

CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 20, 2024
7:30 p.m.
CITY HALL

Mayor Paul called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Paul, Mayor Pro Tem Rozell, Commissioner Olsman, and Commissioner Steinhart

ABSENT: Commissioner Elder (excused)

City Staff Present: Finance Director Haan, Clerk Barckholtz, Zoning Administrator Berry and City Attorney Zalewski

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Olsman and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell to approve the February 20, 2024 agenda.

City Manager Wilson noted that the proclamation celebrating the Lunar New Year should be added to the agenda.

Moved by Commissioner Olsman and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of the proclamation celebrating the Lunar New Year.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Steinhart, Olsman

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Olsman to approve the February 20, 2024 Consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Steinhart, Olsman

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Oakland County Treasurer’s Office Foreclosure Prevention
2. Resignation of Natalie Baum from the Senior Advisory Committee

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Olsman to accept the resignation of Natalie Baum from the Senior Advisory Committee with thanks for time served.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Steinhart, Olsman

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Paul read into record the Proclamation declaring February Black History Month.

**A Proclamation
of the City of Huntington Woods
Declaring February 2024 Black History Month**

WHEREAS: During Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS: Black History Month grew out of the establishment, in 1926, of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS: since 1976, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme. The Black History Month 2024 theme is “The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity”.

WHEREAS: the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS: the City of Huntington Woods continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens—past, present, and future—are respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions to our community, the state, the country, and the world; and,

WHEREAS: the Huntington Woods Library hosted the “Black History Hall of Fame” Theater Performance, conducted a Library Scavenger Hunt of Prominent African American figures, promoted a book display in honor of Black History Month and will host “Harriet Tubman” presented by Carol Trembath in March of 2024.

Now, therefore, in recognition of African Americans – past and present – in our community I, Robert Paul, Mayor of the City of Huntington Woods, Michigan, do hereby proclaim February 2024 to be Black History Month.

Mayor Paul read into record the Proclamation celebrating Lunar New Year.

**A Proclamation
of the City of Huntington Woods
Celebrating Lunar New Year**

WHEREAS: Lunar New Year is a time of joy and renewal and is celebrated by many communities of Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tibetan, Mongolian, Singaporean, Malaysian and Filipino descent, and

WHEREAS: Traditions across the cultures that celebrate Lunar New Year vary, all are focused on celebrating and strengthening family and community bonds, and

WHEREAS: The Lunar New Year, also know as Spring Festival, is based on the Lunar calendar, which includes the Chinese zodiac, or Sheng Xiao, a repeating 12-year cycle of animal signs and their ascribed attributes, and

WHEREAS: Though the animal signs vary across cultures, the Lunar New Year marks the transition from one animal to the next, with February 9, 2024, marking the end of the Year of the Rabbit and February 10, 2024, starting the Year of the Dragon, and

WHEREAS: The dragon is the fifth of the twelve zodiac animal signs, and those born in the Year of the Dragon are often seen as courageous and intelligent, often displaying tenacity, enthusiasm, and confidence, and

WHEREAS: Approximately 100,000 Asian and Pacific Islander residents live, work and play across Oakland County and those who celebrate Lunar New Year are our beloved friends and family, our cherished neighbors and valued members of The City of Huntington Woods and Oakland County

Now, therefore, in recognition of all who celebrate I, Robert Paul, Mayor of the City of Huntington Woods, Michigan, do hereby proclaim and recognize February 10, 2024, to be the start of Lunar New Year and the Year of the Dragon.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL REMARKS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Harold Stack – 13108 Talbot.
Commented on the City’s Master Plan annual review.

RESOLUTION- 49-2024:

Matter of consideration to authorize the City Manager to issue a Request for Proposal for operations of the City Pool Café for the 2024 season.

Manager Wilson noted for the Commission that the Café operations at the City Pool have been suspended or limited since the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020. In preparation for the 2024 pool season the Parks and Recreation Department would like to return to full café operations for patrons of the pool. Due to staffing shortages, the City would like to pursue a third-party vendor for the operation of the Café. City administration and Parks and Recreation staff created an RFP for the operation of the Café for the 2024 season.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell and seconded by Commissioner Olsman, to authorize the City Manager to issue a Request for Proposal for operations of the City Pool Café for the 2024 season.

Commissioner Comments:

Rozell:

Noted item #5 should include “Veteran Owned.”

Olsman:

Noted the language should be changed under item #3 to state “payment or percentage of gross sales.”

Steinhart:

Sought clarification on whether the café would be open the same hours operation as the pool.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Steinhart, Olsman

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. - ____ : Matter of consideration of the Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend the City of Huntington Woods Code of Ordinances, Chapter 40, Zoning, Article 2, Section 2.2, Definitions, to Remove Certain Definitions; and Article 10, Site Design Standards, Section

10.11, Signs to Amend the Regulations Pertaining to Signs in their Entirety; and to Provide Penalties for Violations thereof. (Second Reading)

Moved by Commissioner Olsman and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell to approve the adoption of an Ordinance to Amend the City of Huntington Woods Code of Ordinances, Chapter 40, Zoning, Article 2, Section 2.2, Definitions, to Remove Certain Definitions; and Article 10, Site Design Standards, Section 10.11, Signs to Amend the Regulations Pertaining to Signs in their Entirety; and to Provide Penalties for Violations thereof.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Olsman, Steinhart

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. - : Matter of consideration of the Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 40, Zoning, Article 6, General Provisions, Section 40-6.03, Accessory Building, Structures and uses, to Provide the Maximum Square Footage of Accessory Buildings in Residential Zoning Districts; and to Provide Penalties for Violations Thereof. (Second Reading)

Moved by Commissioner Steinhart and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rozell to approve the adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 40, Zoning, Article 6, General Provisions, Section 40-6.03, Accessory Building, Structures and uses, to Provide the Maximum Square Footage of Accessory Buildings in Residential Zoning Districts; and to Provide Penalties for Violations Thereof.

Public Comments:

Harold Stack – 13108 Talbot:

Questioned if there is any compensation provision for loss of permeable surfaces.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Steinhart, Olsman

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Paul recommended as the Mayoral Appointment to appoint Brandon Weinbaum to the Planning Commission for a three-year term.

Moved by Commissioner Olsman and seconded by Commissioner Steinhart to appoint Brandon Weinbaum to the Planning Commission for a three-year term.

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Steinhart, Olsman

Nays: None
Absent: Elder
The Motion Carried.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

- Work continues with MKSK and the Capital Improvement plans for City Parks.
- Thanked City staff for their work preparing for the February 27, 2024 Presidential Primary.
- City Hall will be open late until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday February 22, 2024 for election business.
- City Hall will be open Saturday, February 24th, 2024 from 8:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for election business.
- Early voting started February 17th, 2024 and runs through Sunday, February 25th, 2024.
- Jeff Makeen has resigned from SOCRRA/SOCWA. The board has hired Eric Griffeth.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ayes: Paul, Rozell, Steinhart, Olsman

Nays: None

Absent: Elder

The Motion Carried, meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Heidi Barckholtz, City Clerk