

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HIGHLAND PARK, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD ON MONDAY,
JUNE 22, 2009

At 7:42 p.m., Mayor Belsky called the meeting to order and upon roll call the following members were:

Present: Mayor Belsky, Councilmen Levenfeld, Kirsch and Mandel and
Councilwoman Olian

Absent: Councilmen Rotering and Silberman

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

Staff Present: David Limardi, Shirley Fitzgerald, Mary Anderson, Elizabeth Holleb, Paul
Shafer, Michael Blue, Alan Wax, Will Jones, David Mitchell and Emily
Palm

Also Present: Corporation Counsel Steve Elrod and Hart Passman

The following items are listed in the order called.

RECOGNITIONS

On behalf of the members of the City Council, Mayor Belsky presented an inscribed clock to Firefighter, Thomas Wicker, on the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of dedicated service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of the City Council – June 8, 2009

Councilwoman Olian moved approval of minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council held on June 8, 2009.

Councilman Mandel seconded the motion.

Upon roll call: Yeas: Mayor Belsky, Councilmen Levenfeld, Kirsch and Mandel and
Councilwoman Olian

Nays: None

The Mayor declared that the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT LIST

Staff answered Councilman Levenfeld's questions regarding Warrants Nos. 213115 – SB Friedman and Company for \$15,000 and 212981 – Seyfarth Shaw, LLP for \$27,479.92.

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Councilman Levenfeld moved that the City Council approve warrants for May 29, 2009 to June 11, 2009 and payroll for May 18, 2009 to May 31, 2009 in the amount of \$1,299,786.53 and wire transfers in the amount of \$736,989.23 for a total disbursement of \$2,036,775.76.

Councilman Kirsch seconded the motion.

Upon roll call: Yeas: Mayor Belsky, Councilmen Levenfeld*, Kirsch, and Mandel and
Councilwoman Olian

Nays: None

The Mayor declared that the motion carried.

* Councilman Levenfeld asked that the minutes reflect that he voted “Nay” on Warrant No. 212981. The minutes reflect that Councilman Levenfeld voted “aye” on the Warrant List and voted “Nay” on Warrant No. 212981 - Seyfarth Shaw, LLP in the amount of \$27,479.92.

REPORT OF MAYOR

A. Appointments

Councilman Mandel moved that the Council advise and consent to the following appointments made by the Mayor:

Environmental Commission

Appoint Kailei Trykowski, as Student Representative

Term

06/22/09 – 12/31/10

Historic Preservation Commission

Appoint Jean Berman Sogin, to Vice-Chair

06/22/09 – 12/31/10

Appoint Judy Bramson

FAV 01/01/08 – 12/31/11

Housing Commission

Appoint Ken S. Barber

06/22/09 – 12/31/11

Plan Commission

Appoint Phil Kaplan

FAV 01/01/09 – 12/31/12

Councilwoman Olian seconded the motion.

Upon roll call: Yeas: Mayor Belsky, Councilmen Levenfeld, Kirsch and Mandel, and
Councilwoman Olian

Nays: None

The Mayor declared that the motion carried.

B. Proclamations:

1) In Recognition of the Service of Ralph Volpe, Executive Director of the Park District of Highland Park, on the Occasion of his Retirement

Mayor Belsky read the Mayor Proclamation honoring Ralph Volpe and recognizing him for his 30 years of service in the field of Parks and Recreation and for his leadership, countless contributions and dedication to the residents of Highland Park and to the Park District of Highland Park since 1977, and presented former Executive Director Volpe with the Mayoral Proclamation. Each of the City Council and the City Manager congratulated and thanked Ralph Volpe for his many accomplishments and years of service to the resident of Highland Park, and extended best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

2) In Recognition of the Service of Maureen Hager, Superintendent of North Shore School District 112, on the Occasion of her Retirement

Mayor Belsky read the Mayor Proclamation honoring Maureen Hager and recognizing her for her years of service as the Superintendent of North Shore School District 112 from July 1, 2002 to July 1, 2009 and for her exemplary contributions to the citizens of Highland Park as a result of her educational and community leadership, and presented Maureen Hager with the Mayoral Proclamation on the occasion of her retirement. Each of the City Council and the City Manager congratulated and thanked Maureen Hager for her dedication in placing the needs of children first in all decision-making and for her outstanding leadership in preparing Highland Park's children to meet the challenges of society, and wished her well in her future endeavors.

