

VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS, OHIO
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 10, 2024
6:00 P.M.

The Regular Council Meeting of the Village of Highland Hills, Ohio was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Cassandra Pride in Room No. 14 of Village Hall. It was also broadcast via Zoom Video Communications.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, which was recited by all.

ROLL CALL: Present were Council President Cassandra Pride and Councilpersons Geavona Greene, David Mills, James McManus and Robert Wright II. Also present: Mayor Michael L. Booker and Law Director Thomas P. O'Donnell.

MOTION TO ADD ORDINANCE NO. 2024-44 TO THE AGENDA:

Ordinance No. 2024-44: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter and Execute a Contract with Gametime c/o DWA Recreation, Inc. for Purchase of and Construction or Installation of a Twenty-Eight Foot Icon Hexagonal 2 Tier Shelter at the Fire Station Property, and Declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilwoman Greene to add Ordinance No. 2024-44 to the Agenda. All voted aye and the **ordinance was added.**

DISCUSSION BY PUBLIC: None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine. Each item will be read individually into the record and the Consent Agenda will then be enacted as a whole by one motion and one roll call. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion by Council is desired on any item on the Consent Agenda, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda by Council motion and considered in its normal sequence under the Regular Order of Business.

a. *Approval of minutes: June 12, 2024

Moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded by Councilman Wright to accept the Consent Agenda. All voted aye and the Consent Agenda was **approved.**

COMMUNICATIONS: State Representative Juanita Brent addressed Council, the Mayor and audience, and related the latest information to come out of the State House. Council President Cassandra Pride thanked her for attending the meeting.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR: Mayor Michael Booker addressed Ordinance No. 2024-44, noting the gazebo is something he has been looking forward to for a very long time. Council had approved one package, but he is asking for approval of another. The Mayor explained that he had attended music in the park in Maple Heights, and they had a metal gazebo instead of wood. This new one has a lifespan of 70 years and will provide a beautiful gathering space at the corner of Northfield and Harvard.

Mayor Booker continued that repaving work will begin on Patterson Parkway next week. They have been working on the Comprehensive Plan since last September, and he referenced the public meeting hosted by the County Planning Commission prior to the Council meeting. A grant was received for ADA accessible doors in the municipal building, and Ordinance No. 2024-43 is on for approval this evening. Repairs are being made at the corner of the townhomes as a result of an automobile accident; a fence has also been ordered. New excavating equipment has been received in the Fire Department. The very first, brand new, large F150 truck was received by the Public Works Department. Prior to this purchase, the department always bought used equipment from other cities. The cost was \$181,000 and the truck can be driven without a CDL license.

Lastly, Mayor Booker announced a community yard sale will be held on Alameda and Selfridge on Saturday, July 20th. There is no official organization sponsoring, it is being coordinated by residents and is an opportunity for people to get rid of some of their junk. If the items are not sold, residents can move them to the curb for pickup on Monday. Volunteer organizations may also be contacted to donate. Police will be on hand to assist with traffic flow.

President Pride asked if yard sales will be scheduled for other areas of the community. Mayor Booker answered that one is planned for the third Saturday of August for the townhomes, Patterson and Randolph.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: None.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: Council President Cassandra Pride announced the tentative reschedule date for the Village Shred It Day is Saturday, July 27th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the south parking lot of the Colonial/Municipal Building.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Finance	Cassandra Pride – met and a report is on file
Properties/Buildings	James McManus – met and a report is on file
Public Works	Robert Wright – met and a report is on file
Rules	David Mills – did not meet

Safety
Committee of Whole

Geavona Greene – met and a report is on file
Cassandra Pride – did not meet

**REPORT FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO REGULATORY OR OTHER
BOARDS:**

Audit
Board of Control
Board of Zoning Appeals
Fair Housing Commission
Human Resources Committee
Planning Commission
Senior Advisory Board
Tax Incentive Review Council

David Mills – did not meet
Cassandra Pride – met and a report is on file
James McManus – did not meet
Robert Wright – did not meet
Geavona Greene – did not meet
David Mills – did not meet
Cassandra Pride – met and a report is on file
Geavona Greene – did not meet

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **THIRD READING CONSIDERATION: None.**
- b. **SECOND READING CONSIDERATION: None.**
- c. **FIRST READING CONSIDERATION:**

Resolution No. 2024-42: A Resolution Approving the Mayor's Appointment of Members to the Tax Incentive Review Council, and Declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Mills to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded by Councilman Wright to approve Resolution No. 2024-42. All voted aye and the resolution was **adopted 5 – 0.**

Ordinance No. 2024-43: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter and Execute a Contract with Allied Door Systems, LLC for Installation of ADA Compliant Automatic Door Openers on Certain Doors at the Shaker House, and Declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman McManus to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilwoman Greene to approve Ordinance No. 2024-43. All voted aye and the ordinance was **adopted 5 – 0.**

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Moved by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilman Wright to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilman Wright to approve Ordinance No. 2024-44. All voted aye and the ordinance was **adopted 5 – 0.**

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Michael Booker reminded everyone that there is an assessment coming from the County for property taxes. It will be “sticker shock” for many, so be prepared. Property owners have until August 30th to contest the new values. The Mayor urged everyone to tell their neighbors.

Finally, Mayor Booker wished a Happy Birthday to Ms. Anderson, whose birthday was yesterday and to Peg Sikon, whose birthday is Friday.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, it was moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded by Councilman Mills to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye and the meeting concluded at 6:17 p.m.


Cassandra Pride, President of Council


Margaret Sikon, Clerk of Council