

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HIGHLAND PARK CITY COUNCIL**

October 27, 2022

Council convened at 5:37 p.m. with Council President Clyburn presiding.

Present: Councilmember McDonald, Councilmember Bates, Councilmember Armstrong and Council President Clyburn (4).

Absent: Council Pro Tem Patrick (1). excused

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

The Clerk read the following notice.

**NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE HIGHLAND PARK CITY COUNCIL**

Date: Thursday, October 27, 2022
Time: 5:30p.m.
Place: Robert B. Blackwell Municipal Complex
12050 Woodward Avenue, 2nd Floor
Highland Park, Michigan 48203

I, Carlton Clyburn, Council President, do hereby call a Special Meeting of the Highland Park City Council on the above date, time and place, regarding

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE WATER DEPARTMENT'S 15/50 AMNESTY PROGRAM
- 2022 WATER DEPARTMENT DELINQUENT ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR RESIDENTIAL,
COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND CERTAIN TAX-EXEMPT CUSTOMERS**

Moved by Councilmember McDonald
Supported by Councilmember Armstrong

WHEREAS, the City has been in ongoing litigation with the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) concerning the previous agreements and past and current rates GLWA is charging the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park's legal representation have provided the Administration and City Council a summary of the City's legal position on GLWA's water services charges as it relates to the 1983/1996 Agreement between the City of Detroit (DWSD), Chrysler, and City of Highland Park for payments made to the GLWA; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that each property owner utilizing the water and sewer infrastructure pay their fair share of the operating costs of the system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park Council approved the updated Water Department related ordinances in 2017 and 2018 to modernize ordinance Sections 1040, 1042, 1044, 1045; and

WHEREAS, the Water Department has been working with customers over the last few years to bring all properties into compliance with the ordinances; and

WHEREAS, all properties will be continued to be invoiced timely in agreement with the regular water billing process and customers shall be expected to pay timely their past and current invoices until the amnesty period; and

WHEREAS, the Water Department has communicated with the City Treasurer and Assessor on the procedure of transferring delinquent accounts to tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, the Water Department will communicate with all Water Department customers with outstanding account balances regarding the 15/50 Amnesty Program; and

BE IT RESOLVED, a list of accounts with outstanding balance(s) owed to the Water Department after March 31, 2023 will be provided to City Council by the Water Department to seek approval for the full amount to be transferred to the June 1, 2023 Summer Tax Bills for residential, industrial, commercial and certain tax-exempt customers. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1) Patrick.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember McDonald
Supported by Councilmember Armstrong

To adjourn the meeting, motion passed, meeting adjourned at 5:57p.m.

CERTIFICATE

I, hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the proposed minutes of the Special Meeting held the 27th day of October, 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