



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

# Huntington Woods Takes Commission Meetings Online Beginning March 25<sup>th</sup> to Declare State of Emergency

Media Contact:

Lynne Golodner, Your People LLC  
[lynne@yourppl.com](mailto:lynne@yourppl.com), (248) 376-0406

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

March 23, 2020

HUNTINGTON WOODS, Mich. — Effective this week, the city of Huntington Woods will host all essential City Board and Commission Meetings remotely via Zoom video chat until further notice. This measure is being enacted to avoid the spread of COVID-19 at a public meeting. Conducting meetings remotely is permitted under Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order No. 2020-15.

The first virtual meeting will take place Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m., where the City Commission will discuss declaring a State of Emergency. A State of Emergency declaration will allow the City Manager to make immediate decisions in the interest of the City's health, safety and welfare. This also positions the City to receive emergency funding if it becomes available and is necessary to deal with the outbreak.

Information on how residents can participate in the meeting remotely is on the City's website at [www.hwmi.org](http://www.hwmi.org) and below:

### **Meeting Details**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Who:** The meeting will be led by Huntington Woods Mayor Bob Paul, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Rozell, and City Commissioners Jeff Jenks, Michelle Elder and Jules Olsman

**Purpose:** To discuss declaring a State of Emergency to meet the needs presented by the COVID-19 situation

**Zoom Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/774119084>

### **Instructions for participating via Zoom:**

1. Sign up for a free account at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) .
2. Look for the link to the meeting in the e-newsletter and on the website.

3. At the designated meeting time, click on the link to join the meeting as it begins.
4. You can participate online or participate by phone.
5. The Mayor will ask for public comments at the appropriate time.
6. If you are participating online, you can write in the Chat box that you wish to address the City Commission and the Mayor will call on you.
7. If you are listening on the phone, the Mayor will ask if anyone would like to make a comment.
8. The video of the teleconference will be available for viewing on our YouTube channel after the meeting.

**Phone Access:** If you would like to participate but do not have Internet access or a video camera with your computer, you can call in at this number:

One tap mobile

+13126266799,,774119084#

+16465588656,,774119084#

For questions or information about the meeting, contact Huntington Woods City Manager Amy Sullivan at 248.581.2632 or [asullivan@hwmi.org](mailto:asullivan@hwmi.org). As well, the city has prepared a video to inform residents of this new process. It is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGmrFEy8ehw>

A video recording of the remote meeting will be posted to the city's website, <https://www.hwmi.org>, after the meeting completes.

**For questions or media inquiries, please contact Lynne Golodner at (248) 376-0406 or [lynne@yourppl.com](mailto:lynne@yourppl.com).**

### **About the City of Huntington Woods**

The City of Huntington Woods is a residential community comprising 1.47 square miles in southeastern Oakland County, and home to approximately 6,200 people, that embodies all the buzzwords - diversity, inclusivity, tolerance, engagement. The Detroit Zoo and Rackham Golf Course fall within the city's borders.

The City's roots date to 1821, and the first land grant signed by President James Monroe went to J. Lockwood, a War of 1812 veteran, in 1824. The City has always been on the forefront of progressive thought, including in 1971 being one of the first municipalities to adopt a paper recycling program. In 2001, Huntington Woods formally recognized what it stands for in adopting a Human Rights Ordinance that recognizes the inherent dignity and equality of all people. The policy ensures that every person who steps foot in the City has equal opportunity for employment, housing, public accommodation and public services.

Learn more at <https://www.ci.huntington-woods.mi.us> or (248) 541-4300.

Media Inquiries: Lynne Golodner, [lynne@yourppl.com](mailto:lynne@yourppl.com), (248) 376-0406.