C. Other Business:

1) Highland Park Central Business District Public/Private Economic Alliance One Year Update and Status Report

Sarah Wiebenson, Executive Director of the Highland Park Central Business District Public/Private Economic Alliance, gave a PowerPoint slide presentation overview of the Alliance's first year outreach, branding, economic stimulus and business attraction accomplishments, including: (i) winning the Best New Community Program in Illinois in 2008, (ii) developing a Downtown Highland Park logo, summer events bookmark and summer events ad/poster/flyer, (iii) establishing an interactive website with merchant directory, special events/offers, blog and parking directions, (iv) launching a 12-month marketing/advertising campaign, (v) producing 3 summer 2009 cable ads on Highland Park's business variety, parking accessibility and cultural arts, (vi) holding outreach meetings with property owners, (vii) sending email updates twice per month to property owners, merchants and registered website users, (viii) marketing holiday activities (i.e. Gingerbread House, Holiday Helper Elf/Trolley) and promotional gift baskets, savings passes, and downtown dollars, (ix) establishing a Broker Advisory Task Force and attraction packet, and (x) conducting scouting tours. Director Wiebenson also highlighted upcoming events (FourthFest/Sidewalk Sale - July, Taste of Highland Park - August, Fashion Week – September, Holiday – November/December), promotions (Ravinia Partnership – summer 2009), marketing (western gateway pole banners, Service Business Referral Guide), and Year Two goals, and gave a brief FY2008 financial overview and FY2009 year to date expenditure report. The City Council thanked the Alliance for the

report and commended their efforts to date. Mayor Belsky asked that the Alliance contact the Botanic Gardens regarding creating a destination with collaborating cultural organizations, such as Ravinia Festival, Writers Theater, Botanic Gardens and Kohl's Children's Museum.

Mayor Belsky updated the City Council regarding the recent Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) meeting, efforts to address flooding issues at the local/regional levels, and projects for SMC consideration.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Joel Friedman, 1931 Old Briar, asked the City Council to reconsider the threshold for a benefited property to connect to the storm sewer as the installation of additional impervious surface equaling at least 5% of the lot area and to adopt the current standard of 250 square feet of new impervious area threshold for a benefited property to connect to the storm sewer on Old Briar Road. Following discussion, the sense of the Council was to schedule consideration to rescind the June 8, 2009 motion to adopt Resolution R65-09 authorizing a recapture agreement between the City of Highland Park and Joel M. Friedman and Iris H. Friedman (Old Briar Road) on the July 13, 2009 City Council agenda.
2. Charlene Reinganum, 530 Audubon, addressed the City Council regarding the unresolved issue of the Lake County Forest Preserve and Fort Sheridan golf course, and asked that an open process be initiated to consider long range concerns and the best use of the property. She was advised that the Lake County Forest Preserve is in the process of scheduling a forum for that discussion.
3. Megan Teplitsky, 1475 Sunset Road, spoke about preserving the rare environment at Fort Sheridan and of a greater recreational use than a golf course.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

A. Items for Omnibus Vote Consideration

The Council unanimously consented to take a single vote by yeas and nays on several items grouped together for voting purposes under the designation "omnibus vote".

Councilman Mandel moved approval of Items 4 through 8

Councilman Kirsch seconded the motion.

Upon roll call: Yeas: Mayor Belsky, Councilmen Levenfeld, Kirsch, Mandel and
Councilwoman Olian

Nays: None

The Mayor declared that the motion carried.

Councilwoman Olian supported Item #6, but asked for information regarding the cost effectiveness of doing the project at this time.

Administration

3. This item is intentionally left blank

4. Adoption of an Ordinance Amending the City of Highland Park Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2009 and Ending December 31, 2009 to Include the Revenues and Expenditures Related to the Healthy Highland Park Task Force “Losers Win Challenge”

Adoption of an Ordinance (No. 37-09) entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009," to include the revenue and expenditures related to the Healthy Highland Park Task Force “Losers Win Challenge”.

Omnibus Vote

Finance

5. Adoption of an Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements and Approving the Execution of the Following Agreement with AT & T for the Period January 17, 2009 to January 16, 2012 in an Estimated Annual Amount of \$37,082: a) Master Agreement, b) ILEC Network Service Discount Pricing Schedule Agreement, and c) ISDN Prime Service and DS1 Service Agreement

Adoption of an Ordinance (No. 38-09) entitled "AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY'S PURCHASING MANUAL AND APPROVING A MASTER AGREEMENT, AN ILEC NETWORK SERVICE DISCOUNT PRICING SCHEDULE AGREEMENT, AND AN ISDN PRIME SERVICE AND DS1 SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK AND AT&T."

Omnibus Vote

Public Works

6. Adoption of a Resolution to Reject All Bids Received on June 11, 2009 for the Route 41 Pedestrian Overpass Rehabilitation Project

Adoption of a Resolution (No. R66-09) entitled "A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE 2009 PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS REHABILITATION."

Omnibus Vote

7. Adoption of an Ordinance Concerning Enforcement of the State of Illinois Prevailing Rate of Wages for All Workers on Public Works Project

Adoption of an Ordinance (No. 39-09) entitled "AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THE

PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES IN THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN JUNE 23, 2009 AND JUNE 22, 2010.””

