

**MINUTES OF THE CONSOLIDATED MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK**

MEETING DATE: June 29, 2026

MEETING LOCATION: City Hall, 1707 St Johns Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035

I. Call to Order

At 5:30 PM, Mayor Rotering called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call:

II. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rotering, Councilmembers Center, Bruckman, Ross, Tapia, Lidawer, Blumberg (remote)

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Neukirch, Director of Public Works Bannon, Community Development Director Fontane, Assistant City Manager Jason, Police Chief Jogmen, Finance Director McCaulou, Fire Chief Schrage, Assistant City Manager Taub, Deputy Chief of Police Olson, Commander Curran, Communications Manager Bennett, Assistant to the City Manager Palbitska, Management Analyst Cherry

Also Present: Corporation Counsel Elrod, Assistant Corporation Counsel Martinez, Assistant Corporation Counsel Butcher

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Rescheduled Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Held on May 27, 2026

B. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Held on June 8, 2026

Councilmember Lidawer moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Rescheduled Meeting of the Committee of the Whole held on May 27, 2026 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Held on Jun 8, 2026.

Councilmember Bruckman seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion Passed (7 - 0).

MOVER:	Councilmember Lidawer
SECONDER:	Councilmember Bruckman
AYES:	Mayor Rotering, Councilmembers Center, Bruckman, Ross, Tapia, Lidawer, Blumberg
NAYS:	None

IV. Scheduled Business

A. Policy Discussion Regarding the Possible Advancement of Term Limits

City Manager Neukirch introduced the presentation and indicated that a Resolution has been prepared for the City Council meeting on this date based on majority elected official support to advance a referendum to establish term limits. A number of policy questions would be presented in order to complete the Resolution for formal consideration.

Management Analyst Cherry presented background information and highlights for the Council's discussion.

Mayor Rotering, Councilmember Bruckman and Councilmember Blumberg expressed concern with term limits citing the election process as natural term limits. Councilmembers Lidawer, Center, Tapia and Ross expressed support for term limits, with Councilmember Ross noting that if the Council did not advance a Resolution, it was anticipated that a resident petition would be advanced.

The Council, Corporation Counsel Elrod, and staff discussed the length of the terms, how many terms an individual can serve, if term limits should be consecutive or cumulative, if the term limits should be the same for the office of the Mayor and for the office of Councilmember, and when the term limits should begin.

A majority of the Council was in favor of moving forward with approving an amended resolution at the City Council meeting regarding the advancement of term limits to referendum.

It was determined that the question for the November 2026 ballot would be as follows:

Shall the City of Highland Park, beginning with the terms of office that commence at the April 2027 consolidated election and for each election thereafter, limit the terms of the office of Mayor and the office of Councilmember so that no person shall be eligible to hold that respective office if that person has been previously elected to no more than two full-year terms for that office, whether or not those terms were served consecutively, or if holding that office would cause that person to serve in that office for more than a combined total of ten years? In accordance with Illinois law, terms of the office that commenced before the April 2027 consolidated election will not be considered in determining whether a person has reached these limits.

Councilmember Blumberg exited the meeting at 6:32 PM.

B. Automated License Plate Reader Report

City Manager Neukirch introduced the presentation and noted that this is for informational purposes only.

Police Chief Jogmen and Police Deputy Chief Olson presented information on the City's Automated License Plate Reader System.

The Council, Corporation Counsel Elrod, and staff discussed concerns brought forward by members of the community, protections that are currently in place to ensure the information is not being used for other purposes, limitations on access to

the information, authorization to the information, proactive communication following completed investigations whereby LPR's were used, , and pending legislation at the State level.

V. Closed Session

Councilmember Lidawer moved the Committee to close its meeting to the public, pursuant to the following cited section of the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2(c)), for the purposes of, (i) review of closed session minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)). Councilmember Center seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the Mayor declared the motion passed unanimously.

At 6:47 PM, the Committee recessed the public portion of the meeting to meet in Closed Session.

At 6:51 PM, Mayor Rotering reconvened the open session of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Present: Mayor Rotering, Councilmembers Center, Bruckman, Ross, Tapia, Lidawer

Absent: Councilmember Blumberg

Staff Present: City Manager Neukirch, Assistant to the City Manager Palbitska

Also Present: Corporation Counsel Elrod, Assistant Corporation Counsel Martinez, Assistant Corporation Counsel Butcher

VI. Adjournment

Mayor Rotering declared the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Palbitska
Assistant to the City Manager/Deputy City Clerk