

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HIGHLAND PARK CITY COUNCIL

December 16, 2019

Council convened at 7:06 p.m. with Council President Patrick presiding.

Present: Council Pro Tem McDonald, Councilmember Woodard, Councilmember Bates and Council President Patrick. (4).

Absent: Councilmember Lewis (1) excused.

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Council Pro-Tem McDonald

Supported by Councilmember Bates

To approve the agenda (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Council Pro Tem McDonald

Supported by Councilmember Bates

**To approve the minutes from the Workshop and Regular Meeting held November 18, 2019.
Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).**

FINANCE:

12-16-19 V

The monthly financial statement for November 30, 2019 was received and filed.

30th DISTRICT COURT:

12-16-19 VI

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

TO ACCEPT INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND GRANT #2020-93 FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

**Moved by Councilmember Woodard
Supported by Councilmember Bates**

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan, under the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Act of 2013 (MCL 780.981- 780.1003), requires minimum standards which are designed to ensure that the provision of indigent criminal defense services meet constitutional requirements for effective assistance of counsel, and

WHEREAS, THE City of Highland Park applied to the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission for grants funds in order to implement the State mandated requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City has received notification from the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission advising of its intent to award the amount of \$104,906.71 in order to fund implementation, and

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WHEREAS, the City has a local match requirement of \$13,797.00 and now therefore,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Highland Park City Council hereby authorizes the appropriate City officials to do all things necessary to accept the award of Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Grant #2020-9 in the amount of \$104,906.71, to comply with the grant agreement/guidelines, and to budget the appropriate revenue and expenditure accounts in Fund 260 (Indigent Defense Fund) for the 2019-20 budget year as well as any subsequent fiscal years that these funds remains available from the grantor. Yeas (4) Nays (0), Absent (1).

LEGAL:

12-16-19 VII-a

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$49,180.96 TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION FOR UNPAID WAGES OWED TO FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

**Moved by Councilmember Woodard
Supported by Councilmember Bates**

WHEREAS, four employees of the Highland Park Fire Department filed a claim of unpaid wages with the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of unpaid wages is \$49, 180.96, which amount must be paid on or before January 1, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that City Council approves payment to the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, in the amount of \$49,180.96 for unpaid wages owed to Fire Department employees. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

12-16-19 VII b

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO MSHDA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$417,420.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF 116-118 PILGRIM 170 MOSS, AND 153 EASON

Moved by Councilmember Bates

Supported by Council Pro Tem McDonald

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park is, currently, not in good standing with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) due to its noncompliance with NSP related to the unsold properties referenced above; and

WHEREAS, due to its current negative standing with MSHDA, the City is ineligible to receive any other State-funded grants; and

WHEREAS, in order to restore the City's good standing with MSHDA, the City must pay the purchase price of the properties, which totals \$417,420.00; and

WHEREAS, said payment would require an amendment to the existing budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that City Council approves amendment of the budget and payment to MSHDA in the amount of \$417,420.00 which would cover the purchase price of the above-referenced properties and restore the City's good standing with MSHDA and, ultimately, the State of Michigan. Yeas (3), Nays (1) Council President Patrick, Absent (1)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

12-16-19-VIII a

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR STATE OF MICHIGAN GRANT FOR FINANCIALLY DISTRESSED CITIES, VILLAGES OR TOWNSHIPS (FDCVT)

Moved by Councilmember Woodard

Supported by Councilmember Bates

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan is providing \$2.5M in 2020 for grants to financially distressed cities, villages, or townships (FDCVT) to be used to pay for specific projects or services that move the city, villages, or township toward financial stability; and

WHEREAS, Highland Park qualifies for subject grant; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the City has successfully applied for and received grants for the Water Department, the purchase of a new police vehicle and the Blue Light Project; and

WHEREAS, Highland Park wishes to apply for funding to remediate the contaminants found in the environmental survey performed at the McGregor Library to bring that architectural treasure one step closer to being fully restored; and

WHEREAS, Highland Park wishes to apply for funding to bring the front entrance to Highland Park City Hall into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and

