

CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 23, 2019  
5:30 p.m.  
Huntington Woods City Hall

Mayor Paul called the Meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Paul, Mayor Pro Tem Jenks, Commissioner Elder, and  
Commissioner Rozell

ABSENT: Commissioner Olsman (excused)

Budget Study Session

Finance Director Rowland presented highlights of the 2019/2020 proposed Budget. City Manager Sullivan updated the City Commission on the Long Range Budget & Planning Committee progress. The Commission asked questions about the Power Point Presentation.

Commissioner Rozell expressed concern with MERS assumption changes and suggested the City come up with plan to keep the system at least 60% funded to avoid underfunded status as determined by the State of Michigan.

Mayor Pro Tem Jenks asked that a wish list be created to take advantage of possible donation opportunities.

Mayor Pro Tem Jenks asked if adding more solar panels to the Gillham Recreation Center roof would reduce the energy bill. There was a discussion on how long the return on investment would be.

The City Commission discussed the sidewalk snow clearing program. Department of Public Works Director Rocco Fortura reviewed costs to hire an outside contractor perform the work, and costs to do the work on DPW employee overtime. The City Commission discussed a communication campaign to inform residents they are responsible for sidewalk clearing in a reasonable period of time. The Commission decided to try the communication effort, but questioned how to address homeowners who are out of town. The City Commission also discussed how to find a contractor to offer residents assistance.

Commissioner Elder said she feels the City should be able to guarantee a spot for every interested family in Latchkey and the Fruit Camps because we are a full-service City but there are limitations because of space requirements. Commissioner Rozell asked what private waste haulers charge for rubbish pick-up compared to our household cost. It may be useful information if the City decides a Headlee override is needed for the sanitation millage. The Communication Committee could put together information on water rates to explain how they are set to inform residents annually.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

The Special Meeting of the City Commission adjourned at 7:23 pm.

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Amy Sullivan, City Manager