

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

**July 18, 2022**

Council convened at 7:00 p.m. with Council President Clyburn presiding.

Present: Council Pro Tem Patrick, Councilmember McDonald, 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 McDonald

To approve the agenda with the removal of items XII a - e from Community Development and the addition of an item from Administration, an item from Community Development and an item from Legal. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Armstrong

To approve the minutes of the In-person and Virtual Workshop meeting held July 5, 2022. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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Moved by Councilmember McDonald  
Supported by Councilmember Armstrong

To approve the minutes of the In-person and Virtual Regular meeting held July 5, 2022. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**VETO  
07-18-22 V**

The following veto was received from Mayor Yopp.

On July 5, 2022 The Highland Park City Council passed a resolution requesting an investigation into the Law Enforcement action telecast on Channel 7 News regarding 14015 Hamilton. The City Council is hereby on notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Mayor under Section 6-3 City Charter, I am vetoing that action.

Again, I am required to employ the veto authority conferred upon the Mayor, this veto is required based upon violations of the City Charter and the law. The resolution that you have enacted to request an investigation into the actions that took place on December 24, 2020, at 14015 Hamilton is politically motivated and was walked on without having been reviewed by the legal department.

The resolution is retaliatory as to the parties named, which is undeniable because it includes the name of DPW Director Willie Faison, who, like me, never had a conversation with any of the individuals involved in operating the alleged illegal drug operation or their attorneys.

The police obtained a search warrant, executed it and forwarded warrant requests to the prosecutor's office. Upon submission of the warrant to the prosecutor's office, the prosecutor is in control of the case until a charging decision is made. The warrant request was properly and promptly submitted. City records show the Forfeiture action was processed similarly.

My office took no part in any forfeiture decisions, leaving that to the police, who were being guided by the extensive forfeiture experience of the City Attorney. The appearance of council members in newscasts appears to show less than an unbiased opinion as to City officials named in the resolution. This may be motivated because the City Attorney and the DPW Director followed the Court's order and voted to remove almost all of your names from ballot for the upcoming primary election.

Finally, as part of this I will be forwarding information to each of you for an ethics investigation, a transcribed conversation of what appears to be illegal and or unethical conduct by one or more members of the city council, that information will follow. Pursuant to my authority under Section 6-3 City Charter of the Highland Park City, I am vetoing this action and suspending the operation of this resolution.

Moved by Councilmember Bates  
Supported by Council Pro Tem Patrick

To override the Mayor's veto. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**TABLED ITEM**  
**07-18-22 VI**

The following item was tabled from July 5, 2022.

**RESOLUTION TO SOLICIT QUOTES TO CUT GRASS ON CITY-OWNED  
PROPERTIES**

Moved by Councilmember McDonald  
Supported by Council Pro Tem Patrick

To bring back from the table. (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember McDonald

To remove the item from the agenda. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**ADMINISTRATION**  
**07-18-22 VII**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING DETROIT AREA AGENCY ON AGING FY 2023-2025  
MULTI-YEAR PLAN AND FY 2023 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Bates

**WHEREAS**, the DAAA is a non-profit organization responsible for planning, coordinating, developing and finding services for older adults in Region 1-A, which includes the City of Highland Park, **and**,

**WHEREAS**, the DAAA has submitted its three-year plan to provide services to the senior citizens and adults with disabilities in the City; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, that Plan was devolved with the input of the DAAA BOARD OF Directors, its Advisory Council and Long Range Planning Committee; where three town hall meetings were held across Region 1-A, including two public meetings where the public gave input, written and oral testimony, used in preparing the three-year plan; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, the plan will be funded for a three-year period based upon the availability of Federal and State funds; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, that funding will be used to fund and enhance the delivery of services and address the needs of Highland Park Seniors, Adults with Disabilities and their caregivers for FY2023-2025

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Highland Park approves the DAAA FY 2023-2025 Multi-Year Plan, and 2023 Annual Implementation Plan as submitted without revisions. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
07-18-22 VIII**

Moved by Councilmember Bates  
Supported by Council Pro Tem Patrick

To receive and file the communication regarding the rehabilitation of Manchester Place Apartments. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**FINANCE  
07-18-22 IX**

Moved by Councilmember McDonald  
Supported by Council Pro Tem Patrick

To receive and file the Monthly Financial Statement June 30, 2022. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**LEGAL  
07/18/22 X**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN HIGHLAND PARK FIRE FIGHTER’S UNION LOCAL 355 AND  
THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Moved by Councilmember McDonald  
Supported by Councilmember Bates

**WHEREAS**, the current Contract between the Highland Park Fire Fighter’s Union Local 355 and the City of Highland Park has expired; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have negotiated the terms and conditions of a new Contract between the parties; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council believes it is in the best interest of the City and its citizens to adopt and enforce the Contract; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Highland Park City Council hereby declares its decision to adopt the Agreement between the City of Highland Park and Highland Park Fire Fighter’s Union Local 355 for the period of July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2024 Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember McDonald

To adjourn the meeting, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:05 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 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 and that said minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.



Cidia Wicker-Brown, Deputy City Clerk