

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

April 1, 2024

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

Present: Council Pro Tem Robinson, Councilwoman Martin, Councilman Ash-Shafii, and Council President Thomas (4).

Absent: Councilwoman Manica (1) excused.

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To approve the agenda as presented. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1) Manica.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To approve the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting held March 18, 2024, with the following correction to the resolution appointing an interim City Treasurer: ~~for the remainder of the term of the Treasurer, until a Special Election is held.~~ Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1) Manica.

**BID OPENING
04-01-24 V a**

The Clerk stated this was the place and time to open bids received for Mowing Services.

Five bids were received.

Luxury Lawn and Snow
28240 Farmington Rd.
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
Bid Amount: \$140 per hour

Xpert Lawn and Snow
2111 Walter P. Reuther Rd.
Detroit, MI 48207
Bid Amount: \$79 per hour

Premier Group Associates
2221 Bellvue
Detroit, MI 48201
Bid Amount: \$65 per hour

Net Solutions
7317 E. Seven Mile Rd.
Detroit, MI 48234
Bid Amount: \$55 per hour

One Stop Property Maintenance
1210 Longfellow St.
Detroit, MI 48202
Bid Amount: \$195 per hour

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To refer to the Department of Public Works for a recommendation. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1) Manica.

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04-01-24 V b

The Clerk stated this was the place and time to open bids received for On-Call Electrical Service.

Two Bis were received.

Great Lakes Power & Lighting 9646 Marine City Highway Cosco, MI 48064 Bid Amount: \$77 per hour	Allied Building Service 1801 Howard St. Detroit, MI 48216 Bid Amount: \$85 per hour
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Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To refer to the Department of Public Works for a recommendation. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1) Manica.

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04-01-24 V c

The Clerk stated this was the place and time to open bids received for On-Call Plumbing Service.

Four bids were received.

Allied Building Service 1801 Howard St. Detroit, MI 48216 Bid Amount: \$90 per hour	USA Plumbing Service 11731 29 Mile Rd. Washington, MI 48095 Bid Amount: \$89 per hour	LGC Global Inc. 7310 Woodward Ste. 500 Detroit, MI 48202 Bid Amount: \$162.50 per hour
Rolls Mechanical 1490 Torrey Rd. Ste. D Fenton, MI 48430 Bid Amount: \$90 per hour		

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To refer to the Department of Public Works for a recommendation. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1) Manica.

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04-01-24 V d

The Clerk stated this was the place and time to open bids received for Sink Hole and Catch Basin Repair Service.

Three bids were received.

LGC Global Inc.
7310 Woodward Ste. 500
Detroit, MI 48202

Major Contracting Group, Inc.
12222 Greenfield Rd.
Detroit, MI 48227

Century Cement Company, Inc.
12600 Sibley Rd.
Riverview, MI 48193

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To refer to the Water Department for a recommendation. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1) Manica.

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04-01-24 V e

The Clerk stated this was the place and time to open bids received for Street Sweeping Service.

No bids were received.

LEGAL

04-01-24 VI

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

A RESOLUTION TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268(1)(c) TO DISCUSS UNION CONTRACT STRATEGY AND NEGOTIATIONS OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268(1)(e) TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

Moved by Council Pro Tem Robinson
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

WHEREAS, the City Attorney believes it is in the best interest of the City to convene into closed session to discuss union contract strategy and negotiations of collective bargaining; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney believes it is in the best interest of the City to convene into closed session to discuss pending litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Highland Park City Council shall convene into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(1) to: discuss union contract strategy and negotiations of collective bargaining which is exempt pursuant to MCL 15.243(1)(c); and discuss pending litigation which is exempt pursuant to MCL 156.243(1)(e), *Heard, et al v City of Highland Park*, USDC Case No. 22-cv-10357; 6th Circuit Case No. 24-1230. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1) Manica.

Meeting recessed at 7:41 p.m.

Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:24 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATION
04-01-24 VII**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED
SPENDING**

Moved by Councilwoman Martin
Supported by Councilman Ash-Shafii

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2024, Highland Park was notified that federally-elected congressmen/senators were accepting applications for FY 2025 Congressionally- Directed spending projects that support local communities; and

WHEREAS, an application was submitted to Senator Gary Peters for funding to replace the roofing on the building at 13233 Hamilton Street for \$1,200,000.00; and

WHEREAS, an application was submitted to Representative Shri Thanedar for funding to build a jail within the Hamilton Street building for \$496,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City approves submitting applications to Senator Gary Peters and Representative Shri Thanedar Offices for 2025 congressionally-directed spending projects. Yeas (3), Nays (1) Robinson, Absent (1) Manica.

**ENGINEERING
04-01-24 VIII**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT) GRANT#717 (TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT FUND(TED-F)- CATEGORY B) FOR THE REPAIR OF WINONA
STREET, BETWEEN JOHN R. STREET AND OAKLAND AVENUE AND STEVENS
STREET, BETWEEN JOHN R. STREET AND MCNICHOLS ROAD**

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department and Department of Public Works was awarded federal funds under the infrastructure funding from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) requiring a community to provide local matching funds for eligible roads within the City of Highland Park,

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park received \$250,000.00 in funding in total for the FY2024 TED-F program to repair Winona Street, between John R. Street and Oakland Avenue & Stevens Street, between John R. Street and McNichols Road,

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park is responsible for providing all additional funding to complete the aforementioned scope on Winona Street and Stevens Street, outside of the \$250,000.00 Grant,

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department and Department of Public Works, as a condition of accepting this contract, will be responsible for naming a full-time city employee authorized to sign contract documents and approve pay applications; the authorized full-time employee will also be responsible for attending all construction and site meetings for this project; and departments, engineering, and building department are supportive of the grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that MDOT TED-F Category B: Contract Number 24-5027, Control Section EDB 82000, Job Number 218291CON, Grant No. 717 by and between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Highland Park is hereby accepted. The following Official is authorized to sign said contract, Michael Reese, DPW Supervisor. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1) Manica.

**POLICE
04-01-24 IX**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
HIGHLANDPARK AND THE HIGHLAND PARK POLICE PATROL OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION, TEAMSTERS LOCAL 214**

Moved by Councilwoman Martin
Supported by Council President Thomas

WHEREAS, the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Highland Park and the Highland Park Police Patrol Officers Association, Teamsters Local 214 ("UNION"), expired on June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the parties to that Collective Bargaining Agreement have negotiated a tentative agreement, subject to City Council approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Highland Park City Council approves the tentative agreement between the City of Highland Park and the Highland Park Police Patrol Officers Association, Teamsters Local 214 with a term of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026. Yeas (3) Thomas, Martin and Ash-Shafii, Nays (1) Robinson, Absent (1) Manica.

**CITY COUNCIL
04-01-24 X a**

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Council Pro Tem Robinson

That the City pay the cost for the interim City Treasurer, Lisa Stolarski, to be bonded. Yeas (2) Robinson and Ash-Shafii, Nays (2) Thomas and Martin, Absent (1) Manica.

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04-01-24 X b

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To request from the State a third-party entity to do a full forensic financial audit of the City's finances. Yeas (3) Robinson, Martin and Ash-Shafii, Nays (1) Thomas, Absent (1) Manica.

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04-01-24 X c

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Council Pro Tem Robinson

To reconsider his yes vote for the Tentative Agreement for the Police Department. Yeas (2) Robinson and Ash-Shafii, Nays (2) Thomas and Martin, Absent (1) Manica.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by President Thomas at 9:29 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 1st day of April 2024 and that said minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.



Cidia Wicker-Brown, Deputy City Clerk