

**VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

July 6, 2026

6:00 p.m.

The Special Council Meeting of the Council of the Village of Highland Hills, Ohio was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by 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 Robert L. Wright II, Geavona Greene, James McManus and David Mills. Also present: Mayor Michael L. Booker, Law Director Thomas P. O'Donnell and Finance Director Marcellis O'Neal.

CLERK TO READ THE NOTICE: Clerk Sikon read the Legal Notice of Special Council Meeting, which was posted on July 1, 2027 (attached).

DISCUSSION BY PUBLIC: None.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA:

Consideration of the following legislation:

Ordinance No. 2026-30: An Ordinance Approving and Adopting an Alternative Tax Budget for the Village of Highland Hills for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2027 and Submitting it to the County Auditor of Cuyahoga County, and Declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilwoman Greene 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 Wright and seconded by Councilman Mills to approve Ordinance No. 2026-30.

Discussion: President Pride asked if there were any questions. Finance Director O'Neal related the budget is pretty much the same as last year, but he was able to remove a bond payment.

There being no further discussion, all voted aye and Ordinance No. 2026-30 was **adopted 5 – 0.**

Resolution No. 2026-31: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for the 2027 Community Development Block Grant through Cuyahoga County, and Declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilwoman Greene 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 Wright and seconded by Councilman McManus to approve Resolution No. 2026-31.

Discussion: President Pride related that the Village is applying for an ADA accessible multi-purpose room to upgrade our facilities. The grant amount is for \$150,000.

There being no further discussion, all voted aye and Resolution No. 2026-31 was **adopted 5 -0.**

Resolution No. 2026-32: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for the 2027 Community Development Supplemental Grant through Cuyahoga County, and Declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilwoman Greene 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. 2026-32.

Discussion: President Pride related that this supplemental grant application is for an ADA accessible ramp for the multi-purpose room. The grant amount is \$50,000.

There being no further discussion, all voted aye and Resolution No. 2026-32 was **adopted 5 – 0.**

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 6:08 p.m.



Cassandra Pride, President of Council



Margaret Sikon, Clerk of Council

Attachment:

Legal Notice of Special Council Meeting

**VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS, OHIO
OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL**

LEGAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

CALLED BY: Mayor Michael L. Booker
DATE: Monday, July 6, 2026
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Highland Hills Village Hall, Room No. 14
3700 Northfield Road
Highland Hills, Ohio 44122
And via Zoom Video Communications

PURPOSE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING:

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Resolution No. 2026-32: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for the 2026 Community Development Supplemental Grant through Cuyahoga County, and Declaring an Emergency.

Members of the public may attend the meeting in person, or via Zoom Video Communications on a smart phone or computer by connecting to the following link, which is available on the Village of Highland Hills website, www.vhhohio.org:

<https://zoom.us/j/8838361642>

The public may also listen in by phone, by calling the following number:

1-312-626-6799 and punch in meeting ID 8838361642#

(Important: If prompted for a participation number, press the # sign again)

VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS, OHIO
VILLAGE COUNCIL

Margaret Sikon

BY: _____

Margaret Sikon
Clerk of Council