

**MINUTES OF THE  
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING OF THE HIGHLAND PARK CITY COUNCIL**

**JUNE 15, 2020**

Council convened at 7:02 p.m. with Council President Clyburn presiding.

Present: Council Pro Tem Patrick, Councilmember Lewis, Councilmember Bates, Councilmember Armstrong and Council President Clyburn (5).

Absent: (0).

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Lewis

To approve the agenda with the addition of a request to accept the GMS Award from the Department of Justice. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councilmember Lewis  
Supported by Councilmember Armstrong

To approve the minutes of the Workshop meeting held February 17, 2020. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Bates

To approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held February 17, 2020. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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Moved by Councilmember Bates  
Supported by Councilmember Armstrong

To approve the minutes of the Special meeting held February 20, 2020. Yeas (5),  
Nays (0), Absent (0).

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Moved by Councilmember Lewis  
Supported by Councilmember Bates

To approve the minutes of the Virtual Regular meeting held June 1, 2020. Yeas (5),  
Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**CITY CLERK**  
**6-15-20-4**

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Lewis

BE IT RESOLVED, that all election inspectors serving for the Primary election to be held Tuesday, August 2, 2020 shall be paid on a fee basis; and the fee to be paid for Chairperson shall be the sum of \$175.00 and the fee to be paid for Inspector shall be the sum of \$150.00 each which includes the \$10 fee for attending the training session prior to the election;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following places are hereby designated as the polling places with the City of Highland Park for each election:

PRECINCTS	LOCATION	
1	Downes Manor	13725 John R
2	Blackwell Municipal Complex	12050 Woodward
3	Ernest T. Ford Field House	10 Pitkin
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5	Faith Tabernacle Church	16548 Hamilton
6	Healing Spring MB Church	12647 Hamilton

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pay for all election inspectors and the establishment of polling places and (2) A.V. Counting Boards for all precincts for the Primary election be approved. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**CITY COUNCIL**  
**06-15-20-5a**

A recommendation for a Class C Liquor License application was submitted for approval for 11745 Woodward Avenue.

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Bates

To approve the recommendation for a Class C Liquor License at 11745 Woodward Avenue. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**06-15-20-5b**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Armstrong

That Councilmember Bates abstain from voting. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (0), Abstain (1) Councilmember Bates.

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Armstrong

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Chapter 1211 of the City of Highland Park Planning and Zoning Ordinance, the City established a Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) which shall perform its duties and exercise its powers as provided in the Zoning Act; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Chapter 1211.01 the ZBA shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the Highland Park City Council, each member shall hold office for a three (3) year term; and,

**WHEREAS**, the current ZBA appointments will end on June 30, 2020 and there will be five (5) vacancies that exist; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Highland Park City Council is seeking to continue to enhance the narrative of improving residential and business conditions in our community; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Highland Park City Council approves the appointments to the ZBA as follows:

Jamal Thomas	3-year term ending June30, 2023
Chris Woodard	3-year term ending June30, 2023
Kendrich Bates	3-year term ending June30, 2023
Kim Price McDade	3-year term ending June30, 2023
Beverly Jordan	3-year term ending June30, 2023

Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (0), Abstain (1) Councilmember Bates.

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## **FINANCE**

**06-15-20-6**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

### **RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND OTHER FUNDS AS PRESENTED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND MAYOR HUBERT YOPP FOR THE FISCAL YEAS 2019-2020**

Moved by Councilmember Lewis  
Supported by Councilmember Bates

**WHEREAS**, the City of Highland Park is required by the State of Michigan to periodically amend the annual operating budget to accurately reflect current operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Department has reviewed the current fund expenditures for the year ending June 30, 2020 and would like to submit to the Highland Park City Council proposed budget amendments; (see attached Budget).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Highland Park City Council adopts the amended General Fund and other fund budgets as presented by the finance department and Mayor Hubert Yopp.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution becomes a part of the official records of the City of Highland Park. Yeas (4), Nays (1) Council Pro Tem Patrick, Absent (0).

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## **POLICE**

**6-15-20-7**

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Bates

To accept the GMS Award of \$44,236 from the Department of Justice issued under the CARES Act for the purpose of preventing, preparing for and responding to the coronavirus.  
Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

**WATER/ENGINEERING**  
**6-15-20-8**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK TO ACCEPT FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM WAYNE METROPOLITAN ACTION AGENCY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY (EGLE) WATER RESTART GRANT PROGRAM AS PART OF EO 2020-28 REQUIRING MUNICIPALITIES TO RESTORE WATER SERVICE TO RESIDENCES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Moved by Councilmember Lewis  
Supported by Councilmember Bates

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services identified the first two presumptive-positive cases of COVID-19 in the State of Michigan. Consequently, Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-4; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 2020-4 declared a state of emergency across the State of Michigan under section 1 of article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, as amended, MCL 30.401-.421, and the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act of 1945, 1945 PA 302, as amended, MCL 10.31-.33; and

**WHEREAS**, Wayne Metropolitan Action Agency has agreed to assist the City of Highland Park with financial assistance on the local match requirement set forth in the terms of the ReStart Grant Program for an amount not to exceed \$125,000 as identified in the letter to the Water Department Director, dated June 8, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Wayne Metropolitan Action Agency agrees, if funding remains after restoring water to customers in Highland Park, Wayne Metropolitan Action Agency agrees to work closely with the City of Highland Park for the purpose of providing additional financial assistance to those customers who have been impacted financially and qualify for assistance; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Highland Park City Council APPROVES the City of Highland Park to accept financial assistance from Wayne Metropolitan Action Agency for the local match requirement set forth in the terms of the ReStart Grant Program. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**COUNCIL AFFAIRS**

Moved by Councilmember Armstrong  
Supported by Council Pro Tem Patrick

To move forward addressing and eliminating employees receiving a paycheck and a pension check. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Bates

To adjourn the meeting, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the minutes of the Virtual Regular Meeting held the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2020 and that said minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.



Cidia Wicker-Brown, Deputy City Clerk