NOW, THERE, BE I RESOLVED by the City of Highland Park that they approve the submission of two FDCVT grant applications to the State of Michigan on or before January 2, 2020 (one for the library remediation and one for making the front entrance of City Hall ADA compliant). Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

12-16-19-VIII b

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$7,600.00 TO HAYES LAND CORPORATION FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT

Moved by Councilmember Woodard

Supported by Councilmember Bates

WHEREAS, Hayes Land Corporation performed sidewalk replacement work at 27, 37, and 47 Doris in the amount of \$3,980; and at 50 and 62 Connecticut in the amount of \$3,620; and

WHEREAS, the existing sidewalk was degraded in its condition so as to create an imminent hazard to pedestrians and expose the City to legal liability; and

WHEREAS, Hayes Land Corporation has submitted the attached invoices for payment, which total \$7,600; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that City Council approves payment to Hayes Land Corporation in the amount of \$7,600.00 for work performed. Council requested to have pictures of the sidewalks repaired. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

WATER DEPARTMENT:

12-16-19 IX

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

A RESOLUTION FOR THE SUBMITTAL OF THE 2020 FINANCIALLY DISTRESSED, CITIES, VILLAGES, TOWNSHIPS (FDCVT) GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY BY THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK WATER DEPARTMENT

Moved by Councilmember Bates
Supported by Councilmember Woodard

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park is under an Administrative Consent Order (ACO) by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) formerly the MDEQ, effective July 28, 2017 regarding the existing water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park previously received a Significant Deficiency Violation Notice from EGLE regarding April 11, 2016 regarding the existing water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park previously received a Lead and Copper Monitoring – Action Level (AL) Exceedance letter from EGLE on July 12, 2019 regarding the community water supply's 90th percentile value exceeding the action level for lead during the most recent round of lead and copper monitoring between June and September 2019; and

WHEREAS, as a result of exceeding the lead Action Level (AL) the City of Highland Park is required under the administrative rules promulgated under the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended (Act 399) to meet additional requirements including water quality parameter monitoring, source water monitoring, corrosion control treatment, and public education, as well as being mandated to replace a higher percentage of lead service lines; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park has received over \$4.9 Million dollars in grant funds from the FDCVT Grant from 2015-2018 for various technology, water, and infrastructure repairs and improvements throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Water Department Director, additional funding is necessary to meet the requirements of the ACO, the State of Michigan Department of Treasury, the requirements set forth by EGLE due to the Lead and Copper Monitoring – Action Level (AL) Exceedance, in addition to meeting the goals of the City of Highland Park Water Department of repairing the existing water infrastructure; and

BE IT RESOLVED, THE City of Highland Park City Council approves the submittal of the 2020 Financially Distressed, Cities, Villages, and Townships (FDCVT) Grant Application to the State of Michigan Department of Treasury before January 2, 2020. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

CITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Moved by Council Pro-Tem McDonald
Supported by Councilmember Bates

Approve the City Council 2020 meeting calendar. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

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The following letter was submitted by Councilmember Woodard from City Administrator, Cathy Square.

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I first like to wish everyone a great holiday season. I am approaching my 5-year anniversary and now I am requesting a raise of \$15,000 per year.

My current salary is \$95,000.

My accomplishments speak for themselves and I hope to continue the good work for the city.

Thank you for your consideration.

Moved by Councilmember Woodard

Supported by Councilmember Bates

To approve City Administrator, Cathy Square request for \$15,000 raise a year. Councilmember Bates stated a list of her accomplishments should be listed so everyone will know. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

ADJOURNMENT:

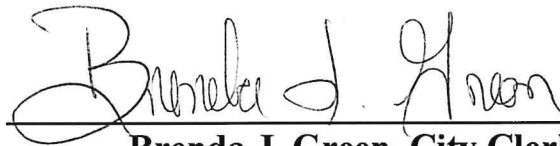
Moved by Councilmember Woodard

Supported by Council Pro Tem McDonald

To adjourn this meeting; motion carried meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

I, hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the Proposed Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on the 16th of December 2019. Minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Brenda J. Green", written over a horizontal line.

Brenda J. Green, City Clerk