

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

September 15, 2014

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

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

Absent: None (0).

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

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

MAYOR'S PRESENTATION:

Mayor Windom presented DPW worker's Herbert Smith and Wash Hayes with the Spirit of Highland Park Award for devoting their weekends cutting grass throughout the city.

TABLED ITEM:

Moved by Council Pro Tem Lewis

The following resolution remain table due to a lack of support.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF VACANT LOTS LOCATED AT
293 CANDLER**

WHEREAS, the properties located various addresses and are owned by the City of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park passed the ordinance allowing for commercial and residential lots sale and;

WHEREAS, the proposed purchaser meets the criteria approved by the City Council for the lot sale program and;

WHEREAS, the purchaser agrees to comply with the provisions of the program and the city ordinance regarding such purchase; and

NOW HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council approves the sale of 293 Candler at the cost of \$250.00 per lot

MAYOR:

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM CPI EXCAVATING LOCATED AT 41900 EXECUTIVE DRIVE, HARRISON TWP. MI 48045 FOR A SERVICE REPAIR AT Mc NICHOLS AND HAMILTON IN THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

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

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council does hereby accept a proposal from CPI Excavating to perform water main repair at Mc Nichols and Hamilton in Highland Park, MI for an amount not to exceed Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).
Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).**

CITY CLERK:

The following request was made by Advance America located at 14130 Woodward.

An amended business license was submitted by Advance America requesting to begin purchasing gold at their 14130 Woodward address.

Moved by Councilmember McClary

ITEM FAILED DUE TO A LACK OF SUPPORT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

The following communication was received from Louis Starks, CED Director.

Brownfield Tax Increment Finance Authority Local Request: Oakland Park LLC X-Oakland Tech Park Parcel X Proposed Warehouse Distribution Building.

Representatives from Wayne County Brownfield Tax Increment Finance Authority, Oakland Parkway and Mr. Starks explained the Authority to Councilmembers and Citizens and stated that a public hearing would be held to hear concerns from citizens on the possible approval for 10 acres in the Oakland Parkway area be designated as a Brownfield.

CITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

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

To call a Special Meeting/Closed Session for Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss and vote on the Emergency Loan Agreement with a public session being held. Closed session re: discussion sending a letter to the Governor that the Neutral Evaluation law isn't being followed. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0)

Councilmember Moore stated that Council should be involve in ALL decisions going forward with regards to the State.

Councilmember Patrick submitted the following letter to Senator Bert Johnson.

I hope this letter finds you in good health and all is well. Please consider this communication as an “official request” for you and the resources of your office to commence as investigation (through FOIA’s, interviews, etc.) as it pertains to Public Act 436, the Neutral Evaluation process, the State of Michigan, and the Mayor’s Office.

The Neutral Evaluation option, which is supposed to be fair and unbiased process, appears to have been “driven” unfairly by the State of Michigan (a list creditor). I am requesting that your investigation include, but not limited to, the Governor’s Office; include, but not limited to, the State Treasurer’s Office; include, but not limited to, Mayor DeAndre Windom and his administration.

At the August 25th 2014, Council meeting, the members of this Council approved a “No Confidence” vote in Mayor Windom 4 to 1. With that in mind, and as an elected official in this city, I have a duty and responsibility to assure our residents that the selected process of Neutral Evaluation, under PA 436, was followed to the letter of the law with fairness to all parties involved.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

To adjourn the meeting; motion carried meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

I, hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of the proposed minutes of the Regular Meeting held on the 15th day of September 2014 and that said proposed minutes are available for public inspections at the address designated on the posted public notice.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda J. Green". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Brenda J. Green
City Clerk