

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING
AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
HELD: FEBRUARY 14, 2023
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Brunello; Council Representatives D'Amico, DeLisio, DiLalla, Ganser, Goff, Hargate, Milroy; Clerk of Council Donatelli; Fire Chief Turner; Police Chief Matejcic; Finance Director Filippo; City Engineer Mader; Law Director Lograsso; Building Commissioner Grabfelder.

AGENDA

Jim Duber – Police/Fire Bid Award
Miscellaneous Items

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The reading of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 24, 2023, was dispensed with. Mr. Milroy moved to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. DeLisio. Ayes all; motion carried.

Jim Duber – Police/Fire Bid Award: Jim Duber from Envelope Consulting Service informed Council that bids were received for the HVAC/Interior Police and Fire Station Project. These bids were remarkably low. Mr. Duber recommended PCS & Build be awarded the project for a cost of approximately 1.65 million dollars. Mr. Duber informed Council that the interior portion of the project pertains to the ceilings that need to be taken out due to duct work being done above the ceiling and then new lighting and some restoration to dormitories.

Mr. Milroy asked where the savings came from; in that, how the estimate was so much higher than the bids received. Mr. Duber responded that this project did not receive the same inflation as other projects.

Mayor Brunello asked for a timeline of events. Mr. Duber responded that construction will begin in May and be done by October 27. There will be seven phases of construction to allow for occupancy in different parts of the building as the contractor works through the building. Mr. Duber added there is discussion about long lead times on supplies and that the contractor cannot begin the project until all necessary supplies are obtained.

Mayor Brunello asked Mr. Duber to discuss the water issue. Mr. Duber responded that the basement was built below the water level. Mr. Duber added that the plan is to mitigate the problem by collecting the water and pumping it to somewhere else away from the building. Mr. Milroy asked if there is a storm sewer close enough for the water. Mr. Grabfelder responded that there are storm sewers, but the calculations need to be done. Mrs. Ganser asked if it would cost less to put an addition on the building to house the electrical and technology in the basement rather than pushing the water away. Mr. Duber responded that they have to see how big the project is before they can make the decision, but what Mrs. Ganser offered is a viable option.

Miscellaneous Items: Mr. DiLalla asked if there is an update on the Group Home Moratorium. Mayor Brunello stated that it is in place currently. Mr. DiLalla asked what the next steps are. Ms. D'Amico responded that Legislative and Finance Committee will need to work on it with the Law Director to make an Ordinance. Mr. DiLalla asked how long the moratorium lasts. Mayor Brunello responded six months.

Mrs. Ganser asked what happened with the Vitalia post cards worded incorrectly. Mayor Brunello responded that he met with the owners last week. Those from Vitalia stated that it was an oversight, and they were unaware of the card. Mr. Lograsso stated that the owner apologized profusely. Mayor Brunello added that there will not be apartments and the post card was redone. Mayor Brunello stated that the owner mentioned the desire to add villas to their facility. Mr. DiLalla asked if they own the land they want to build them on. Mayor Brunello responded yes. Mr. DiLalla asked if the villas are at the Mentor location. Mayor Brunello and Mr. Grabfelder responded yes, Highland Heights is the only property without them; however, the other properties are Senior Living Communities while the one in Highland Heights is Assisted Living.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mrs. Ganser and seconded by Mr. DiLalla to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Ayes all; motion carried.