

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 19, 2005**

On April 19, 2005, Mayor Roettger opened the regular Council meeting at the Civic Center, 175 Johns Hill Road, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Council members, Harold Blocher, Steve Lehman, Greg Meyers, Jeanne Pettit, Rose Pfaff and Gene White. Also present: Attorney Patrick Walsh.

ABSENT: Attorney Franzen. Mayor Roettger announced that Mr. Franzen had a prior commitment. Mayor Roettger welcomed Mr. Patrick Walsh, Attorney and Master Commissioner. Mr. Walsh will take Attorney Franzen's place at this meeting.

PRAYER: Member White.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Everyone said the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S: None.

REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2005. The unofficial draft of the minutes of April 5, 2005 was previously distributed to the Mayor and City Council members.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER LEHMAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2005, SECONDED BY MEMBER PFAFF. DISCUSSION: NONE. 6 -- AYES. MAYOR ROETTGER DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES: None.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

SCHEDULED GUEST/S: #1. Mr. Jerry Hensley, auditor for the City of Highland Heights. Mr. Hensley stated due to technical difficulties he is not able to present an overhead presentation of the audit. He said, in the morning, he would e-mail this information to the Mayor. He said this information would show the comparison of this year to last year.

Mr. Hensley stated this is the first year of reporting under GASB #34. He said all local governments are going through this requirement.

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Mr. Hensley stated there is a new component of the report captioned Management's Discussion and Analysis (MDA). He said this is approximately seven pages of information. He gave an overview of this report.

Mr. Hensley thanked Mr. Benke and Mrs. Rauf for preparing the Management's Discussion and Analysis report. He said if there are any questions about this report, they should be directed to Mr. Benke, the Finance Director.

Mr. Hensley stated the audit was done in accordance with all the appropriate standards.

Mr. Hensley stated there is also a paragraph in the report, it is the auditor's opinion, that the financial statements are fairly presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. He said, "this is referred to in their trade as an unqualified opinion and that is as good as it gets".

Mr. Hensley stated there is another report that says the auditors look at matters for compliance with laws and regulation, violation of which would have a direct and material impact on the financial statement. He said, "they found none." He also stated there is another paragraph which states they looked at the financial reporting controls over financial reporting matters for problems and difficulties. He said, "they found none."

Mr. Hensley also gave an account of the statement of net assets, statement of activities for year ended June 30 2004, the balance sheet, and statement of revenues and expenditures, and changes in fund balances.

FOR THE RECORD: Mr. Hensley previously distributed a copy of the audit for the year ending June 30, 2004, to the Mayor, and City Council members for their review. A copy of thereof is made a part of the City's record,

Mayor Roettger thanked Mr. Hensley for his report and for attending this meeting. He also reminded everyone that Mr. Hensley reports to the City, but he is the auditor for the residents.

GUEST #2. Mr. Don Secret, representative from JP Morgan Chase. Mr. Secret stated on July 1, 2004 Bank One Corporation merged with JP Morgan Chase. Mr. Secret stated the merger combined two outstanding companies.

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Mr. Secrest gave an overview of the details of the combined investment managed company. He stated the primary focus remains unchanged.

Mr. Secrest gave an in-depth report of the City's Water Fund Investment Account as well as the Investment Policy and guidelines, asset allocation, asset holdings investment performance, history of Asset Growth Analysis for period ending March 31, 2005, the distribution summary, and investment management fees.

Mr. Secrest stated the as of March 31, 2005 the market value of the investment account is \$1,898,036.63. He stated the fees collected for their services from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 totaled \$10,186.37.

Mr. Secrest expressed his appreciation for being the bank to manage this account. Mayor Roettger and the Council members thanked Mr. Secrest for his report and for attending this meeting.

FOR THE RECORD: Mr. Secrest previously distributed a copy of the Investment Account information to the Mayor and City Council members for their review. A copy thereof is made a part of the City's records.

CORRESPONDENCE: None to be read at this time.

STAFF REPORTS: POLICE CHIEF -- No report.

