

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

**APRIL 21, 2014**

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

**Present: Council Pro-Tem Lewis, Councilmember Patrick,  
Councilmember McClary and Council President Woodard (4).**

**Absent: Councilmember Moore (1) excused.**

**A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.**

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Moved by Council Pro Tem Lewis  
Supported by Councilmember McClary**

**To approve the agenda with the following addition.**

**A resolution to approve ballot language & elect Charter Commission members at  
the next general election 11-4-14.**

**Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**To approve the minutes from the Workshop and Regular Meeting held April 7,  
2014. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**4-21-14-1**

The Clerk stated this was the place and time to conduct a public hearing to hear the views of citizens on a proposed long-term lease of the city owned property located at 1406 E. Avon, Rochester Hills, Mi (tree farm).

Mr. Starks, CED Director introduced Mr. David Lancio, perspective lesser of the property. Mr. Lancio stated his intent is to develop an Assisting Living Complex. Mr. Starks stated the city charter doesn't allow the sale of the tree farm unless approved by a majority of the electors in the city. Mr. Lancio would like to buy the land for 1 million dollars. If approved by the electors, he would add an additional \$20,000. Citizens expressed concerns about the price and other potential buyers.

Moved by Councilmember McClary  
Supported by Councilmember Patrick

To close the Public Hearing. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

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**MAYOR**

**04-21-14-2**

Moved by Councilmember McClary  
Supported by Councilmember Patrick

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM CPI EXCAVATING LOCATED AT 41900 EXECUTIVE DRIVE, HARRISON TWP. MI. 48045 FOR WATER SERVICE REPAIR NEAR 138 FLORENCE ST. IN THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Highland Park City Council does hereby accept a proposal from CPI Excavating to perform water service repair near 138 Florence St. in Highland Park, MI for an amount not to exceed One Thousand-Nine Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,950.00) Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).**

04-21-14-3

Moved by Councilmember McClary  
Supported by Councilmember Patrick

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM LAKESHORE GLOBAL AT 7310  
WOODWARD AVENUE, DETROIT, MI. 48202 FOR A WATERMAIN REPAIR AT  
OAKLAND NEAR FERRIS ST. IN THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Highland Park City Council does hereby accept a proposal from Lakeshore Global to perform water main repair at Oakland near Ferris St. in Highland Park, MI. for an amount not to exceed Four-Thousand-Three Hundred Dollars (\$4,300.00). Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1)

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CITY CLERK

04-21-14-4

The following communication was submitted by the Clerk.

The Highland Park City Council passed a resolution requesting a Special Election for a Ballot Proposal re: A Charter Revision Proposal that election was held on Tuesday, August 7, 2012.

The electors of Highland Park passed the proposal Yes 724, No 208. However, the election for Charter Commissioners wasn't held.

I have placed on the agenda a request for the legislative body to set a budget for the Charter Commission. According, to the Home Rule City Act a budget should be in place prior to the election.

Enclosed in your council packet is a copy of the Home Rule City Act. Please refer to section 117.19.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Moved by Council Pro Tem Lewis  
Supported by Councilmember Patrick

To table the above communication until the next meeting to be held May 5, 2014.  
Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

04-21-14-5

The Clerk submitted the rental agreement from Young Men in Transition Inc. to use Ernest T. Ford Field House on multiple days.

Moved by Councilmember Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember McClary

To approve Young Men in Transition, Inc. to use Ernest T. Ford Field House on Multiple days with the understanding that a member from council and the school board be added to the Quality Assurance Committee and that a schedule be submitted to council. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

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04-21-14-6

The Clerk submitted the following resolution.

Moved by Council Pro Tem Lewis  
Supported by Councilmember Patrick

WHEREAS, the Highland Park City Council adopted the following ballot language on February 20, 2012.

#### GENERAL CHARTER REVISION

Shall there be a General Revision of the Charter of the City of Highland Park?

and;

WHEREAS, the proposal was submitted to the electors of the city and by a majority vote, declared in favor of the revision Yes (724) No (208);

WHEREAS, the Home Rule City act states a Charter Commission shall be elected within sixty (60) days

and;

WHEREAS, the election to elect a Charter Commission wasn't held within the sixty (60) days deadline;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on this day, Monday, April 21, 2014 that the Highland Park City Council adopt the ballot language below again and approve that a Charter Commission of (9) nine members be elected at the next general election to be held November 4, 2014.