Omnibus Vote

Community Development

8. Adoption of an Ordinance Granting a Permit for the Modification, Removal and Construction of Beach Structures and Related Regulated Activities Proposed in the Lake Michigan Protection Zone at 55 S. Deere Park Drive, as Recommended by the Lakefront Commission

Adoption of an Ordinance (No. 40-09) entitled "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A PERMIT FOR REGULATED ACTIVITIES IN THE LAKE MICHIGAN PROTECTION ZONE (55 S. Deere Park Drive)" to: (i) remove an existing concrete pier and timber crib remains, (ii) construct a cured stone groin with built-in steps, (iii) reconstruct the existing limestone revetment, (iv) deposit sand fill, and (v) install a dune grass system on the property.

Omnibus Vote

Administration

1. Approval of the Use of Buhai Plaza in Port Clinton Square and Adoption of an Ordinance Granting of Exceptions to the Special Events Ordinance on Saturdays from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. between June 27 and October 31, 2009 for the Highland Park Green Market

Ed Kugler, co-organizer of the Highland Park Green Market, explained the earth-friendly, green products and organic/natural foods that will be featured at the Green Market, and the involvement of many local Central Business District retailers who provide products and services of a sustainable nature.

Councilman Mandel moved approval of the use of Buhai Plaza and the West Downtown Train Station Parking Lot for the 2009 Highland Park Green Market to be held on Saturdays from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from July 11 through October 31, 2009; and adoption of an Ordinance (No. 41-09) entitled "AN ORDINANCE WAIVING ENFORCEMENT OF SECTIONS 118.605(A)(14), 118.615(C), AND 126.025 OF "THE HIGHLAND PARK CODE OF 1968," AS AMENDED, FOR THE HIGHLAND PARK GREEN MARKET," as revised, to reduce the vendor fee by 50% for participating farmers and not-for-profit organizations only, forgo the \$10,000 surety bond, and authorize operation of the Green Market for a period longer than ten days.

Councilwoman Olian seconded the motion.

Upon roll call: Yeas: Mayor Belsky, Councilmen Levenfeld, Kirsch, Mandel, and Councilwoman Olian

Nays: None

The Mayor declared that the motion carried.

2. Approval of a Request by the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce to Utilize Public Sidewalks in the Central Business District, Buhai Plaza in Port Clinton Square, and Seven (7) on-Street Spaces on Central Avenue, St. Johns Avenue and Second Street for the Annual Sidewalk Sale from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on July 23-26, 2009

Ginny Glasner, Executive Director of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, invited the community to shop the Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sale from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on July 23, 24, 25 and 26, 2009 for bargains galore and to enjoy the entertainment, food, music, raffles, kids' corner, and the Health Expo. She announced that this year's Sidewalk Sale would include a Highland Park's Got Talent Contest, where contestants will have the opportunity to "show off" their talent to the audience and judges, including celebrity judge Melissa Forman, radio personality WLIT 93.9 The Lite, beginning daily at 11:00 am; with the Grand Finale on Saturday July 25 -- pre-registration is required for ages 5 and up. Also new for this year will be a Teen Dance Party co-hosted by Late Nite HP.

Councilman Mandel moved approval of the Special Event Application, including the use of the public sidewalks in the Central Business District, the Robert M. Buhai Plaza, and seven (7) parking spaces on Central Avenue and Second Street, for the Chamber of Commerce Annual Sidewalk Sale from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on July 23-26, 2009.

Councilwoman Olian seconded the motion.

Upon roll call: Yeas: Mayor Belsky, Councilmen Levenfeld, Kirsch, Mandel and
Councilwoman Olian

Nays: None

The Mayor declared that the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Finance

9. Acceptance of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

Finance Director Holleb gave a brief PowerPoint slide presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008. Following discussion, Councilman Kirsch moved that the City Council accept and acknowledge the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal period ended December 31, 2008 and direct that it be placed on file.

Councilwoman Olian seconded the motion.

Upon roll call: Yeas: Mayor Belsky, Councilmen Levenfeld, Kirsch, Mandel and
Councilwoman Olian

Nays: None

The Mayor declared that the motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilwoman Olian addressed police enforcement of traffic regulations in the Central Business District (CBD) and the monthly Police Traffic Unit reports which show significant violation of stop signs and illegal turns. She asked for the community's cooperation to ensure safety in the downtown, and reminded the community that there is plenty of parking available in the CBD and that safety must be the first priority.

OTHER BUSINESS FROM CITY STAFF

City Manager Limardi invited everyone to attend the 4th of July festivities, beginning with the Children's Bike & Pet Parade at 9:45 am, Independence Day Parade at 10:00 am, and Fourth Fest in Sunset Woods Park at 11:00 am; and asked spectators to: (i) refrain from sitting or moving past the marked parking stalls into the street during the parade, (ii) refrain from saving space along the parade route until after 7 am, (iii) make sure someone is present in the saved space at all times, and (iv) refrain from using illegal fireworks.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, and upon a motion by Councilman Mandel, seconded by Councilwoman Olian, and passed by acclamation, the City Council adjourned its meeting at 9:34 pm.

City Clerk