

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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

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

Present: Council Pro Tem Lewis, Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Patrick,
Councilmember McClary and Council President Woodard (5).

Absent: None (0).

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Council Pro Tem Lewis
Supported by Councilmember McClary

To approve the agenda as submitted. Yeas (5), Nays (5), Absent (0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Council Pro Tem Lewis
Supported by Councilmember Patrick

To approve the minutes of the Regular August 3, 2015 meeting, with the necessary
corrections. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Moore

To approve the minutes of the August 17, 2015 Workshop meeting, with the necessary
corrections. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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Moved by Councilmember Patrick
Supported by Councilmember Moore

To approve the minutes of the Regular August 17, 2015 meeting. Yeas (5), Nays (0),
Absent (0).

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Moved by Council Pro Tem Lewis
Supported by Councilmember Moore

To approve the minutes of the Special August 24, 2015 meeting. Yeas (5), Nays (0),
Absent (0).

BID PROPOSALS:

The Clerk stated this was the place and time to open bid proposals for Inlet and
Manhole Repair Services.

No bid was received.

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The Clerk stated this was the place and time to open bid proposals for Hazardous Tree
Removal Services.

One (1) bid was received.

Hayes Land Corp.
7191 Edward St.
Detroit, MI 48210

Bid Amount: \$55,800

Moved by Councilmember Patrick
Supported by Council Pro Tem Lewis

To refer the bid proposal to the Director of Public Works for a recommendation. Yeas
(5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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The Clerk stated this was the place and time to open bid proposals for Sewer Repair
Services.

Two (2) bids were received.

Hayes Land Corp.
7191 Edward St.
Detroit, MI 48210

Bid Amount: \$9,700 per sink hole

Norwood Boyle Construction
25334 Five Mile Road
Redford Township, MI 48239

Bid Amount: \$39,530

Moved by Councilmember Moore
Supported by Councilmember McClary

To refer the bid proposals to the Director of Public Works for a recommendation. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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The Clerk stated this was the place and time to open bid proposals for Road Resurfacing.

One (1) bid was received.

Pavex Corporation
2654 Van Horn Rd.
Trenton, MI 48183

Bid Amount: \$1,288,546.20

Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Moore

To refer the bid proposal to the Director of Public Works for a recommendation. Yeas (5), Nays (5), Absent (0).

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The Clerk stated this was the place and time to open bid proposals for City Engineer.

One (1) bid was received.

Metro Consulting Associates
719 Griswold, Ste. 820
Detroit, MI 48226

Bid Amount: hourly rates were given

Moved by Council Pro Tem Lewis
Supported by Councilmember Moore

To refer the bid proposal to the Director of Public Works for a recommendation. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

TABLED ITEM:

Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Council Pro Tem Lewis

To remove the following item from the table, request from the Police Department to sell two (2) police cars. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Council Pro Tem Lewis

To approve the sell of two (2) police cars at auction. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

MAYOR:

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK AND STORAGE OPERATIONS LLC.

Moved by Councilman McClary

RESOLUTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT

CITY CLERK:

The Clerk presented a New Business License application for Second Avenue
Automotive, Inc. at 15111 Second.

Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Patrick

To approve the New Business License application for Second Avenue Automotive, Inc.
at 15111 Second Ave. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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The Clerk presented a New Business License application for Hayes & Hayes
Associates, LLC at 16111 Oakland.

Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Council Pro Tem Lewis

To approve the New Business License application for Hayes & Hayes Associates, LLC
at 16111 Oakland. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL VACANT LOT LOCATED
AT 220 MIDLAND HIGHLAND PARK MI 48203 PIN:43-003-03-0564-000

WHEREAS, the properties located at various address and are owned by the City of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park passed the ordinance allowing for commercial and residential lot sales; and

WHEREAS, the proposed purchaser, Sherrelle Dingus, meets the criteria approved by the City Council for the lot sale program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dingus agrees to comply with the provisions of the program and the city ordinance regarding such purchase; and

NOW HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council approve the sale of the vacant lot located at 220 Midland, Highland Park MI at the cost of \$250 to Sherrell Dingus.

Moved by Council Pro Tem Lewis
Supported by Councilmember McClary

To approve the sell of the vacant lot at 220 Midland. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE LOCATED
AT 141 CHURCH HIGHLAND PARK MI 48203 PIN:43-002-03-0148-000

WHEREAS, the properties located at various address and are owned by the City of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park passed the ordinance allowing for commercial and residential lot sales; and

WHEREAS, the proposed purchaser, Abdul Shaheed Seifullah-Hassan, meets the criteria approved by the City Council for the lot sale program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seifullah-Hassan agrees to comply with the provisions of the program and the city ordinance regarding such purchase; and

NOW HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council approve the sale of the residential structure located at 141 Church, Highland Park MI at the cost of \$1,210 to Abdul Shaheed Seifullah-Hassan.

Moved by Councilmember Pro Tem Lewis
Supported by Councilmember Patrick

To table the sell of the residential structure at 141 Church. Yeas (3), Nays (2)
Councilmember Moore and Councilmember McClary, Absent (0).

