

PROPOSED

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HIGHLAND PARK CITY COUNCIL

August 7, 2017

Council convened at 7:06 p.m. with Council President Patrick presiding.

Present: Council Pro Tem McDonald, Councilmember Woodard, Councilmember Lewis, Councilmember Marshall and Council President Patrick. (5).

Absent: None

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Woodard

Supported by Councilmember Lewis

To approve the agenda with the addition of a resolution mandating the termination of online bid posting. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councilmember Lewis

Supported by Council Woodard

To approve the minutes from the Workshop Meeting held July 17, 2017. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

Moved by Councilmember Lewis

Supported by Councilmember Woodard

To approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held July 17, 2017. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

MAYOR:

The following VETO NOTICE was received from the Mayor.

Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the City Charter, Veto of Council Action, the purpose of this letter is to veto and therefore suspend the operation of Council's vote against the Wayne County Land Bank's proposed nuisance abatement program at the meeting of Monday, July 17, 2017. My reasons for vetoing Council's action are set forth below:

1. The health, safety, and welfare of the City and its residents are my utmost concern.
2. Abandoned and blighted properties provide havens for rapists, criminals, and vagrants, stray animals, and other nuisances.
3. State law created the land banks as legally established independent authorities within a legal subdivision (city or county).
4. They are given special powers to assist our city in the acquisition and disposal of abandoned (and vacant) properties to eliminate blight which creates dangerous conditions.
5. The Wayne County land bank has available services which this City needs in the elimination of blight while increasing safety and protection of our citizens and prompting the return of the land to community use and development.

CITY COUNCIL:

Moved by Councilmember Woodard
Supported by Councilmember Lewis

WHEREAS, The Highland Park City Council serves as the Legislative body in the City of Highland Park and,

WHEREAS, The Highland Park City Charter, under Section 6-3 Veto of Council action states:

No ordinance or resolution of the Council shall have any force or effect if, within 48 hours after the adoption thereof, the Mayor shall file in the office of the Clerk a notice, in writing, suspending the operation of such ordinance or resolution and setting forth his reasons therefor. In each case where the Mayor shall file notice, such ordinance, or resolution shall not go into effect, unless the Council shall, at one of the next two regular meetings of the Council thereafter vote to adopt such ordinance or resolution by the affirmative vote of not less than 4 of its members. If any such ordinance or resolution shall be passed, it shall become effective according to the terms thereof as originally adopted, except that it shall not be effective sooner than 15 days after the time of its last adoption as required herein and;

WHEREAS, THE CITY COUNCIL HAS THE STATED POWER AND DUTY TO "OVERRIDE" THE MAYOR'S VETO AS STATED IN THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION IN THE HIGHLAND PARK CITY CHARTER,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE HIGHLAND PARK CITY COUNCIL VOTES ON THIS DAY, AUGUST 7, 2017 TO OVERRIDE MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE VETO OF THE WAYNE COUNTY'S LAND BANK PROPOSAL. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

CITY CLERK:

The following communication and resolution was received from the Clerk.

As some of you are already aware, the State is implementing a replacement voting system throughout the state. Funding for the voting system is a grant agreement which Counties, Cities and Townships apply to the State of Michigan to receive Federal (HAVA) (Help America Vote Act) and State appropriated funds.

The vendor selection for the new voting equipment was the responsibility of each County Clerk with the involvement of the local jurisdictions within their counties.

Dominion voting price matched the lowest bidder and was selected now the hardware and software are 100% state funded for the entire county of Wayne. One precinct tabulator has a state funded price of \$4,193.

Each jurisdiction must authorized the Clerk to submit, sign and enter into this Grant Agreement on their behalf. Attached you will find a resolution and the State of Michigan Department of State Grant Agreement for the City of Highland for your approval.

Moved by Councilmember Woodard
Supported by Council Pro Tem McDonald

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park wishes to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase a new voting system, which includes precinct tabulators, Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB) tabulators, accessible voting devices for the use by individuals with disabilities, and related Election Management System (EMS) software.

WHEREAS, partial funding for the new voting system will be provided by the State, and will include a combination of federal Help America Vote Act and State-appropriated funds. Local funding obligations are detailed in the attached Dominion's quote.

