

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS**

MEETING DATE: Monday, February 8, 2010
MEETING LOCATION: Pre-Session Conference Room, City Hall
1707 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois

CALL TO ORDER

At 4:55 p.m., Mayor Belsky called the meeting to order and asked the City Clerk to call the roll:

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

Mayor Belsky declared that a quorum was present.

Staff Present: David Limardi, Shirley Fitzgerald, Patrick Brennan, Mary Anderson, Elizabeth Holleb, Michael Blue, Pat Tanner, Dave Schwarz, Will Jones and Emily Palm

Also Present: Corporation Counsel Steve Elrod and Hart Passman

The following items are listed in the order called.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of the Committee of the Whole – January 25, 2010

Councilman Olian moved approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole held on January 25, 2010, as presented as of February 8, 2010. Councilman Rotering seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote:

Voting Yea: Mayor Belsky, Councilmen Rotering, Levenfeld, Kirsch, Mandel, Silberman* and Councilwoman Olian

Voting Nay: None

The Mayor declared that the motion passed.

* The vote of Councilman Silberman, who voted “present” was tallied in accordance with applicable law.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Levenfeld moved that the Committee close its meeting to the public pursuant to Section 2(c) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2(c)) for the purpose of

discussing potential litigation, personnel matters and closed session meeting minutes. Councilwoman Olian seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote:

Voting Yea: Mayor Belsky, Councilmen Rotering, Levenfeld, Kirsch, Mandel, Silberman and Councilwoman Olian

Voting Nay: None

The Mayor declared that the motion passed.

At 4:58 p.m., the Committee recessed the public portion of the meeting to meet in closed session.

At 6:11 p.m., Presiding Officer Kirsch reconvened the open session of the Committee of the Whole and asked the City Clerk to call the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Councilmen Rotering, Levenfeld, Kirsch, Mandel, Silberman and Councilwoman Olian

Members Absent: Mayor Belsky

Presiding Officer Kirsch declared that a quorum was present.

Staff Present: David Limardi, Shirley Fitzgerald, Mary Anderson, Elizabeth Holleb, Michael Blue, Pat Tanner, Patrick Brennan, Dave Schwarz, Don Jensen, Will Jones and Emily Palm

Also Present: Corporation Counsel Steve Elrod

Len Rago, Principal - Water Treatment Plant Upgrade from Camp Dresser and McKee (CDM), and Mark White, CDM Engineer

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

1. Proposed Amendments to Zoning Code Article XII Variations

Director of Community Development Blue reviewed the points of consensus for the proposed Article XII – Variation amendments, as modified from the January 25, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting, and answered the Committee's questions.

Following discussion, the sense of the Committee was to: (i) consider establishing Special Zoning Permits, pending approval of the defined standards, to consider relief requests for items that may not relate to a zoning hardship (garage door widths, driveway approaches, open porches, and basketball backboards), and (ii) schedule continued discussion of the remaining amendments to Article XII - Variations at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

2. Discussion Concerning the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade 30% Design Report from Camp Dresser & McKee (CDM)

City Manager Limardi gave a brief summation of the Water Plant Improvements Project plan, the proposed value engineering modifications to control costs, and the revised 30% design to reflect the value engineering recommendations. He and Mr. Rago of Camp Dresser & McKee answered the Council's questions regarding the City's current cost and use of electricity, use of diesel versus natural gas, replacing the transformer on St. Johns Avenue, green design elements, clearwells, the raw intake component, the cost of doing some improvements now versus later, use of solar/geothermal/wind energy, and future energy costs.

At 6:58 p.m., Mayor Belsky joined the Committee meeting in progress.

Following discussion, the sense of the majority of the Committee was to: (i) add the original clearwell design concept back into the project plan, (ii) request that Camp Dresser & McKee pick out the green elements with the most significant impact at the least cost, and consider wind turbines, photo cells and geothermal options for cost analysis, report and recommendation to the Committee, and (iii) schedule continued discussion of this matter at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

3. Discussion Concerning City Council Operational Protocols and Procedures

This item was tabled to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

OTHER MATTERS

The Mayor announced that there were no other matters to be discussed at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Belsky entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Levenfeld moved to adjourn. Councilman Rotering seconded the motion.

On a voice vote, the Mayor declared that the motion passed unanimously.

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON February 22, 2010

- WITH NO CORRECTIONS X
- WITH CORRECTIONS _____
(SEE MINUTES OF [date] MEETING FOR CORRECTIONS)