

**Memorandum of the Meeting  
Twenty-Seventh Town Council  
Regular Study Session  
Monday, May 21, 2012**

The Highland Town Council met in its standing regular study session on Monday, May 21, 2012 at 7:07 o'clock p.m. in the regular place, the Council upper meeting chambers of the Highland Municipal Building.

*Silent Roll Call:* Councilors Bernie Zemen; Mark A. Herak; Brian Novak and Konnie Kuiper were all present. Councilor Dan Vassar was absent owing to work related travel. A quorum was established.

The Clerk-Treasurer, Michael W. Griffin, was present to memorialize the meeting.

*Also present:* Ed Dabrowski, IT Director (Contract) Kenneth J. Mika, Building Commissioner; James L. Wieser, Attorney at Law; and Matt Felder, of View Outdoor Advertising.

Also present: Peter T. Hojnicky, Metropolitan Police Chief.

**General Substance of Matters Discussed**

1. Mr. Wieser and Mr. Felder discussed with the Town Council the desire of View Outdoor Advertising to place new Bill Boards in Highland. It was noted that the current zoning ordinance prohibits outdoor advertising, but that through a use variance and a zoning change, Lamar was permitted to erect a billboard in Town. It was further noted that View was looking at sites in Highland, with only one location being a public property, and only that having a potential for revenue for the Town.

Mr. Wieser stated he was seeking general feedback about the prospects regarding the placement of billboards in Town, noting the prohibition that the ordinance provides. It was noted that a license was approved for Lamar Advertising to operate a billboard with Light Emitting Diodes (LED) on public property.

It was further noted that the existing billboards were probably erected prior to the amendment of the comprehensive zoning ordinance prohibition.

Mr. Wieser represented that View Outdoor desired to have a meaningful opportunity to make a presentation regarding what View Outdoor seeks. Mr. Wieser said he would follow-up.

The general discussion among the Town Council members included a concern about admitting a few signs but not permitting a "glut" or "cluster" of signs.

2. The Town Council discussed proposed addendum to the existing Interlocal Cooperation Agreement supporting the shared Gun Range. The Police Chief discussed the proposed fees and that they would only apply to users who are not participants or parties to the current agreement.
3. The Town Council discussed the Lake County Solid Waste Management District proposal for municipalities to adopt an interlocal cooperation agreement regarding the disposal of municipal solid waste at a pending trash to ethanol plant. It was suggested that the Town Council invite the Attorney and the Executive Director of the Lake County Solid Waste Management District to the next study session and report on the current status of the initiative and to answer questions.

4. The Town Council and the Metropolitan Police Chief discussed the proposed memorandum of understanding associated with an initiative of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) creating a Domestic Highway Enforcement Program. The enforcement objective was described as interdiction of drugs and other contraband. The interdiction would not include speed enforcement per se. It was noted that Highland's participation would be part-time and would then permit the Town to share in any forfeited and seized assets or proceeds. Only a few agencies were invited to participate. The Metropolitan Police Chief indicated that participation would not impair existing schedules and Highland schedule needs would be first. It was noted that the Department would be still participating in the DEA/ATF Program.
5. The Town Council discussed the request and proposal to increase the *Impounded Vehicle Release Fee* from \$25 to \$50. The discussion included the requirement that the user fee be reasonable and related to the cost of providing the service. (Enrolled as draft Ordinance No. 1512)
6. The Town Council discussed whether the Parks and Recreation Department events should be included as exempted from the proposed charges in the proposed amendment to the Parade/Special Events Subchapter of the Code. It was noted that currently events for the Community Events Commission and events sponsored by the School Town are exempted from the proposed charges. It was noted that when the proposal suggesting charging the events of the parks and recreation department for police support, the parks and recreation department may charge for its ancillary services it provides such as providing tents for memorial services.

There was a suggestion that fees be authorized for events sponsored by out of town groups or persons. A consensus seemed achieved for that policy. The discussion included a suggestion that the Metropolitan Police Chief or a representative be encouraged to speak to the several organizations to educate on the needs to support his budget and its constraints.

The Metropolitan Police Chief suggested that he would perform further study on the proposed ordinance and present it for review later.

There being no further business to discuss, the regular study session of Monday, May 21, 2012 was adjourned at 8:29 O'clock p.m.

Michael W. Griffin, IAMC/MMC/CPFA  
Clerk-Treasurer