

CITY OF HIGHWOOD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order by Mayor Pecaro at 6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Pecaro, Aldermen: Grice, Falberg, Fiore, Peterson, Slavin

Absent: Alderman Feddermann

Also Present: City Manager Coren, City Attorney Jablecki, Assistant to City Manager Marquez, Deputy City Clerk Baruffi, Residential Zoning Official Tombari, Intern D. Thompson

2. Public Hearing - None

3. Review of Minutes to be Approved

3.1. City Council: January 03, 2017

3.2. Committee of the Whole: January 03, 2017

Both of the minutes will be approved at the Regular City Council Meeting.

4. Appointments (Mayor Pecaro)

Mayor Pecaro is seeking an individual to serve on the Board of Police and Fire

5. Review of Bill Warrant List

5.1. 01/17/2017 AP Warrant List

It is noted that Molly Keane is being paid on a part-time basis for projects which she has expertise.

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

7.1. A Presentation by BKD, LLP on the Audit of the City's Finances for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2016.

John Cutrera, the auditor, reviewed the audit report. The audit will be posted on the City of Highwood website.

7.2. Consideration of An ordinance adding 4-1-7: L 'Class L License: Beer & Wine Production and Sampling License.'

The ordinance includes growler sales for the beer.

7.3. Consideration of An ordinance eliminating the existing Title 8 'Public Ways and Property' Chapter 3 'Pay Telephones Near or On Public Ways' of the Highwood City Code and replacing it with 'Sidewalk Snow Removal.'

The removal of snow would be a 4' wide path or the size of the sidewalk area, not just a small pathway. Discussion ensued. It was suggested to have a list of Highwood licensed landscapers whom also plow.

7.4. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending 3-2A-1: Fees Established to Increase the Fee for a Residential Inspection to More Accurately Reflect the Cost of the Program to the City of Highwood.

This ordinance will be passed at the Regular Council Meeting this evening.

7.5. A Discussion on the Residential Rental Report.

Residential Zoning Official Tombari reviewed the table of contents of City of Highwood Inventory Report. He will return at a later date to review the inventory.

7.6. A Review and Discussion on the Draft Downtown Zoning Update.

City Manager Coren stated there will be a Strategic Planning Meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 6:00 P.M.

Discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of not only working with the library to build out their site, but also to build an 8 story Texas wrap building here where City Hall is currently located. The first floor would be utilized for shopping area, and parking on each floor, with 180 parking spots. As per the developers, it would not be possible for upper story setbacks. The Aldermen as a whole were not in favor of the building with no setbacks, and being a Texas wrap.

8. Executive Session (If Necessary)

9. Adjournment Moved by Alderman Fiore, seconded by Alderman Slavin to adjourn the meeting. All present voting aye, by voice Vote, Motion carried. Mayor Pecaro adjourned the meeting at 8:56 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Karin J. Baruffi
Deputy City Clerk

Reviewed and Approved by Council on: