

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

DECEMBER 17, 2012

Council convened at 7:07 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.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Clerk stated this was the time and place to hold a Public Hearing.

The City of Highland Park is considering the granting a Personal Property Tax Exemption Certificate under P.A. 328 of 1998 as amended to LEAR CORPORATION, located at 13000 Oakland Park Blvd, Highland Park, MI 48203.

All city residents and taxpayers are invited to attend and be heard regarding the Exemption Certificate application designated on Parcel#43-014-01-0001-303. A complete legal description may be obtained from the City.

Sandy McDonald, CED Director and representative's from Lear Corp Kirk Fisher and Bill McCauley answered questions from citizens and council members. Ms. Cheryl Sanford from the Highland Park Michigan Works located on Manchester stated they would be assisting Lear Corporation in the hiring process interested candidates should visit the office. Ms. Sanford explained that you must pass several test to be considered for employment.

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

To continue this Public Hearing until the next Regular Meeting schedule for January 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

The Clerk stated this was the time and place to hold a Public Hearing re:

To obtain views and comments from the community on the proposed demolition of the “Old City Hall Complex” located at 20/30 Gerald Street.

The City of Highland Park has begun construction on the new \$2.6 Million Fire Station, with the assistance from FEMA, as a part of the “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.” The City of Highland Park is using the “Old City Hall Complex” (specially the former Police Station/Jail Site as the site for the Fire Station.

The State of Michigan Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the proposed project and has found that the demolition of the “Old City Hall Complex” will have “adverse effect” on the site. SHPO has most recently agreed and given permission to the City to demolish the former Police Station/Jail Site under an Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and is now requiring under that agreement an assessment of the remaining two properties.

The City of Highland Park is requesting comments on the “adverse effect.”

There were several citizens that spoke against the preservation of the buildings the blight the buildings will have an negative effect of the city’s downtown district, the buildings are unsafe with tumbling & crumbling bricks it has been gutted. Barry Rosen, owner of Knights Drugs stated he can’t believe SHPO want the building to be preserved and not demolished. Mr. & Mrs. Hoyer, Brenda Walls, Cleophus Pye, Ms. Roberts, Mr. Jerome Drain and Mr. & Mrs. Humphrey were some of the citizens that expressed their concerns against the preservation of the buildings.

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

To close the Public Hearing. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Jerome Drain presented the following with the 2012 Highland Park Beautification Awards.

Individual Home Owner Award Winners

**161 Tennyson Charles Humphrey
245 Connecticut Floyd & Linda Richardson
137 Moss Ruth Lloyd-Harlin**

Community Group Awards

**Jakobi Ra Park (24 Avalon) Shamayim Harris
JB's Garden (56 Geneva) Annie Banks
LaBelle4 Towers (33 LaBelle) Odie Thurmond**

**Special Award
Block Club Special Project**

Highland Park City Hall-Massachusetts's Block Club

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

To approve the agenda with the addition of a request from the Chief of Police to purchase two (2) police cars. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

To approve the minutes from the Workshop and Regular Meeting held December 3, 2012 as submitted. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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

To approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held December 10, 2012 as submitted. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

TABLED ITEMS:

12-17-I

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

To remove from the table the request to approve a NEW BUSINESS license for Shiek Shoes located at 14231 Woodward Ave. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

**Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Council Pro Tem Lewis with a question? Is the application still incomplete?
Yeas Council Pro Tem Lewis withdrew her support.**

ITEM FAILED DUE TO A LACK OF SUPPORT

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

To remove from the table the request to approve a NEW BUSINESS license for Fred & Son Recycle located at 12838 Hamilton. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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

To DENY the request to approve a NEW BUSINESS license for Fred & Son Recycle located at 12838 Hamilton. Yeas (3), Nays (2) Councilmember McClary and Council President Woodard, Absent (0).

CITY CLERK:

12-17-II

The Clerk submitted the Facility Rental application from My Brother's Keeper to use Ernest T. Ford Field house on December 22, 2012 for a benefit basketball tournament.

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

To approve the request from My Brother's Keeper to use Ernest T. Ford house on December 22, 2012 for a benefit basketball tournament. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

ADMINISTRATION:

12-17-III

The following communication was received from Fire Chief Hillman.

City of Highland Park Fire Department is engaging in ongoing efforts to raise funds for the purchase of equipment for the Fire Station. The Fire Department would like to accept the donation from Farrow Group.

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

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM FARROW GROUP, LLC FOR THE
FIRE STATION PROJECT IN THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK**

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park Fire Department has received a grant to build a new fire station in the City of Highland Park, and

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Fire Department is engaging in ongoing efforts to raise funds for the fire station to purchase equipment and other materials to aid in the performance of the duties of the Highland Park Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, the Farrow Group, LLC has indicated a desire to donate a small monetary gift to the City of Highland Park for use in its current ongoing Fire Station Project; and now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council accepts a donation in the amount of sixty dollars (\$60.00) from Farrow Group, LLC to be used towards the Fire Station Project in the City of Highland Park. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

LEGAL:

12-17-IV

Request approval the settlement agreement for Darrell Harris v City of Highland Park.

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

To table the above request. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

POLICE DEPT.

12-17-V.

The following resolution was received from the Chief of police.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council authorizes the use of forfeiture funds to purchase two police vehicles from the City of New Haven, Michigan Police Department for the price of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$11,500.00) Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

OUTSIDE COMMUNICATIONS:

12-17-VI

The following communication was received from Wayne County Department of Public Services.

RE: Wayne County CLEAN Scrape Tire/E-Waste Collection Program

For the past four years the Wayne County Department of Public Services CLEAN program has extended its illegal dumping efforts to include community scrap tire collection events. More than 15,000 scrap tires from 21 different communities have been collected as a result of this initiative. We are pleased to announce that we will be expanding these events in 2013 to also include the collection of electronic waste.

Our collection events in 2013 will again be a partnership between local communities and Wayne County. The community is responsible for promoting the event, providing a collection point for the tires and electronic waste, managing incoming traffic and assisting with the collection. The county will provide roll-off boxes to collect the scrap tires and be responsible for all state-mandated paperwork. We would then transport the tires and dispose them at a registered scrap tire collection site or processor. For electronic waste collection, a certified third party electronic waste recycler will be responsible for all of the staffing and waste handling responsibilities.

Our scrap tire/e-waste collection events will be held on selected Saturdays from April to October in various locations across the County. Waste collected at these events must come from the community's DPW or local residents – no tires or e-waste from commercial sources will be accepted. Vehicles bringing tires to the event must be limited to 7 tires each.

Wayne County hopes to schedule its first collection event in April 2013. It is anticipated that 10-12 events will be held throughout the year. Communities chosen for this program will be selected on first come, first served basis with priority given to those communities that did not have an event in 2012 and community that choose to partner. Notification of the chosen locations for our collection events will be made by January 31, 2013.

If your community is interested in sponsoring a collection event, or you have questions about the program, please contact Mary Vangieson at 734-326-5708 or by e-mail at mvangies@co.wayne.mi.us no later than January 15, 2013.

THE ABOVE COMMUNICATION WAS PLACED ON THE ORDER OF RECEIVED & FILED

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Moved by Council Pro-Tem Lewis
Supported by Councilmember Moore

To approve the Highland Park City Council 2013 Meeting Schedule as presented.
Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

All Workshop & Regular Meetings of the Highland Park City Council are held on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. respectively, unless otherwise posted. If a holiday falls on the 1st or 3rd Monday, the meeting will be held the following Tuesday.

WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETINGS

January	7 th & 22 nd	July	1 st & 15 th
February	4 th & 18 th	August	5 th & 19 th
March	4 th & 18 th	September	3 rd & 16 th
April	1 st & 15 th	October	7 th & 21 st
May	6 th & 20 th	November	4 th & 18 th
June	3 rd & 17 th	December	2 nd & 16 th

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

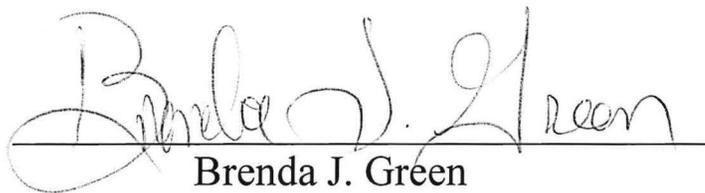
ADJOURNMENT:

**Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by 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 17th day of December 2012 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, reading "Brenda J. Green", is written over a horizontal line.

Brenda J. Green
City Clerk