

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2026
Approved: August 4, 2026

On Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Meyers called the regular Council meeting to order at 176 Johns Hill Road.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Gregory Meyers. Councilmembers Deborah Ball, John Braun, Gary Chinn, Patricia Hayley, Rene Heinrich. A quorum was present.

Councilmember Absent: Jesse Hockenbury.

Staff Present: City Administrator, Michael Giffen; Police Chief, Bill Birkenhauer; City Clerk/Treasurer, Jeanne Pettit; Code Enforcement Officer, Dave Fornash; Public Works Director: Steve Lehman; City Engineer, Frank Twehues; Attorney, Michelle Eviston.

Minutes for Approval

- **Regular Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2026.** These minutes were previously emailed to the Mayor, Council Members, and City Staff for review.
- **Action Taken:** Member Heinrich made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting held June 16, 2026. Seconded by Member Chinn. Discussion: None. Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 0. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Scheduled Guests

- City Engineer, Frank Twehues, presented an engineering and planning progress update for current projects. Mr. Twehues also discussed next steps for each project.
- There was discussion about putting utilities underground.

Correspondence: None

Staff Reports

- City Administrator – Michael Giffen
 - F450 Truck Bids
 - **Action Taken:** Member Braun made a motion to accept the Fuller Ford bid for \$73,925.00 to purchase a 2025 Ford F450 truck. Seconded by Member Hayley. Discussion: None. Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain, 0. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
 - Mini Excavator
 - **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to accept The Company Wrench bid for \$57,367.24 to purchase a JCB 35Z mini-excavator. Seconded by Member Hayley. Discussion: None. Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain, 0. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
 - Alexandria Way Landscape Medians
 - Discussion of the cost to install the medians and the cost to remove them.
- Police Chief – Bill Birkenhauer
 - Discussed car break-ins and stolen vehicles generally occurring when cars are unlocked and/or have valuables inside.
- City Clerk/Treasurer – Jeanne Pettit – No Report.
- Code Enforcement Officer – Dave Fornash – Report distributed to Council.

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- Public Works Director – Steve Lehman – Report distributed to Council.
- Attorney – Michelle Eviston – No Report.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

- **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to cancel the July 21, 2026 council meeting due to lack of business. Seconded by Member Heinrich. Discussion: None. Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 0. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Citizens to Address Council: None

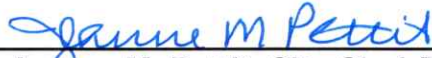
Jerry Pombles – 2430 Hale Avenue – Requested the city coordinate sidewalk replacement with the Auto Zone developer.

Adjournment

- **Action Taken:** Member Hayley made a motion to adjourn the July 7, 2026 council meeting. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None. Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 0. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

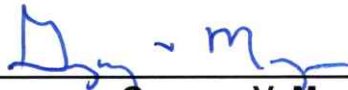
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2026.

Submitted by:



Jeanne M. Pettit, City Clerk/Treasurer

Signed:



Gregory V. Meyers, Mayor