

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS**  
**Special Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 18, 2020**  
**Approved: September 1, 2020**

On Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at 7:03 p.m. Mayor Meyers called the Special Meeting of the Highland Heights City Council to order. This was a virtual meeting via Zoom and streamed live on the Highland Heights-City Alerts Facebook page.

**Attendance Roll Call:** Councilmembers: Deborah Ball, yes; Gary Chinn, yes; Rene Heinrich, absent; John Hoffert, yes; Michael Kessler, absent; and Virgil Miller, yes; Mayor Meyers, yes. A quorum was present.

**Staff Present:** Attorney, Steve Franzen; City Clerk/Treasurer, Jeanne Pettit.

**Announcements/Correspondence**

- Notice of the special meeting, along with an agenda and meeting materials, were emailed to all council members and city staff. Email notifications and agendas were sent to media organizations, who have requested notification. A notice and the agenda were posted on the door of the City Building and on the City's website. An announcement was also posted on the City's Facebook page.
- All council votes will be taken by roll call vote.

**Minutes for Approval**

**Special Meeting Council Minutes of August 4, 2020.** These minutes had been previously e-mailed to the Mayor, Council Members, and City Staff for review.

- **Action Taken:** Member Ball made a motion to accept the minutes from the special council meeting of August 4, 2020. Seconded by Member Chinn.  
Discussion: None.
  - **Roll Call:** Member Miller, yes; Hoffert, yes; Chinn, yes; Ball, yes. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

**Staff Reports**

- City Attorney – Steve Franzen – No Report

**New Business**

- Tax Rate Update – Mayor Meyers discussed the decrease in the tax rate since 2018 and explained how the 2020 tax rate is lower than the 2019 rate.
  - **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to hold a public hearing on the tax rate to take place Friday, September 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The public hearing will be in person at the Highland Heights City Building. Seconded by Member Hoffert.
    - **Roll Call:** Member Miller, yes; Chinn, yes; Hoffert, yes; Ball, yes. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
- Member Hoffert announced that Arbor Day will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2020. There will be a tree dedication ceremony, a proclamation read by Mayor Meyers, and a raffle where 4 people can win a \$150.00 spruce tree.

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- The Tree Commission is forming a Lawn and Garden Club for 2021 to beautify the city and help plant flowers and shrubs.

**Old Business:** None

**Adjournment**

- **Action Taken:** Member Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Chinn. Discussion: None.
  - **Roll Call:** Member Miller, yes; Chinn, yes; Ball, yes; Hoffert, yes. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

**Submitted by:**

  
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**Jeanne M. Pettit, City Clerk/Treasurer**

**Signed:**

  
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**Gregory V. Meyers, Mayor**