

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

DECEMBER 2, 2013

Council convened at 7:01 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 with the following:

- 1- Remove agenda item VI.0a Request approval to sale DPW Scrap items) per legal).**
- 2- Add a Resolution requesting the Mayor and the Legal department to issue a written report to Council regarding PA 436.**

Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

*** Senator Bert Johnson spoke to the audience regarding Public Act 436**

TABLED ITEM:

**Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Council Pro Tem Lewis**

12-2-13-1 To remove the following resolution from the table. Yeas (5), Nays (0) Absent (0).

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF BRINDLEE MOUNTIAN FIRE APPARATUS TO SELL FIRE EQUIPMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park Fire Department is no longer utilizing its 1995 Ladder Truck, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park has received two quotes indicating that the scrap value of the 1995 Ladder Truck is \$8,500.00 and;

WHEREAS, Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus has indicated that they could sell the 1995 Ladder Truck for nearly double the scrap value quote received by the City, and Fire Chief Derrick Hillman is in agreement with this assertion, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Highland Park City Council hereby agrees to allow Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus to broker the sale of the City of Highland Park's 1995 Ladder Truck.

**Moved by Council Pro Tem Lewis
Supported by Councilmember McClary**

To approve the above resolution and that Chief Hillman forward a report on how much the fire equipment sold for. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

**LEGAL:
12-2-13-2**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A LEGAL SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF PRATT VS. CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

**Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Council Pro Tem Lewis**

WHEREAS, Amanda Pratt filed a lawsuit against the City of Highland Park after being injured within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, this matter was evaluated by a panel of neutral professional case evaluators who determined that the suit filed by the Plaintiff was valued at \$275,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Highland Park City Attorney negotiated a settlement, where it was agreed that this matter could be resolved for \$83,000.00; and

WHEREAS, a closed session was held to discuss the particulars of this matter, and it was recommended by the City Attorney that this matter be settled; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Highland Park City Council approves a settlement in the amount of \$83,000.00. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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12-2-13-3

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Council Pro Tem Lewis**

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK'S PROPERTY TAX POVERTY EXEMPTION APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the City Treasurer has created an updated Poverty Exemption Application to ensure that all of the provisions are current; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Highland Park City Council hereby adopts and approves the use of the attached poverty exemption application. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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12-2-13-4

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Council Pro Tem Lewis**

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY FDI DEMOLITION

WHEREAS, emergency demolition services were required in the area of Woodward and Tuxedo to ensure safety and limit potential liability; and

WHEREAS, FDI Demolition performed these emergency services on May 10, 2011; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Highland Park City Council approves payment in the amount of \$10,500.00. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

12-2-13-5

RESOLUTION REQUESTING MAYOR AND THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE A WRITTEN RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL REGARDING PA 436

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park has been cited as having probable financial stress by the Local Emergency Financial Assistance Loan Board on October 21, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the findings of that board have been reported to the Governor of the State of Michigan, who, pursuant to Public Act 436, must appoint a review team to determine the accuracy of the initial study; and

WHEREAS, based on the findings and recommendation of the review team, the Governor can declare that the City of Highland Park is in a state of financial emergency; and

WHEREAS, upon the declaration by the Governor, pursuant to Public Act 436, the City will have an opportunity to select one of the four (4) choices provided under the Act, to wit; Emergency Manager, Bankruptcy, Mediation or Consent Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the time period for selection of one of the above by the City may be less than ninety (90) days; and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council requests that the Mayor and the City Attorney explore any and all options with experts and consultants that may be available to this Honorable Body and City that could assist the City in making a choice of one of the above referenced options; and therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a written recommendation be made available to the members of the Highland Park City Council by Friday, December 13, 2013. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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12-02-13-6

The following communication was submitted for approval.

Subject: Your approval of member substitution to the Historic District Study Committee

At our meeting on Monday, October 21st we unanimously approved the formation of a Historic District Study Committee and the members of that committee. This is the group that will review the Ford Highland Park Historic Resource Study prepared by the SHPO and Quinn Evan Architects and make recommendation to the City Council any future actions concerning the study. Ms Lauren Hood was approved as a member of the committee representing the office of Community and Economic Development from the City. Since that meeting, the city has hired a new Director of Community and Economic Development Mr. Louis Starks.

To insure that we are consistent with the statute, I would recommend and motion that the Council approve Mr. Starks as a replacement to Ms. Hood on the Historic District Study Committee.

Moved by Councilmember Patrick
Supported by Council Pro Tem Lewis

To approve the new CED Director, Louis Starks as a W3A committee member to replace Lauren Hood. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

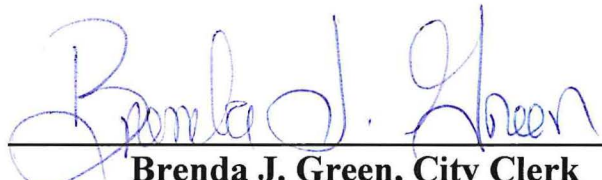
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Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Patrick

To adjourn the regular meeting, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

I, hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the proposed minutes of a Regular Meeting held on the 2nd day of December 2013 and that said proposed minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.



Brenda J. Green, City Clerk