

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

July 3, 2023

Council convened at 7:03 p.m. with Council President Thomas presiding.

Present: Council President Thomas, Council Pro Tem Robinson, Councilwoman Manica, Councilwoman Martin and Councilman Ash-Shafii (5).

Absent: None (0).

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

* Virtual viewing wasn't available due to technical issues.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilwoman Manica

Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To approve the agenda as presented. Yeas (5). Nays (0), Absent (0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councilwoman Manica

Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To approve the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Regular meeting held June 20, 2023. Yeas (3), Nays (2) Council Pro Tem Robinson, Councilman Ash-Shafii, Absent (0).

BID OPENING:

07-03-23 V

The Clerk stated this was the place and time to open bid proposals for a Planning Firm to administer Highland Park Planning functions.

Two (2) bids were received.

Parkstone Development
1363 E. Fisher Fwy#7
Detroit, MI 48207

McKenna
235 East Main St. Ste#105
Northville, Michigan 48167

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To open the bids and refer to the Community Economic Department. Yeas (4), Nays (1) Council Pro Tem Robinson, Absent (0).

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:
07-03-23 VI**

Moved by Councilwoman Martin
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO SELL THE VACANT RESIDENTIAL ADJACENT LOT AT 142 COLORADO TO THE ADJACENT
PROPERTY OWNER AT 146 COLORADO**

WHEREAS the City of Highland Park holds in its inventory a surplus of city-owned parcels that are not producing a taxable, habitable and general benefit to the city and its residents; and

WHEREAS it is the goal of the city to decrease the number of city-owned parcels and return them to productive use; and

WHEREAS the City of Highland Park is the owner of the vacant adjacent lot at 142 Colorado, (vacant lot adjacent to resident's home); and

WHEREAS, all fees have been previously paid, and required clearances obtained from the Water Department, Treasurer, City Engineer, CED and Legal Departments are signed off and ready to purchase; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the sale of the vacant lot located in Highland Park, MI at the cost of \$500. Yeas (3), Nays (2) Council Pro Tem Robinson and Councilman Ash Shafii, Absent (0).

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
07-03-23 VII**

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council Pro Tem Robinson

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DETROIT WAYNE INTEGRATED HEALTH NETWORK
AND THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS the City of Highland Park has an interest in promoting the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS engaging the youth in the community in positive activities during the summer months; and

WHEREAS the City has been awarded monies by Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network in the amount of \$30,000 to fund a summer youth program to allow eligible participants to earn income during the summer, while performing safe yet constructive employment activities, which are in the best interest of the youth and the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Highland Park approves the acceptance of \$30,000 from Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network for the funding of the Summer Youth Employment Program. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:
07-03-23 VIII**

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council Pro Tem Robinson

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION EXTENDING "AXON ENTERPRISES" AS SELECTED VENDOR FOR BODY-WORN CAMERAS
AND VEHICLE AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS the Highland Park Police Department has a desire to continue the use body-worn cameras, conducted electrical weapons and vehicle audio/video recording systems utilizing MiDeal pricing; and

WHEREAS the Police Department awarded a 5-year contract to AXON in 2018 that included hardware, software, storage and management capabilities which includes direct integration in the department's license plate readers; and

WHEREAS the Axon software and hardware has performed better than intended and used in thousands of cases to assist the department in its mission to provide public safety and would like to continue to use AXON to provide these services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that City Council accepts the recommendation and approves "Axon Enterprises" as the selected vendor to provide body-worn cameras and video audio/video recording systems not to exceed an annual cost of \$75,000.00 which will be allocated from the police budget. Yeas (3) Nays (2) Councilwoman Martin and Councilman Ash Shafii, Absent (0).

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councilwoman Martin
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

To adjourn the meeting; motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

I, hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the proposed minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting held the 3rd day of July 2023 and that said minutes are available for public inspections at the address designated on the posted public notice.

 City Clerk