

CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS
STUDY SESSION OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 13, 2017
6:30 pm, City Hall

Mayor Paul called the Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Paul, Mayor Pro Tem Olsman, Commissioner Iversen, Commissioner Jenks and Commissioner Rozell, City Manager Sullivan, Clerk/Treasurer Solanskey

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: David Sloan, Steven Fairman

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

SEWER CLEANING AND TELEVISIONING PROGRAM UPDATE

City Manager Sullivan reported AllState Power Vac is proceeding through the City cleaning and televising the lines. City Engineers will review the results this fall which will take 60 to 90 days. After the results are available the City Commission will talk about a game plan moving forward.

REVIEW OF POWER OUTAGE EVENT RESPONSE

City Manager Sullivan reported since the power outage of March, 2017 the Advisory Communication Committee and the Advisory Emergency Response Task Force have convened. No quorum was present for the Advisory Communication Committee. The members of the Advisory Emergency Response Task Force Committee discussed recruiting volunteers to check on senior citizens in the event of another outage and what may be needed at the Gillham Recreation Center in terms of manpower and a generator to use the facility if needed. The City Commission discussed encouraging seniors to enroll in KindCall, compiling a list of seniors who may use medical equipment requiring electricity and how to disseminate information during a power outage or other emergency. The City Commission discussed the possible need for a generator at the Gillham Recreation Center.

UPDATE ON ZONING ORDINANCE PROPOSED REVISIONS

City Manager Sullivan reported the City sent letters to residents picked at random in four sections of the community as well as Builders and Designers who frequently work in the City hoping to form five focus groups to discuss proposed modifications of the Zoning Ordinance. The response was disappointing. The focus group with the Builders and Designers is meeting on June 14, 2017 but the City only received five responses from residents invited to attend the resident focus groups.

The City Commission asked the City Manager to try again doing another random draw of residents to see if the focus groups could be formed.

DISCUSSION OF SENIOR HOUSING OPTIONS REPORT

City Manager Sullivan said this was on the agenda to give the City Commission an opportunity to discuss in-depth how they would like to proceed with the recommendations from the Housing Options for an Aging Population report done by the Senior Advisory Committee. The report suggested (1) initially the City may

want to educate residents and builders about Universal Design components to incorporate into new and retrofit existing homes and (2) refine what new housing options in strategic locations in the City would look like and continue to gather community input.

The City Commission briefly discussed the alternative housing options suggested in the report. Discussion will continue at the City Commission meeting of June 20, 2017 in particular the possible forming of a subcommittee made up of members of the Senior Advisory Committee, Planning Commission and the City Commission to explore whether and/or how to move forward.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Olsman and supported by Commissioner Rozell to recess to closed session immediately following this Regular City Commission Meeting to discuss the City of Huntington Woods and the City of Pleasant Ridge vs. City of Oak Park and the 45th District Court, a Division of State of Michigan, jointly and severally.

The Mayor called a roll call vote, the City Commission voted thereon as follows:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Olsman, Commissioner Jenks,
Commissioner Rozell, Commissioner Iversen and Mayor Paul

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Mayor thereupon declared said Resolution adopted.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:00 pm.

The Closed Session adjourned at 8:30 pm with no action taken.

Joy Solanskey, City Clerk