

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

October 5, 2026

Council convened at 7:10 p.m. with Council President Thomas presiding.

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

Absent: (0).

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Council Pro Tem Robinson
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

To approve the agenda with the removal of the minutes from September 21, 2026. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Council Pro Tem Robinson
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

To approve the minutes of the September 8, 2026, In-Person and Virtual Workshop Meeting. Yeas (5), (0), Absent (0).

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
10-05-26 V**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO SELL TWO RESIDENTIAL VACANT LOTS AT 73 KENDALL STREET
AND 79 KENDAL STREET TO THE PROPERTY OWNER OF 74 KENDALL STREET, 66
KENDALL STREET, 69 KENDALL STREET, 77 KENDALL STREET AND 14027 LINCOLN –
GREATER PHILADELPHIA TABERNACLE CHURCH, A MICHIGAN NONPROFIT
CORPORATION**

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park holds in its inventory a surplus of parcels that are not producing a taxable, habitable and general benefit to the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the City, per the adopted Economic Development Strategy, to decrease the number of parcels under its control and place parcels back on to the tax roll; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park is the owner of the Residential Vacant Lots at 73 and 79 Kendall Street; and

WHEREAS, Greater Philadelphia Tabernacle Church, owners of the residential lots at 69 and 77 Kendall St., and 14027 Lincoln St. adjacent to the vacant residential lots at 73, 79 Kendall St, submitted an offer to purchase application and paid the \$50 non-refundable fee on May 20, 2023, to purchase the Residential Vacant Lots at 73, and 79 Kendall St; and

WHEREAS, according to the City of Highland Park Ordinance 208.10(c)(2), the Sale of Residential Vacant Lots to Residents and Non-Residents can occur for individuals interested in purchasing residential lots when the purchaser: submits an Offer to Purchase Application; pays a \$25 non-refundable fee; maintains the vacant lot in accordance with City Ordinances; does not owe any past due taxes, unpaid blight bills, unpaid water bills, and/or any other indebtedness to the City; not had any code violations within the past 18 months; and secure the vacant lot, remove debris and maintain the Land within 14 days after closing; and

WHEREAS, all fees have been previously paid and there is no indebtedness to the City and all required clearances obtained from the Water Department, Treasurer, CED, and Legal Departments are signed off and ready to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the purchaser has not had any code violations within the past 18 months; and

WHEREAS, the purchaser shall secure the vacant lots, remove debris, and maintain the Land in accordance with City ordinance within 14 days after closing; and

WHEREAS, the purchaser shall convert the vacant lots into a parking lot to provide additional parking for Greater Philadelphia Tabernacle Church upon site plan approvals from the Highland Park Planning Commission which will also include zoning variances and Public Hearings by the Planning Commission for the parking lot on a residential vacant lot; and

WHEREAS, the residential lots will not be tax-exempt; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the sale of the Residential Vacant Lots located at 73 and 79 Kendall Street to Greater Philadelphia Tabernacle Church, at the cost of \$500.00 per lot for a total of \$1,000.00 which has been determined and certified by the City Assessor. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

PUBLIC WORKS 10-05-26 VI

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION FOR FUNDING FOR ROOF REPAIRS

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

WHEREAS, the roofs at Highland Park City Hall and 13233 Hamilton Building need replacement, and both are believed to be original roofs; **and**,

WHEREAS, X-rays of both roofs show specific areas where water will enter the building (see attached);

and,

WHEREAS, the replacement of both roofs is to be estimated at over \$1.2M; **and,**

WHEREAS, the city has not budgeted funds for either roof replacement; **and,**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City authorizes funding in the amount of thirty-five thousand seven hundred dollars to patch both roofs at Highland Park City Hall and 13233 Hamilton buildings. Yeas (4), Nays (1) Ash-Shafii, Absent (0).

**CITY COUNCIL
10-05-26 VII**

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

To suspend the rules. Yeas (4), Nays (1) Thomas, Absent (0).

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

To declare a 90-day moratorium on water shut-offs. Yeas (4), Nays (1) Thomas, Absent (0).

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilwoman Martin
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

To adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:24.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting held the 5th day of October 2026 and that said minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Cidia Wicker-Brown, Deputy City Clerk