

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

**AUGUST 20, 2012**

**Council convened at 7:00 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.**

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

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

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**TABLED ITEMS:**

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

**To remove the following resolution from the table. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING POLICY FOR DISPOSITION OF OCCUPIED  
CITY OWNED PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park has a number of city-owned properties that  
are occupied; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park is concerned about liability and  
maintenance of properties that are occupied by unapproved and unidentified persons; and**

**WHEREAS, the City wishes to return these properties to the tax rolls if at all  
possible or to board up and demolish properties which are blighted and dangerous; now**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Highland Park hereby adopts the following policy:

- 1. Where it is determined that city-owned properties are occupied and the properties are suitable for habitation, the city may enter into purchase agreements to sell properties AS IS under the following: to the occupants who agree to pay the most recent past 1 year of back taxes. Occupants must provide a 5% cash or money order deposit toward the purchase of the property within 30 days of signing purchase agreement. Purchasers shall have 90 days to pay the purchase price. They must make three equal monthly payments to pay off the purchase price. Deposits are non-refundable. Such sales shall be approved by City Council.**
- 2. Occupants who do not wish to purchase or are unable to purchase will be given up to 30 days to find other housing and vacate the premises after notice from the city.**
- 3. The properties will be inspected and boarded up, demolished if blighted or recommended to the City Council for sale to an approved purchaser.**
- 4. The Community and Economic Development Department will work with Code Enforcement and the City Attorney's office to implement this program as outlined and in compliance with current law.**

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

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

**To approve the above resolution. Yeas (0), Nays (0), Absent (0).**

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**The following resolution remained a table item.**

**RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE FOR FIRST READING AN  
ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE VIII OF THE CITY CODE BY ADDING NEW  
LANGUAGE, SUBSTITUTING \_\_\_\_ 2012, AMENDING CHAPTER 874 TO  
ALLOW FOR AND REGULATE STREET VENDORS, AND REPEALING  
ORDINANCE 512 AND ORDINANCE 1099 TO THEIR ENTIRETY**

**WHEREAS, the City finds that the demand for street vendors is continuing to grow;  
and**

**WHEREAS, the City has found the need to regulate street vendor's licenses, location, goods sold, hour of operation; and**

**WHEREAS, the City is proposing an amendment to allow for and regulate street vendors.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Highland Park City Council hereby introduces for first reading an ordinance to substitute \_\_\_\_ 2012 and amend Section 874 of the City Code thereby allowing for the regulation of street vendors and to repeal to their entirety ordinances 512 and 1099.**

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**ADMINISTRATION:**

**The following communication was received from administration.**

**CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK AND MILLER CANFIELD FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park has been attempting to renew its letter of credit with Fifth Third Bank; and**

**WHEREAS, the City had a need for bond counsel to assist it in negotiating and extension of its current letter of credit with Fifth Third Bank; and**

**WHEREAS, the City notified the City Council about the need to retain bond counsel earlier this year; and**

**WHEREAS, Miller Canfield has been assisting the City with negotiating the extension of the letter of credit; and**

**WHEREAS, the letter of agreement between the City and Miller Canfield has not yet been approved by the City Council;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council approves the agreement between the City of Highland Park and Miller Canfield for an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) and 00/100.**

**Moved by Councilmember McClary**

**To approve the contract between the City of Highland Park and Miller Canfield for legal service with the recommended language change.**

**ITEM FAILED DUE TO A LACK OF SUPPORT**

**The following resolution was received from administration**

**CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN PETER J. PARKS, ESQ. AND CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK FOR RECOVERY OF ASSETS**

**WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park may be entitled to certain assets currently held by the State of Michigan; and**

**WHEREAS, the City has a need to have someone identify such assets and handle the process for the recovery of such assets on behalf of the city; and**

**WHEREAS, the contractor, Peter J. Parks has experience and knowledge of the processes required to recover such assets on behalf of the city; and**

**WHEREAS, the contractor has agreed to work on behalf of the City to recover such assets for ten percent (10%) of the amount recovered;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Highland Park City Council authorizes the city administration to execute an agreement with Peter J. Parks for the recovery of certain unknown assets held by the State of Michigan Treasury Department.**

**Moved by Councilmember Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Moore**

**To table this item and request that Peter J. Parks Esq. appear before council at the next meeting. Yeas (4), Nays (1) Councilmember McClary, Absent (0).**

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**CITY CLERK:**

**The Clerk submitted the application for park use rental from Highland Park Alumni Class of 1974 to use Storen Park on Saturday, August 18, 2012.**

**Moved by Councilmember McClary  
Supported by Councilmember Moore**

**To approve the application for park use rental from Highland Park Alumni Class of 1974 Saturday, August 18, 2012. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).**

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**The Clerk submitted the application for park use rental from Greater Quinn Church to use Storen Park, Saturday, August 18, 2012.**

**Moved by Councilmember McClary  
Supported by Councilmember Moore**

**To approve the applicant for park use rental from Greater Quinn Church  
Saturday, August 18, 2012. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).**

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**The Clerk submitted the facility rental application from Henry Ford Academy  
School for Creative Studies to use Ernest T. Ford Recreation Center August 20- September  
1, 2012.**

**Moved by Councilmember McClary  
Supported by Councilmember Moore**

**To approve the facility rental application from Henry Ford Academy School for  
Creative Studies to use Ernest T. Ford Recreation Center August 20-September 1, 2012.  
Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).**

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**The Clerk submitted the facility rental application from My Brother Keeper, Inc. to use  
Ernest T. Ford Recreation center August 26, 2012.**

**Moved by Councilmember McClary  
Supported by Councilmember Moore**

**To approve the facility rental application from My Brother Keeper, Inc. contingent  
upon the City of Highland Park being added as the certificate holder. Yeas (5), Nays (0),  
Absent (0).**

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**OUTSIDE COMMUNICATIONS:**

**The following communication was received from Mark Hackshaw, Chair TIFA.**

**Re: Tribute**

**The Highland Park Tax Increment Finance Authority in cooperation with the  
Woodward Avenue Action Association and National Byways Programs have been working  
together for the past year to identify Highland Park as a destination along Woodward  
Avenue, and along with the City of Royal Oak, would like to report to City Council now,  
and formally request the permission of the City to use the island on Gerald St. in Highland  
Park to be designated the permanent location of such a Tribute Statue marking Highland  
Parks contribution to the Woodward Ave byway.**

**The Highland Park Tax Increment Authority on its mission to bring and expand business attraction to the business district thanks you in advance for your foresight in allowing this to be a symbol of the future.**

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

**To accept this letter as a formal request from TIFA and approve the Tribute at Gerald & Woodward Ave. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Moved by Councilmember McClary  
Supported by Councilmember Moore**

**To adjourn the meeting, motion carried meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.**

CERTIFICATE

I, hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of the proposed minutes of the Regular Meeting held on the 20th day of August 2012 and that said proposed minutes are available for public inspections at the address designated on the posted public notice.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda J. Green", written over a horizontal line.

Brenda J. Green  
City Clerk