

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

DECEMBER 21, 2015

Council convened at 7:05 p.m. with Council President Christopher Woodard presiding.

**Present: Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Patrick,
Councilmember McClary and Council President Woodard (4)**

Absent: Council Pro Tem Lewis, (1) excused.

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Moved by Councilmember Moore
Supported by Councilmember Patrick**

To add the following resolution to the agenda.

**Resolution authorizing a Professional Service agreement between the
City of Highland Park and the Ford Law firm. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).**

**Moved by Councilmember Patrick
Supported by Councilmember Moore**

To approve the agenda with the above addition. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Moved by Councilmember Patrick
Supported by Councilmember Moore**

**To approve the minutes of the Workshop Meeting held December 7, 2015. Yeas (4),
Nays (0), Absent (1).**

**Moved by Councilmember Moore
Supported by Councilmember Patrick**

**To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 7, 2015. Yeas (4),
Nays (0), Absent (1).**

TABLED ITEMS:

The following item were tabled from the November 16, 2015 meeting.

Offer to purchase 2 vacant residential structures by Curtis Jordan:

46 Tuxedo for \$2,334

55 Tuxedo for \$2,287

Moved by Councilmember McClary

To remove the item from the table.

THERE WAS NO SUPPORT FOR THE MOTION

THIS ITEM REMAINS TABLED

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The following items were tabled from the December 7, 2015 meeting.

**Offer to purchase multiple vacant residential lots by Bishop Lewis E. Evans for
\$250 each:**

27 Church

33 Church

59 Church

61 Church

69 Church

75 Church

**Offer to purchase multiple vacant residential lots by Bishop Lewis E. Evans for
\$250 each:**

91 Ferris

93 Ferris

16343 John R

Moved by Councilmember McClary

To remove the items from the table.

**THERE WAS NO SUPPORT FOR THE MOTION
THESE ITEMS REMAINS TABLED**

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The following items were tabled from the December 7, 2015 meeting.

Offer to purchase multiple vacant residential lots by Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency for \$250 each:

12320 Third 12344 Third/169 Cortland

Offer to purchase multiple vacant residential lots by Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency for \$250 each:

108 Cortland 110 Cortland 116 Cortland

Offer to purchase multiple vacant residential lots by Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency for \$250 each:

12319 Second 12345 Second 12340-46 Second

Offer to purchase multiple vacant residential lots by Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency for \$250 each:

87 Highland 121 Highland 155 Highland

**Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Moore**

To remove the above items from the table. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

**Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Moore**

To approve with question. Councilmember Moore asked Mr. Starks if he was still working on the policy process he responded yes. Councilmember Moore requested to remove her support for approval.

**Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Patrick**

To approve Councilmember Moore's request to remove her support. Yeas (4), Nays, (0), Absent (1).

**NO SUPPORT WAS OFFERED FOR THE MOTION
THE ITEM FAILED DUE TO NO SUPPORT**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL VACANT LOT
LOCATED AT 115 PORTAGE HIGHLAND PARK MI 48203**

**Moved by Councilmember Patrick
Supported by Councilmember McClary**

WHEREAS, the properties located at various addresses 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, Mattie and Julius Mobley, meets the criteria approved by the City Council for the lot sale program; and

WHEREAS, Mattie and Julius Mobley 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 115 Portage, Highland Park, MI at the cost of \$250.00 to Mattie and Julius Mobley. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

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The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REZONING FROM MIXED USE URBAN VILLAGE
DISTRICT TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR 13306
HAMILTON, 252 WAVERLY AND 256 WAVERLY
AND AUTHORIZING A HEIGHT VARIANCE TO ERECT 70 FOOT UNIPOLE
DIGITAL SIGN**

**Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Patrick**

WHEREAS, Christopher DuComb purchased property located at 13306 Hamilton, 252 Waverly, and 256 Waverly in the City of Highland Park that is zoned Mixed Use Urban Village District and desires to have it rezoned as Transit Oriented Design District; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Ordinance does not allow retail in the Mixed Use Urban Village District; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Ordinance does not allow installation of a 70 Foot unipole billboard structure; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DuComb is requesting a rezoning of 13306 Hamilton, 252 Waverly, 256 Waverly from Mixed Use Urban Village District to Transit Oriented Development District for purposes of rebuilding the Willy Burger Restaurant, constructing retail space, and construction of digital billboard site; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DuComb is requesting to install a single pole steel sign (also called unipole or monopole), with 2 sign faces arranged in a "V" structure-one reading to eastbound traffic and one to westbound traffic on Davison Freeway;

