

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HIGHLAND PARK CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 17, 2016

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

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

Absent: (0)

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Woodard

Supported by Council Pro Tem McDonald

To approve the agenda with the addition of a rental agreement from HP Renaissance Academy – Barber Campus to use Ernest T. Ford Fieldhouse and to move the closed session to the end of the meeting.. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

A presentation was made by Theresa Sumpter, Detroit Pit Crew regarding assisting HP in rescuing and housing loose dogs.

MAYOR:

10-17-16- I

The following request was submitted by the Mayor.

BUDGET ADMENDMENT RECONSIDERATION

At our City Council meeting of September 19, 2016, Finance Item VII, to amend the General Fund Activity budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Item (B) was not passed by Council for Marli (Marlita) Blackman and Katherine Perkins.

I respectfully ask that the Council reconsider the two items. Having a Press Secretary is very beneficial for the City of Highland Park regarding media interviews and projecting a positive light on the City.

I am requesting that Council also reconsider the action taken regarding Katherine Perkins. Finance Item VII (B) Ms. Perkins has worked with our senior citizens for many years and has garnered

their respect, Ms. Perkins has been very instrumental in coordinating services for our seniors, as well as being our much needed AARP representative.

All expenditures are cleared through Mrs. Cathy Square, City Administrator.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

CITY CLERK:

10-17-16 II

The Clerk submitted a rental agreement application for the use of Ernest T. Ford Fieldhouse.

Highland Park Renaissance Academy-Barber Campus is requesting to rent Ernest T. Ford Fieldhouse for multiple days for volleyball/basketball.

Moved by Councilmember Woodard
Supported by Councilmember Lewis

To approve the rental agreement from Highland Park Renaissance Academy- Barber Campus to use Ernest T. Ford Fieldhouse on multiple days for volleyball/basketball. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

WATER DEPARTMENT:

10-17-16-III

The following communication was submitted by Damon L. Garrett, PE Water Director.

Re: FY 2017 Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships Grant application.

This letter is to inform you that we have applied for a Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships (FDCVT) Grant for fiscal year 2017. The FDCVT Grant is supported by revenues from the state sales tax, and is administered by the Michigan Department of Treasury. \$5.0 million in funding will be available for fiscal year 2017, with a maximum award of \$2.0 million to any city, village, or township.

Highland Park has requested \$2.0 million in grant money to assist with funding the following tasks:

Hydrant Repairs/Replacement	Water Valve Replacements
Locate & Repair Water leaks	Cross Connection Program
Recruit & Employ Certified Operator in charge	Water Billing & payment Issues
Update Reliability Study	

The tasks identified in the grant request were selected based upon items identified in the City of Highland Park, MI Water & Sewer Capital Improvement Plan FY 2017-2022, as well as items noted in the April 25, 2012 Determination and Order and the April 11, 2016 Significant Deficiency Violation Notice received from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

If you have any questions, concerns, or require additional supporting information, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Moved by Councilmember Lewis

Supported by Council Pro Tem McDonald

To approve the submission of FY 2017 Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships Grant Application. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

Moved by Councilmember McClary

Supported by Councilmember Lewis

To recess and meet in a closed session. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0). Meeting recessed at 8:10 p.m.

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Moved by Councilmember Lewis

Supported by Councilmember McClary

To reconvene the regular meeting; meeting reconvene at 9:02 p.m.

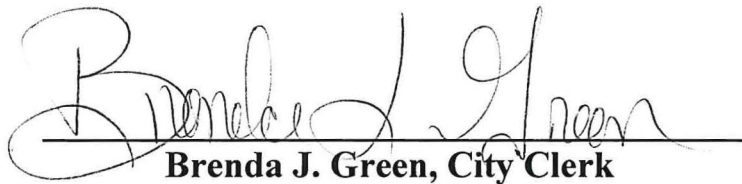
Moved by Councilmember McClary

Supported by Councilmember Lewis

To adjourn the regular meeting; motion carried; meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

I, hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the proposed minutes of a Regular Meeting held on the 17th day of October 2016 and that said proposed minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.


Brenda J. Green, City Clerk