

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

February 16, 2023

Council convened at 5:02 p.m. with Council President Thomas presiding.

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

Absent: (0).

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

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Council President Thomas read the following notice.

I, Mayor Glenda McDonald am requesting the City Council schedule a Special Meeting to consider and approve the Settlement of the Lawsuit, Michael Niewolak v. City of Highland Park and the Settlement of the Lawsuit, Opelton Parker v. City of Highland Park. As part of this special meeting, Council may want to consider going into closed session.

Pursuant to Section 5-3(b), I am asking to schedule this meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 5pm.

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

To recess the Special Meeting to go into Closed Session. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

Special Meeting recessed at 5:03 p.m.

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

To reconvene the Special Meeting at 5:26 p.m.

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The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT OF THE LAWSUIT  
MICHAEL NIEWOLAK V CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, ET AL**

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii  
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

**WHEREAS**, that Michael Niewolak has filed a Civil Action, Case No. 22-cv-12246 in the United States District Court Eastern District of Michigan alleging Civil Violations by the City of Highland Park; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Highland Park's insurance carrier has conducted its review and desires to settle this case without any admissions of liability; and,

**WHEREAS**, settlement is in the best interest of the City

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Highland Park approves the settlement of this matter under the terms and conditions set forth in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals records. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT OF THE LAWSUIT  
OPELTON PARKER V CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, ET AL**

Moved by Councilwoman Manica  
Supported by Council Pro Tem Robinson

**WHEREAS**, that Opelton Parker has filed civil action Case No.18-cv-12038 in the United States District Court Eastern of Michigan alleging Civil Violations by the City of Highland Park; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Highland Park's insurance carrier has conducted its review and desires to settle this case without any admissions of liability; and,

**WHEREAS**, settlement is in the best interest of the City

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Highland Park approves the settlement of this matter under the terms and conditions set forth in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan records. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii  
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

To adjourn the meeting; motion carried, meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

**CERTIFICATE**

I, hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the proposed minutes of the Special Meeting held the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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