WHEREAS, Mr. DuComb is requesting a height variance approval for industry standard 70' unipole billboard structure facing Davison Freeway;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Highland Park that:

The Highland Park City Council acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals authorizes the Rezoning of 13306 Hamilton, 252 Waverly, 256 Waverly from Mixed Use Urban Village District to Transit Oriented Design District to rebuild the Willy Burger Restaurant, build retail space, a parking lot, and for construction of digital billboard sign; and an eight variance approval for industry standard 70' unipole billboard structure facing Davison Freeway. Yeas (3), Nays (1) Council President Woodard, Absent (1).

LEGAL:

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SITE ACCESS AND DEMOLITION LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, THE HIGHLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE STATE OF MICHIGAN LAND BANK FAST TRACK AUTHORITY

**Moved by Councilmember Moore
Supported by Councilmember Patrick**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council hereby approves the agreement between the City of Highland Park, The Highland Park School District and the State of Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority that authorizes the demolition and removal of the structure located at 15900 Woodward Ave. Highland Park, Michigan based on certain contingencies outlined in the attached Agreement. Yeas (3), Nays (1) Councilmember McClary, Absent (1).

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The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK TO RESOLVE ALL OUTSTANDING WATER BILLS.

Moved by Councilmember Patrick
Supported by Councilmember Moore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council hereby approves the Agreement between the City of Highland Park and the Highland Park Public Schools to resolve the outstanding water bills for the Highland Park Public Schools. Yeas (3), Nays (1) Councilmember McClary, Absent (1).

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The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Moore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council hereby approved the settlement between the City of Highland Park and Johnson Controls, MTT Tribunal Case Appeal, as full and final settlement of the matter of Hoover Universal, Inc. d/b/a/ Johnson Controls, Inc. v City of Highland Park, MTT Docket No. 14-003476, and Hoover Universal, Inc. v. City of Highland Park, MTT Docket No. 15-004454; in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Four Dollars and 00/100 (\$217,894.00) to be paid according to the terms outlined in the attached settlement agreement. Yeas (3), Nays (1) Councilmember Patrick, Absent (1).

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The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK AND THE FORD LAW FIRM**

**Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Patrick**

WHEREAS, The City of Highland Park is currently receiving legal services from Perkins Law Group, according to the particulars of the attached professional services agreement; and

WHEREAS, The Ford Law Firm agreed to assume the specific duties (contract attached) of the services agreement between the City of Highland Park and Perkins Law Group, effective January 1, 2016 with the understanding that both parties will have the opportunity to modify the terms or cancel the services agreement on January 31st 2016.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City Highland Park hereby authorizes the City to enter into an agreement with the Ford Law Firm. Yeas (3), Nays (1) Councilmember Moore, Absent (1).

Councilmember Moore stated she is in agreement with the transition but is uncomfortable voting without a contract to view.

CITY TREASURER

The following request was received from the Treasure.

The City is in need of a New Postage Mailing Machine. In the past 33 months due to the age of the current machine, maintenance costs have been over \$25,000. I have attached the vendor activity report from January 2012 to present.

Enclosed is pricing information from our current Postage Mailing Machine vendor- Neopost and Pitney Bowes.

My request would be to purchase the Pitney Bowes Mailing Machine at a cost of \$9,585.61 per State of Michigan Contract# 0711B3200013 (MI Deal). The line item number to be used is 101-253-970-000 Capital Outlay. Per the Finance Director, the Treasurers budget will be amended to reflect the purchase.

Please know the expiration date is Dec. 31, 2015. In the Year 2016, prices will increase.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

**Moved by Councilmember Patrick
Supported by Councilmember McClary**

To approve the purchase of the Pitney Bowes Mailing Machine for the city at a cost of \$9,585.61 per State of Michigan Contract#0711B3200013 (MI Deal). Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

**Moved by Councilmember Patrick
Supported by Councilmember McClary**

To cancel January 4, 2016 Workshop and Regular Meetings. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).


ADJOURNMENT:

**Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Moore**

To adjourn this meeting; motion carried meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

I, hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the proposed minutes of a Regular Meeting held on the 21st day of December 2015 and that said proposed minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.


Brenda J. Green, City Clerk