CITY CLERK TREASURER -- No report. Member White asked Mrs. Rauf why is the money sent in for Occupation Tax is sent to a tax processing center in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Rauf stated she did not know the exact reason, but she would check and would report back.

FINANCE DIRECTOR -- No report.

PLANNING & ZONING MINUTES – Mrs. Rauf announced a copy of the minutes of the Planning and Zoning meeting of February 8, 2005, were previously e-mailed to the Mayor and Council.

Mrs. Rauf announced that at the Planning and Zoning meeting of April 12th there was a lengthy discussion about updating the Comprehensive Plan.

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Mrs. Rauf stated that City Planner Shaw suggested that Planning and Zoning form a task force of Planning and Zoning members who may want to participate and whomever the Mayor and Council thinks should be appointed. She said this was done in the form of a motion and passed by all Planning and Zoning commissioners

OUTCOME: After a brief discussion about appointments being made by the Mayor and Council, Mayor Roettger suggested that this matter be turned over to Mr. Franzen.

CITY ENGINEER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR -- No report.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR -- No report.

CITY ATTORNEY – SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE/S
None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: SAFETY – No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mayor Roettger stated he would schedule a meeting with the committee members and Finance Director Tom Benke.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Member White stated that he and member Meyers are finished with the survey of the streets and signs in the City. A copy thereof was previously distributed to the Mayor and each Council member for their review.

RECREATION: Member Pfaff stated the committee is working on the City Fest. She said City Fest is planned for July 16th.

Member Pfaff announced the following upcoming event:

- May 30, 2005 – At 9:00 a.m. Memorial Day service at Veterans Park.

APPLICATION/S FOR RECREATION BOARD: Mayor Roettger announced he has received one application for the Recreation Board. He will have more to report at the next Council meeting.

AD HOC COMMITTEE – SIGN: Member White stated work has begun on building the wall for the sign today.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Member White announced that Planning and Zoning had previously recommended that Council re-name old US. 27. He said he thinks this is the time to make this change.

Mayor Roettger reminded Member White that a few years ago, there was a meeting held about this issue and the people expressed their views. He said at that time, they did not want to re-name this section of old U.S. 27.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER WHITE MOVED TO CANCEL THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 17, 2005 AND CONDUCT A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON THAT DATE, SECONDED BY MEMBER BLOCHER.

DISCUSION: Member Lehman reminded everyone there would be a Public Hearing regarding the proposed use of Municipal Aid Road Funds on May 3rd. Member Meyers also stated May is a very busy month.

Mayor Roettger suggested rather than having a Public Hearing or Special Meeting, to have the original meeting on May 17th and place this item on the agenda for discussion. He said this would be the first item of business at that meeting. **MEMBER WHITE WITHDREW HIS MOTION, MEMBER BLOCHER WITHDREW HIS SECOND.**

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER WHITE MOVED TO DISCUSS THE RE-NAMING OF OLD US 27, THE ABANDONED SECTION OF 2700-2800 ALEXANDRIA PIKE. AND PLACE THIS AS THE FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA AT THE REGULAR MAY 17, 2005, MEETING AND TO NOTIFY THE EFFECTIVE PARTIES ABOUT THIS ISSUE, SECONDED BY MEMBER BLOCHER. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYE, ALL. MAYOR ROETTGER DELCARED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS: FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE/S. None.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Roettger suggested that Council give some thought to the City offering some type of scholarship to a student who is interested in continuing their education. He said an Endowment Board could be formed. He further stated this board would be made up of citizens, not council members. He asked that Council give this suggestion some thought and at the next Council meeting this could be discussed.

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Member Pettit stated she received a call from a citizen who lives on Linet Avenue. She said the person was concerned about the excessive speed on this street. Member Pettit asked if there are some options that can be taken to control the speed on this street. **OUTCOME:** This matter was turned over to the Safety Committee.

Mayor Roettger and Council thanked Mr. Walsh for attending this meeting.

Being no further business, **MEMBER WHITE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY MEMBER PFAFF. AYE, ALL.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: _____
JEAN A. RAUF, CITY CLERK TREASURER CMC

SIGNED BY: _____
CHARLES W. ROETTGER III, MAYOR