

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

FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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

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

Absent: (0).

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council President Thomas

To approve the agenda. Yeas (4), Nays (1) Robinson, Absent (0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council Pro Tem Robinson

To approve the corrected minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Regular meeting held January 2, 2023. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To approve the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Workshop meeting held February 6, 2023. Yeas (4), Nays (1) Robinson, Absent (0).

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Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

To approve the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting held February 6, 2023. Yeas (4), Nays (1) Robinson, Absent (0).

TABLED ITEMS

02-21-23 V a

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Council Pro Tem Robinson

To take from the table the Resolution Approving the Reappointments and Appointments to Board of Review. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

There was discussion between Council, City Assessor Doug Shaw and City Treasurer Janice Bibbs.

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To table. Yeas (3) Martin, Manica, Thomas, Nays (2) Ash-Shafii, Robinson, Absent (0).

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported Councilwoman Martin

To take from the table. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

Moved by Council Pro Tem Robinson
Supported by Councilman Ash-Shafii

To amend the resolution with the following change:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Highland Park City Council approves the re-appointments and the appointments to the Board of Review for the City of Highland Park beginning on March 1, 2023 as follows:

Jamille Edwards	2-year term ending February 28, 2025
Lucy Frye	2-year term ending February 28, 2025
Cassandra Walker	2-year term ending February 28, 2025
Brian Donovan	2-year term ending February 28, 2025
Nathan Harvey	2-year term ending February 28, 2025

Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Council Pro Tem Robinson

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 9-3 of the City of Highland Park Charter, the City of Highland Park may appoint a Board of Review to hear and determine appeals from property tax assessments, and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Review shall be representative of a cross-section of the community

and shall be composed of three, six, or nine residents and electors of the City of Highland Park, who shall be appointed by the majority of the City Council, and,

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2023, the City Council appointed five members to the Board of Review for two-year terms, the Board of Review consist of three members and two alternate for two-year terms, NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Highland Park City Council approves the re-appointments and the appointments to the Board of Review for the City of Highland Park beginning on March 1, 2023 as follows:

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Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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02-21-23 V b

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Council Pro Tem Robinson

To take from the table the Resolution to Issue RFP for Towing and Vehicle Storage Services. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

To the remove the item from the agenda. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

FINANCE

02-21-23 VI

Moved by Councilman Manica
Supported by Council Pro Tem Robinson

To receive and file the monthly financial statement January 31, 2023. Yeas (4), Nays (1), Martin, Absent (0).

**POLICE
02-21-23 VII a**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT COPS GRANT

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Council Pro Tem Robinson

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park received notification from the Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) that the city has been named in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328) as a grant funding recipient under the FY 2023 COPS Technology Program; and

WHEREAS, funding has been designated in the estimated amount of \$500,000 to the City of Highland Park for the following technology project: "Highland Park Police Department Pilot Project for Mental Health Co-response Model."; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that 20% of 911 calls are related to mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park will use this grant to imbed a social worker into the police department to work collaboratively with police officers to better address mental health issues; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City approves the acceptance of the COPS grant. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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02-21-23 VII b

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ANIMAL SHELTERING AGREEMENT WITH
MICHIGAN HUMANE SOCIETY**

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

WHEREAS the City of Highland Park needs a housing facility for the animals captured, seized or surrendered; and

WHEREAS Michigan Humane has been providing animal sheltering services for the City of Highland Park for the past two years; and

WHEREAS the agreement between City of Highland Park and Michigan Humane is set to

expire on February 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS the City of Highland Park and Michigan Humane desire to renew the agreement for Michigan Humane to assist in the enforcement of the animal laws and regulations of the State of Michigan and the ordinances of the City of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to set forth the terms of their agreement in a written document; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for valid consideration of \$750 per month, that the City approves the Animal Sheltering Agreement with Michigan Humane for a 24-month term. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To adjourn the meeting, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting held the 21st day of February 2023 and that said minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.



Cidia Wicker-Brown, Deputy City Clerk