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The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL VACANT LOT
LOCATED AT 41 HIGHLAND HIGHLAND PARK MI 48203 PIN:43-012-04-0069-000

WHEREAS, the properties located at various address and are owned by the City of
Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park passed the ordinance allowing for commercial
and residential lot sales; and

WHEREAS, the proposed purchaser, Lucy Frye, meets the criteria approved by the
City Council for the lot sale program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Frye agrees to comply with the provisions of the program and the city
ordinance regarding such purchase; and

NOW HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council approve the
sale of the vacant lot located at 41 Highland, Highland Park MI at the cost of \$250 to Lucy Frye.

Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Council Pro Tem Lewis

To approve the sell of the vacant lot at 41 Highland. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL VACANT LOT LOCATED
AT 36 ELMHURST HIGHLAND PARK MI 48203 PIN: 43-017-02-0188-000

WHEREAS, the properties located at various address and are owned by the City of
Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park passed the ordinance allowing for commercial
and residential lot sales; and

WHEREAS, the proposed purchaser, Ricardo Peterson, meets the criteria approved by
the City Council for the lot sale program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peterson agrees to comply with the provisions of the program and the
city ordinance regarding such purchase; and

NOW HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council approve the sale of the vacant lot located at 36 Elmhurst, Highland Park MI at the cost of \$250 to Ricardo Peterson.

Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Patrick

To approve the sell of the vacant lot at 36 Elmhurst. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE LOCATED
AT 223 WINONA HIGHLAND PARK MI 48203 PIN:43-013-03-0048-000

WHEREAS, the properties located at various address and are owned by the City of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park passed the ordinance allowing for commercial and residential lot sales; and

WHEREAS, the proposed purchaser, Lee Walker, meets the criteria approved by the City Council for the lot sale program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker agrees to comply with the provisions of the program and the city ordinance regarding such purchase; and

NOW HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council approve the sale of the residential structure located at 223 Winona, Highland Park MI at the cost of \$1,742 to Lee Walker.

Moved by Councilmember Moore
Supported by Council Pro Tem Lewis

To approve the sell of the residential structure at 223 Winona. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE LOCATED
AT 220 W. Buena Vista HIGHLAND PARK MI 48203 PIN:43-012-02-0072-000

WHEREAS, the properties located at various address and are owned by the City of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park passed the ordinance allowing for commercial and residential lot sales; and

WHEREAS, the proposed purchaser, Dee Dee Green, meets the criteria approved by the City Council for the lot sale program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Green agrees to comply with the provisions of the program and the city ordinance regarding such purchase; and

NOW HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council approve the sale of the residential structure located at 220 W. Buena Vista, Highland Park MI at the cost of \$1,852 to Dee Dee Green.

Moved by Councilmember Moore
Supported by Council Pro Tem Lewis

To approve the sell of the residential structure at 220 W. Buena Vista. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL VACANT LOT LOCATED AT 119 WINONA HIGHLAND PARK MI 48203 PIN: 43-013-03-0023-000

WHEREAS, the properties located at various address and are owned by the City of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park passed the ordinance allowing for commercial and residential lot sales; and

WHEREAS, the proposed purchaser, Viola Williams, meets the criteria approved by the City Council for the lot sale program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams agrees to comply with the provisions of the program and the city ordinance regarding such purchase; and

NOW HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council approve the sale of the vacant lot located at 119 Winona, Highland Park MI at the cost of \$250 to Viola Williams

Moved by Council Pro Tem Lewis
Supported by Councilmember Patrick

To approve the sell of the vacant lot at 119 Winona. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL VACANT LOT LOCATED
AT 307 LOUISE HIGHLAND PARK MI 48203 PIN: 43-004-02-0104-000

WHEREAS, the properties located at various address and are owned by the City of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park passed the ordinance allowing for commercial and residential lot sales; and

WHEREAS, the proposed purchasers, Shirley and Aaron Davis, meet the criteria approved by the City Council for the lot sale program; and

WHEREAS, The Davis' agree to comply with the provisions of the program and the city ordinance regarding such purchase; and

NOW HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council approve the sale of the vacant lot located at 307 Louise, Highland Park MI at the cost of \$250 to Shirley and Aaron Davis.

Moved by Councilmember Patrick
Supported by Council Pro Tem Lewis

To approve the sell of the vacant lot at 307 Louise. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL VACANT LOT LOCATED
AT 383 FLORENCE HIGHLAND PARK MI 48203 PIN: 43-004-04-0507-000

WHEREAS, the properties located at various address and are owned by the City of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park passed the ordinance allowing for commercial and residential lot sales; and

WHEREAS, the proposed purchaser, John Brown, meets the criteria approved by the City Council for the lot sale program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown agrees to comply with the provisions of the program and the city ordinance regarding such purchase; and

NOW HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council approve the sale of the vacant lot located at 383 Florence, Highland Park MI at the cost of \$250 to John Brown.

Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Moore

To approve the sell of the vacant lot at 383 Florence. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

FINANCE:

Submission of Monthly Financial Statement July 31, 2015.

