

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

**MARCH 1, 2021**

Council convened at 7:01 p.m. with Council President Clyburn presiding.

Present: Council Pro Tem Patrick remotely from Highland Park, MI; Councilmember Jackson remotely from Highland Park, MI; Councilmember Bates remotely from Highland Park, MI; Councilmember Armstrong remotely from Highland Park, MI and Council President Clyburn remotely from Highland Park, MI (5).

Absent: (0).

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Bates

To approve the agenda with the removal of item VIII b and VIII c from Community Development. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Armstrong

To approve the minutes of the Virtual Workshop meeting held February 16, 2021. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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Moved by Councilmember Armstrong  
Supported by Councilmember Jackson

To approve the minutes of the Virtual Regular meeting held February 16, 2021. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**TABLED ITEM**  
**03-01-21 V**

The following item was tabled from February 16, 2021

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HIGHLAND PARK ADMINISTRATION CODE,  
PART TWO, BY ADDING TO CHAPTER 230 POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Bates

To bring back the above item (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Bates

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

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**VETO**  
**03-01-21 VI**

The following communication was received from Mayor Yopp

Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the City Charter, this letter is being submitted to veto and therefore suspend the operation of the resolution passed on February 16, 2021, regarding an alleged violation of Ordinance 232.04 - Monthly Reports Required. Specifically, Council referenced the reports of the Fire Chief concerning the management and work of the Fire Department under Ordinance 354 of the Administrative Code. My reasons for vetoing this resolution are as follows:

1. The reports are already generated by the Fire Department on a monthly basis.
2. There was no intent to withhold the reports from City Council. The Fire Chiefs were unaware of this rarely requested obligation.
3. There was an apparent oversight in responding to the request for the reports.
4. There was other information contained within the referenced emails.
5. Due to Covid-19, there has been a delay circulating some documents.
6. The Administration, not the City Attorney, distributes departmental reports.
7. The Fire Department has already forwarded the reports to City Council.

In light of the above factors, I implore Council to reconsider its position of opening a

dangerous door to correct minor oversights. As Mayor, former Councilman, and a former police officer, I have the utmost respect for the City Charter, ordinances codified in our Administrative Code, as well as state and federal laws. There was no malicious, deliberate, or intentional conduct, but merely an oversight, which has now been addressed. I commend our Police and Fire Departments for their work and management in the midst of a pandemic.

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Bates

To remove the above item. Yeas (4) Clyburn, Patrick, Bates and Armstrong, Nays (1) Jackson, Absent (0).

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**CITY COUNCIL  
03-01-21 VII**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**HIGHLAND PARK CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION MANDATING THE REVIEW  
AND RE-CODIFICATION OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES IN THE CITY OF  
HIGHLAND PARK AS PROVIDED FOR BY THE HIGHLAND PARKCITY CHARTER**

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Armstrong

**WHEREAS**, the Highland Park City Council under Section 6-8 Codification of City Ordinances of the Highland Park City Charter requires the City Council (the legislative body in the City of Highland Park) to continue and maintain the codification of City Ordinances, **and**

**WHEREAS**, Municode is the is keeper and codifier of our municipal ordinances working with the Highland Park City Council and the Highland Park City Clerk's office, **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Highland Park City Council will execute a review and re-codification of existing ordinances in the City of Highland Park, **and**

**WHEREAS**, Municode has provided the City of Highland Park with an invoice including, scope of services and the required deposit amount of \$6,990.00 to commence the ordinance review and re-codification process, **NOW**,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Highland Park City Council executes the payment of the deposit amount requested by Municode (\$6,990.00) to begin the process of review and re-codification of our municipal ordinances in the City of Highland Park continuing the much needed progress put forth by this Highland Park City Council. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
03-01-21 VIII**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR ROUND 6 OF THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (NEP) GRANT**

Moved by Councilmember Bates  
Supported by Council Pro Tem Patrick

**WHEREAS**, MSHDA announced Round 6 of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) that will provide up to Two Million Dollars in MSHDA funding statewide for activities directly tied to stabilization and enhancement of Michigan's rural communities and urban neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the program's intent is to fund tangible housing-oriented activities that are: implementation ready; highly visible; impactful to the area and residents' quality of life; where there is buy-in and demonstrated support within the area, and where people are engaged and facilitating change; and

**WHEREAS**, cities may request up to \$75,000 with at least 50% going towards exterior renovations in a selected neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to apply for funding in line with its goal to create a livable and sustainable community by providing a high quality of life for all citizens, while retaining the City's historic character and creating opportunities for new investment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City approves applying for Round Six of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP). Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**COUNCIL AFFAIRS**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE 40 YEARS OF SERVICE BY THE MEMBERS  
OF THE KAPPA RHO ZETA CHAPTER OF ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.**

Moved by Councilmember Jackson  
Supported by Councilmember Armstrong

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the City of Highland Park thrives and benefits by the involvement of community service organizations because community service is essential to the well-being of communities like the City of Highland Park, **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Kappa Rho Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., will be celebrating 40 years of serving the Metropolitan Detroit community on February 18, 2021, **AND**

**WHEREAS**, over the years Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. has directly served the Highland Park Lion's Club, Park Geriatric Village, the Boys & Girls Club of Highland Park, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries in Highland Park, the annual holiday celebration for the seniors of Highland Park, Villa at the Park, the graduating high school students of 2020 residing in Highland Park, and George Washington Carver Academy, **AND**

**WHEREAS** the mission has always been to support and serve the community with zealous efforts, **NOW**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Highland Park City Council does hereby recognize and applaud the service and support that the Kappa Rho Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. has bestowed to the City of Highland Park and would like to commemorate this achievement as they celebrate 40 years of community service. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Jackson

To adjourn the meeting, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the minutes of the Virtual Regular Meeting held the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2021 and that said minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.



Cidia Wicker-Brown, Deputy City Clerk