

CITY OF HIGHWOOD  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
**Tuesday May 07 , 2019 at 6:00 P.M.**

**1. Roll Call**

Present: Aldermen Falberg, Hospodarsky, Fiore, Peterson, Slavin Alderman Levi arrived at 6:15 P.M.

Moved by Alderman Hospodarsky, seconded by Alderman Falberg, to appoint Alderman Peterson Mayor Pro-Tem. All present voting aye, by voice vote, motion passed.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro-Tem Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:14 P.M.

**2. Public Hearing - None**

**3. Review of Minutes to be Approved**

3.1. City Council: April 16, 2019

3.2. Committee of the Whole: April 16, 2019

Both sets of minutes will be approved at the Regular City Council Meeting this evening, with spelling corrections made to the Committee of the Whole.

**4. Appointments (Mayor Pecaro)**

4.1. Lucy Hospodarsky - Re-Appointment - Library Board

4.2. Bertha Chavez - Re-Appointment - Library Board

4.3. Barbara Cizek - Re-Appointment - Library Board

4.4. Janell Cleland - Appointment - Library Board

All four will be appointed at the Regular City Council Meeting this evening. However Alderman Hospodarsky will abstain for 4.1.

**5. Review of Bill Warrant List**

5.1. 05/07/2019 AP Warrant List

The warrant list will be approved at this evening's Regular City Council meeting.

**6. Unfinished Business - None**

**7. New Business**

7.1 A Display of Recognition for Joe Davis, Kathy Scopelliti and Aaron Peaslee for Their Years of Service on the Appearance Review Committee.

City Manager Coren will forward the write ups to each of the persons whom have resigned from the Appearance Review Committee.

There are currently 3 members in the Appearance Review Committee, therefore, 2 in attendance are required for a quorum.

7.2 Consideration of an Ordinance Approving an ARC Application for an Existing Pole Sign and a Variation from the Appearance code for the Re-Opened "Lucky Fish" Restaurant Located at 514 Sheridan Road.

Joe Passini stated he was representing Gary Geffin, while David Salzman presented the information regarding the proposed sign. The Council requested additional information regarding the signage of dimensions, materials, and the pole to be updated.

7.3 Consideration of a Resolution Approving an ARC Application for Outdoor Seating Area/Beergarden as Part of the "28 Mile North Vodka Company" Located at 500 Sheridan Road.

Mayor Pecaro arrived at 6:30 P.M.

Alderman Falberg left the room at 6:33 P.M.

It was noted the demolition temporary fencing is nice looking.

The Resolution will be approved at the Regular City Meeting this evening.

7.4 Consideration of an Ordinance Regarding Zoning Variations for 500 Sheridan Road - Parking Variance.

There is an additional \$6500.00 parking shortfall monies, which puts the parking shortfall fee for this property over \$10,000.00

Alderman Falberg returned to the room at 6:38 P.M.

7.5 Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Acquisition of Property at 1221 County Line Road, in Accordance with the Amended and Restated Articles of Agreement for Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association and the Purchase and Sale Contract Between NSSRA and Lakeside Congregation for Reformed Judaism.

The cities cost will be increased 5-10 thousand more per year.

7.6 A Discussion on a Proposal from Hydra Electric Tattoo to Extend the Licensing Agreement for the Train Station.

Sandy Pope is purchasing the business from the current owner, Joel Morgan, and would like to stay in the train station for a 2 year lease. She will provide the cleaning of the station, have regular business hours, and make improvements. The rent will increase from \$200.00 to \$500.00 per month, with no rebate.

7.7 A Discussion on the March 2019 Treasurer's Report.

Alderman Falberg left the room at 6:53 P.M. returning 6:55 P.M.

Treasurer Jalonek presented the March 2019 Treasurer's Report.

7.8 Consideration of a Motion Accepting the Offer of Engagement from BKD, LLP to Provide Auditing Services to the City of Highwood for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2019 in an Amount not to Exceed \$39,250.

This motion will be tabled tonight.

Discussion ensued regarding marijuana licensing fees. Attorney Ferolo will forward to Council the new legislation.

7.9 Consideration of an Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Groundwater as a Potable Water Supply by the Installation or Use of Potable Water Supply Wells or by any Other Method at Within a Certain Area Designated in the City of Highwood.

This is an updated ordinance, reflecting a citywide restriction of no wells.

7.10 Consideration of a Motion Directing the City Manager to Execute a First Amendment to the Wireless Communications Lease Between the City of Highwood and Motorola Solutions, Inc.

This would be contingent on all police radios being programmed for service.

7.11 Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Section 3-10-2 of the Highwood City Code to Provide for an Increase in the Vehicle Fuel Tax from \$.05 to \$.07 per Gallon.

Discussion ensued. Will look at in 3 months.

Discussion ensued regarding street repairs with the possibility of adding Everts, Mears and Morgan for grind and overlay.

7.12 A Discussion on Mobile Food Vendors in the City of Highwood.

When there is a special event permit, for instance with Celebrate Highwood, they pay the city \$500.00 which covers mobile food vendors. However, there have been portable grills set up with businesses having special events, but no monies to the city. This would be a \$300.00 per permit charge, which needs to be enforced. The mobile food vending ordinance will be discussed further at the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

7.13 A Discussion on the 2020 Draft Budget.

City Manager Coren gave an overview of the 2020 draft budget. There should be \$120,000.00 for streets, and street banners will cost \$25,000.00.

7.14 A Presentation of the City of Highwood's Home Page.

Assistant City Manager Martin explained that Civic Plus is migrating to a new web platform. The City will be able to utilize the calendar feature in the future.

**8. Executive Session (If Necessary)**

**9. Any Action Necessary Coming Out of Executive Session**

**10. Adjournment** Moved by Alderman Fiore, seconded by Alderman Levi to adjourn the meeting. All present voting aye, by voice vote, motion carried. Mayor Pecaro adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karin J. Baruffi,  
City Clerk

Reviewed and Approved by Council on: \_\_\_\_\_