

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HIGHLAND PAK CITY COUNCIL**

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Council convened at 5:34 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.

The Clerk read the following notice.

I, Mayor Windom do hereby call a Special Meeting of the Highland Park City Council on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. pursuant to Section 5-3 (b) of the Highland Park City Charter.

The purpose of the meeting:

- 1. To approve an agreement to retain the debt consultation Services of Stevenson & Bullock and Jaffe law firms.**
- 2. Closed session to discuss DWSD v. City of Highland Park, Case No. 2:13- cv-14827.**
- 3. To approve an amendment to the current agreement between the City of Highland Park and the City of Hamtramck for income tax services.**

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

To change agenda item #2 to #1. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0)

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

**To recess the regular meeting to meet in a closed session. Yeas (5), Nays (0),
Absent (0). Regular Meeting recessed at 5:40 p.m.**

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

**To reconvene the regular meeting. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0) regular
meeting reconvened at 6:25 p.m.**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

12-19-13-1

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE JAFFE
RAITT HEUER & WEISS AND THE STEVENSON & BULLOCK LAW FIRMS**

**WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park has significant long term debt in an
amount not to excess of \$20 million; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park has a desire to address this long term
debt in a manner that will allow the City to restore its financial health; and**

**WHEREAS, the Highland Park City Council, through a prior resolution,
authorized the Mayor and the City Attorney to explore any and all options with
experts and consultants that could assist the City in making choices regarding its
financial condition; and**

WHEREAS, the Highland Park City Attorney along with the Mayor recommends that the City engage the professional debt consultation services of the Jaffe & Stevenson & Bullock law firms in order to assist the City in addressing its long term debt; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Highland Park City Council approves the engagement of the Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss Firm and the Stevenson & Bullock firm for an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

12-19-13-2

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK FOR INCOME TAX
SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park currently has an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Hamtramck to provide income tax services; and

WHEREAS, the current agreement is set to expire in December 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park has determined that it is beneficial for both parties to extend the Agreement for a period of one year, to include calendar year 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hamtramck has indicated a desire to subcontract its obligations under the current agreement to Innovative Software Services, Inc. in order to provide more efficient services to the City of Highland Park including but not limited to the ability for residents to e-file; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Highland Park has recommended the above actions; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council hereby approves the attached amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Highland Park and the City of Hamtramck for Income Tax Services. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

ADJOURNMENT:

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

To adjourn the meeting; motion carried meeting adjourn at 6:45 p.m.



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NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HIGHLAND PARK CITY COUNCIL

Date: Thursday, December 19, 2013
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Robert B. Blackwell Municipal Complex
12050 Woodward Avenue, 2nd Floor
Highland Park, Michigan 48203

I, Mayor DeAndre Windom, do hereby call a Special Meeting of the Highland Park City Council on the above date, time and place.

The purpose of the meeting:

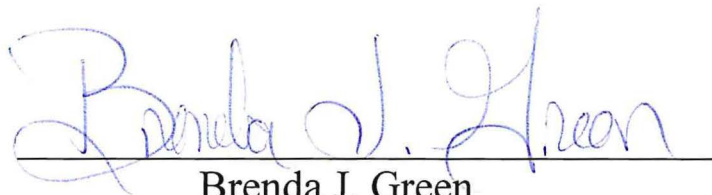
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DeAndre Windom
Mayor

Robert B. Blackwell Municipal Building
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Highland Park, Michigan 48203
313-252-0050 ext. 252
313-852-7320 fax

CERTIFICATE

I, hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of the proposed minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 19th day of December 2013 and that said proposed minutes are available for public inspections at the address designated on the posted public notice.



Brenda J. Green
City Clerk