**PROPOSAL**

**GENERAL CHARTER REVISION**

**SHALL THERE BE A GENERAL REVISION OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF  
HIGHLAND PARK?**

**YES**

**NO**

**NONPARTISAN SECTION**

**CHARTER COMMISSION**

**VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 9**

**Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).**

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**FINANCE:**

**04-21-14-7**

**The Finance Director distributed the proposed budget for the year 2014-2015.**

**Moved by Council Pro Tem Lewis  
Supported by Councilmember Patrick**

**To set a date and time to hold a Public Hearing for the proposed 2014-15 budget.  
Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).**

**Moved by Council Pro Tem Lewis  
Supported by Councilmember Patrick**

**To hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for the proposed  
2014-15 budget. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).**

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**OUTSIDE COMMUNICATIONS:**

**04-21-14-8**

**A verbal request was made by Mark Hacksaw, HPBA asking to use the McGregor  
Library grounds for their 2014 Music Series.**

July 18, 19  
August 1,  
August 15,

July 25  
August 8,  
Aug 16, Model T –Dream Cruise

Council stated that Mr. Hacksaw's request should be put in writing for approval.  
Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

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04-21-14-9

The following communication was received from DWSD

Re: DWSD FY 2014-15 Sewage Rates and Charges

On March 26, 2014, the Board of Water Commissioners approved water and sewage rates and charges for Fiscal Year 2014-15. These rate increases continue to incorporate our ongoing efforts to control expenses while providing quality water and sewage services.

These adopted sewage rates, for Fiscal Year 2014-15, are the result of a decrease in our operating budget of 2.2% and an increase in capital related costs of 1.3%. The capital related costs are intended to fund infrastructure improvements, and reduce future borrowing needs.

The Department is pleased to announce the approval of rate simplification for sewage customers by the Board of Water Commissioners on November 27, 2013. The change is the culmination of a multi-year process working with our wholesale customers to resolve a number of issues. The new approach assigns a percentage share of the common-to-all cost categories for each customer, based on their historical average sewage flow. These percentage shares are applied to the total revenue requirements for a given cost category, to determine an individual customer share. In addition, beginning with FY 14/15, the total revenue requirements by customer will be recovered on a fixed monthly charge basis.

The share calculations will remain constant for fiscal years 2014/15, 2015/2016 and 2016/17. After this initial period, the Rates Work Group (a cross-functional team of DWSD staff and customers) will review the shares to determine if the methodology for determining shares should be revised. The Rates Work Group will review any requests for interim shares changes. For FY 2014/15, the wholesale sewage customer class revenue requirements are increasing on average by 2.8%. Due to the setting of initial shares for FY 2014/15, there is variability around this average amongst the customers. This variability between customers should be minimized in the following two fiscal years since shares are not anticipate to materially change. More information on rate simplification is provided in the enclosed brochure "DWSD Rolls Out Simplified Rate System for Sewer Services" or in a video on the home page of [www.dwsd.org](http://www.dwsd.org).

The Industrial Waste Control and surcharge rates reflect an increase of approximately 2.2% over the existing rates.

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) continues to extend it's thanks to the efforts of both the Water Technical Advisory Committee and the Wastewater Steering Committee. The Board of Water Commissioners and the Department values their continuing recommendations and participation.

If you are a wholesale sewage customer under an old contract, the Department would like to offer you the opportunity to negotiate a new model contract. Currently, the majority of our wholesale water customers are under the water model contract. The model contracts offer customers many advantages compared to the old contracts. Please feel free to contact us to obtain more information.

The FY 2014/15 rates and charges applicable to you are indicated on the enclosed document. These rates and charges are effective on all bills rendered by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department as of August 1, 2014. They will apply to flows and/or usage beginning July 1, 2014.

It continues to be our pleasure to provide you these services. If you have questions regarding the upcoming changes in rates and charges, or other related matters in this letter, please contact Raphael Chiolla of the Financial Planning Division-Rates Section.

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**COUNCIL AFFAIRS:**

Councilmember Patrick extended an invitation to the audience or anyone they know who would be interested in being a member of the 2014 Beautification Commission. The Commission is in charge of the public spaces on the Woodward Avenue Corridor. Contact Councilmember Patrick if you are interested.

Councilmember Patrick also stated that WA3 bought the Ford Administration Building and executive garage keep your eyes open good things will be happening in that area soon.

**\*\*Councilmember McClary excused himself after council affairs.**

Moved by Councilmember Patrick  
Supported by Council Pro Tem Lewis

To adjourn; motion carried meeting adjourn at 10:30 p.m.