

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE HIGHLAND PARK CITY COUNCIL**

MARCH 6, 2023

Council convened at 7:01 p.m. with Council President Thomas presiding.

Present: Council Pro Tem Robinson, Councilwoman Manica, Councilwoman Martin, Councilman Ash-Shafii, and Council President Thomas (5).

Absent: (0).

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council Pro Tem Robinson

To approve the agenda as submitted. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Council Pro Tem Robinson
Supported by Councilman Ash-Shafii

To approve the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Special meeting held February 16, 2023. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council Pro Tem Robinson

To approve the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Workshop meeting held February 21, 2023. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council Pro Tem Robinson

To approve the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting held February 21, 2023. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

**CITY COUNCIL
03-06-23 V**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE TABLETS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

WHEREAS, the Administration is requesting approval to purchase tablets for all City Council members to improve communication; and

WHEREAS, The City received a quote from Connected Solutions Group, LLC for \$6,340.56 for five tablets; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City approves purchasing five tablets from Connected Solutions Group, LLC at a price not to exceed \$6,340.56 to be used by City Council members. Yeas (4), Nays (1), Absent (0).

**PUBLIC WORKS
03-06-23 VI**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR PLUMBING REPAIRS AT 13233 HAMILTON

Moved by Council Pro Tem Robinson
Supported by Councilman Ash-Shafii

WHEREAS, while DPD was working on plumbing issues at 13233 Hamilton, additional problems were identified; and

WHEREAS, the repairs required include:

- (1) Test irrigation and containment backflows
- (2) (1) 0.5 backflow to replace (found this in the ceiling)
- (3) Replace broken 2" vent piping by South Men's restroom
- (4) Reset toilet and repair flush valve in South Men's restroom
- (5) Reset toilet and install new flush valve in Middle Women's restroom
- (6) Rebuild several leaking faucets throughout the building
- (7) 20+ toilets have been moved off the caulk joints and some have no water in them which is causing very bad sewer gases: Pull all toilets and install new wax rings and possible flush valve repairs
- (8) Install double check valve for backflow protection for fire system; and

WHEREAS, due to the potential costs of the repairs, competitive sealed bids are required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Highland Park approves soliciting bids for plumbing repairs at 13233 Hamilton. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

**POLICE
03-06-23 VII**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF (5) POLICE VEHICLES FROM LAFONTAINE GMC TO BE FUNDED BY A BYRNE DISCRETIONARY GRANT

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council Pro Tem Robinson

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2022, the City approved a resolution to accept the award of the Byrne Discretionary Grant (Senator Stabenow FY22 Earmark) in the amount of \$382,000 for public safety enhancements including new police patrol vehicles, police training, and equipment (i.e, radios, protective gear, etc.); and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to add (5) five new patrol vehicles to replace the current aging fleet, to assist in: 1) reduction of maintenance expenses, 2) improvement in vehicle uptime, and 3) reduction of crime; and

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Police Department requested quotes for (5) five new 2023 police vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Lafontaine GMC, 4000 W Highland Road, Highland, Michigan offered (5) five vehicles for \$165,655; and

WHEREAS, the vehicles will require upfitting at a total cost not to exceed \$44,506; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan MiDEAL Program is an extended purchasing program which allows Michigan cities to use state contracts to buy goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently a MiDEAL dues paying member and LaFontaine is a MiDEAL vendor; and

WHEREAS, the prices from the MiDEAL contract for vehicles from LaFontaine has an overall savings of approximately \$25,000 - \$30,000 that could be realized by the City when compared to vehicles purchased from other vendors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City approves the purchase of (5) vehicles from LaFontaine GMC for a total cost of \$165,655 and upfitting not to exceed \$44,506. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To adjourn the meeting, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting held the 6th day of March 2023 and that said minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.



Cidia Wicker-Brown, Deputy City Clerk