Council Pro Tem Lewis requested this item be placed on the agenda for the September 21 Workshop meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Request to host training sessions by Task Force 1, Inc. September 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27, 2015.

Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Council Pro Tem Lewis

To approve the request to host training sessions at Highland Park Fire Department September 12 & 13, 19 & 20 and 26 & 27, 2015. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

OUTSIDE COMMUNICATIONS:

The following communication was received from Charlene Turner, President, Highland Park United Neighborhood Association.

Dear Council President Chris Woodward:

RE: Greening Community Planting Program

The Highland Park United Neighborhood Association (HPUNA) has been granted 160 trees by Greening of Detroit to be planted in the 2nd Phase of the Greening Community Tree Planting Program.

You are receiving this notice to request that this project be placed on the agenda for the city council meeting of September 8, 2015. The residents that may receive the trees need the approval of city council as the trees will be planted on the public space between the sidewalk and curb in front of certain homes (see attached list). The sites have been targeted based upon resident requests, Greening of Detroit requirements, and coordination with DPW. Residents will be invited to attend a meeting with Greening of Detroit and city representatives where the entire project will be explained.

Greening of Detroit would like to plant the trees on October 24 and 31, 2015. Greening of Detroit provides technical assistance and some watering to assist during the first year after planting. Residents may be needed to supplement Greening of Detroit's watering schedule if we have a dry summer next year.

Greening of Detroit provides a forester who has assessed sites to determine their feasibility for tree planting, and will provide a variety of trees to prevent the spread of disease that wipes out one specific type of tree, such as the Dutch Elm disease that killed many of Highland Park's trees. Some trees will be ornamental trees. Others will be shade trees, depending on the characteristics of each location. None of the trees will interfere with existing infrastructure.

The first phase planting in this program occurred in the Spring, 2014 on Tennyson, Connecticut, California and Massachusetts. The second phase planting is scheduled to occur on Massachusetts, McLean, Farrand Park, Winona, Puritan and Moss.

The HPUNA is a non-profit membership based organization incorporated to assist block clubs and block leaders to work together with city government to initiate self help projects that will improve the cleanliness, safety and quality of neighborhoods in Highland Park. HPUNA is serving as the facilitator of this project.

Trees add many benefits to a community – improve the air quality, increase property values, improve the esthetics, etc. Mayor Windom and the Highland Park United Neighborhood Association look forward to city council's participation in this effort to improve the quality of life in Highland Park.

Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Patrick

To refer the above communication to the Director of Public Works and that a resolution be submitted before this project moves forward. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (5).

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The following communication was received from Dr. Linda R. Pinkett Secretary and 50th Anniversary Committee Co-Chair at Faith Tabernacle Church.

To the Honorable Mayor Windom and the Highland Park City Council:

This letter is submitted on behalf of Faith Tabernacle Church as the official request for portions of Hamilton Avenue to be renamed in honor of the late Bishop Morris Thomas, Sr., co-founder of Faith Tabernacle Church (FTC) now located at 16548 Hamilton Avenue here in the city of Highland Park.

Faith Tabernacle is a faith-based organization currently under the leadership of Bishop Designate V. Ricardo Thomas, Sr. FTC has been a part of the Highland Park Community for 49 years and in 2016, we will be celebrating our 50th year as a part of this community. You may read the church's entire history on the document enclosed with this letter.

We respectfully submit our request to re-name portions of Hamilton Avenue, Bishop Morris Thomas, Sr. Avenue, beginning at Kendall St. (our first location) to Geneva St. (our current location).

Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Patrick

To refer the above communication to Community Development for a recommendation. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

CITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Moved by Councilmember Patrick
Supported by Councilmember McClary

To reconsider the resolution to approve purchase of residential structure located at 141 Church to Abdul Shaheed Seifullah-Hassan at the cost of \$1,210. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Patrick

To approve the sell of the residential structure located at 141 Church. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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Moved by Councilmember Patrick
Supported by Councilmember Moore

To reconsider for discussion the resolution authorizing an amendment to the lease agreement between the City of Highland Park and Storage Operations, LLC. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

There was discussion between Louis Starks, Director of Community Development, City Attorney Stephen Chacko and the Council.

Councilmember Patrick requested to withdraw his motion to reconsider for discussion. Councilmember McClary stated he could not, that Councilmember Moore would have to withdraw her support. Councilmember Moore withdrew her support.

Moved by Council Pro Tem Lewis

To approve request of Councilmember Moore to withdraw support. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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Councilmember McClary requested permission for the Highland Park Lion's Club to hold a Board of Directors Meeting in the Community Room of the Highland Park Fire Station on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by Council Pro-Tem Lewis
Supported by Councilmember Patrick

To approve the request of the Highland Park Lions Club to meet in the Community Room of the Highland Park Fire Station on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Council Pro tem Lewis

To adjourn this meeting; motion carried, meeting adjourned 9:56 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

I, hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the proposed minutes of a Regular Meeting held on the 8th day of September 2015 and that said proposed minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.



Cidia Wicker-Brown, Deputy City Clerk