the proposed Recreation fees be sent to the Recreation Advisory Board for review.

Prior to the motion being made, Commissioner Jenks asked that this agenda item be postponed until the next meeting because he is concerned that a cost comparative with other communities was not included in the packet and would like to see this prior to approving this proposal.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Rozell to approve the proposed fees for the Clerk, Building and Public Safety, and the proposed Recreation fees be sent to the Recreation Advisory Board for review.

Commissioner Comments:

Elder:

Noted she is comfortable approving the proposal once she was provided clarification from Finance Director Rowland that the process did use other municipality fee schedules to keep the City's schedule in line with the area. She trusts the work City staff and the consultants did in creating the proposed fees.

Rozell:

Sought clarification if the intent of the updated fee schedule was cost recovery and not profit driven nor the idea of charging more because other municipalities charge more.

Interim Wollenweber clarified that the City has to be able to demonstrate if challenged that the fees cover the cost of the City's involvement. Approval will allow the City to roll out online permitting streamlining City services.

Jenks:

Questioned if prices went up or down.

Finance Director Rowland clarified that some fees went up and some went down based on programming needs.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Elder, Rozell

Nays: Jenks

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION R -222-2021

Matter of consideration to set a public hearing on November 16, 2021 for the 2022 CDBG program year.

Moved by Commissioner Jenks and seconded by Commissioner Elder to set a public hearing on November 16, 2021 for the 2022 CDBG program year.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Jenks, Elder, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Paul noted the appointments are for the newly formed Anti-Racism Advisory Committee. The committee will start with five members but if needed, additional members can be appointed at the request of the committee to the Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Elder and seconded by Commissioner Rozell to appoint Katie Beaulieu, Daniel Sebastian Dena, Maria

Lalonde, Kian Essien and Betys Kellman to the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Comments:

Paul:

Noted that Brandon Mar recently graduated from Berkley High School and is attending Perdu University. Due the charter stating a member must live in the City to participate, Brandon is being asked to participate virtually while at school to provide his input and thoughts. He will not be a voting member.

Elder:

Noted that all the applicants were amazing and of quality and it was a difficult choice with only starting with five members. She encouraged the applicants not selected, to consider serving on other City boards and commissions.

Jenks:

Noted he hopes that the committee will request additional members given the quality of applicants willing to serve.

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Jenks, Elder, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Noted he forwarded the comments made by Harold Stack to the planning consultants in hopes of answering the questions and concerns Mr. Stack noted during public comments.
- Finance Director Rowland has posted the Deputy Finance Director position and will be conducting interviews once applications are received.
- He and Mayor Paul attended the Mayor Manager's meeting in Novi. While at the meeting were to speak directly to the director of DTE about meeting with the City Commission to discuss the issues the City and residents are experiencing.
- He and Commissioner Jenks attended the SEMCOG meeting at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House.
- Met with the City of Oak Park Manager, Erik Tungate, about sharing services, equipment and possibly staff.
- Sat through the CALEA process last week with the Public Safety and noted that we have strong leaders within the department is proud of their hard work.
- Thanked City staff for being so helpful while acting as interim manager.
- Huntington Woods has been named as one of the safest small cities in America again.

- Reminded residents to get out and vote on November 2, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ayes: Paul, Olsman, Elder, Rozell

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

Heidi Barckholtz, City Clerk

Robert F. Paul, III, Mayor