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park plans to begin implementation of the new voting system in 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Clerk is authorized to submit this Grant Application on behalf of City of Highland Park, Wayne County on this August 7, 2017. Yeas (5) Council Pro Tem McDonald, Councilmember Woodard, Councilmember Lewis, Councilmember Marshall and Council President Patrick. Nays (0) Absent (0).

30th DISTRICT COURT:

The following request was submitted by Judge Officer-Hill

AMENDMENT OF THE 30TH DISTRICT COURT BUDGET:

(1) Salaries

Salaries requested by the court: \$422,059

Salaries awarded by city: 405,000

DIFFERENCE: 26,659

The court requests that the line item for salaries be amended to coincide with the amount requested by the court that adequately reflects what is needed for the court's present staff.

The annual salary sheet that the city used to create the salary budget is incorrect which I believe may have resulted in a reduction of the line item sought by court. The court took into consideration contractual raises when it presented its budget that also were not included by the city in the final budget approved. Contractual raises were to start July 1, 2017, and the finance department is refusing to honor those contractual raises at this time which will leave the court (The City of Highland Park) vulnerable to a lawsuit for a Breach of the Bargaining Agreement.

(2) Medical Opt-out EE Benefits

Amount requested by the court \$3,600.00

Amount awarded by city: 00

Difference: \$3,600.00

The court requested \$3,600 in opt-out insurance benefits (at a rate of \$1200 per full time employee). The court has three employees who are electing to opt-out. The court believes this was an oversight, however we request that it be added into the budget.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A NEW FUND AND BUDGET FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Moved by Councilmember Lewis

Supported by Councilmember Woodard

BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council hereby approves the addition of a new fund (211) to be added to the budget for the Building Department and approve the Budget for the Building Department. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

The following request was made.

Department of Community & Economic Development to hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Robert B. Blackwell Municipal Building 2nd floor to obtain views from the community on the proposed rates for Permit & Building Department fees. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

FINANCE:

The Finance Director submitted the Highland Park Tax Increment Finance Authority (the "Authority") audit for year ended June 30, 2016.

Council received and filed the report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT TERMS FOR PAST DUE ACCOUNT BALANCE AND FUTURE ACTIVATION FEES FOR HIGHLAND PARK POLICE RADIO ACTIVATION PROGRAMMING

Moved by Council Pro Tem McDonald
Supported by Councilmember Woodard

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Police Department has past due invoices in the amount of \$51,998.00 payable to the Michigan Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS); and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has 20 radios that cannot be activated until these outstanding invoices are paid, and the Police Department is in dire need of these radio to improve its communication effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Police Department has identified reductions in current budget line items to fund the MPSCS expense and requires budget amendments to the police department training of (\$25,000.00) and personnel line item of (\$26, 998.00) for the sum of \$51,998.00 in the budget previously approved by City Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council approves the payment terms proposed by MPSCS. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

WATER DEPARTMENT:

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

A RESOLUTION FOR FIRST PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018 WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET AND WATER AND SEWER RATES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 1040.17 and 1042.01 of the City Code of Ordinances, it is the responsibility of the City of Highland Park to establish water and sewer rates; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has received and reviewed the Water Department Director's recommended water and sewer rates for FY 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Highland Park City Council has received comments on the recommended water and sewer rates from citizens at a duly advertised public hearing; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Water Department Director that rates shall adhere to the proposed budget funds for FY 2018; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that all comments received from citizens at a duly advertised public hearing will be documented; and

RESOLVED Further, that the Water Department hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

CITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

The following resolution was submitted by The Council.

RESOLUTION MANDATING THE TERMINATION OF THE ONLINE POST BID PROCESS USAGE BY THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

Moved by Councilmember Lewis

Supported by Councilmember Woodard

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park has a Post Bid process that is clearly outlined in its City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the post online bid process is contrary and incompatible to the aforementioned; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter must be followed to ensure a fair, legal and transparent bid process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council through its legislative powers mandates that the City Charter is followed in regards to the post bid process and that the usage of online post bid process is hereby terminated and will not be considered for approval. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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ADJOURNMENT:

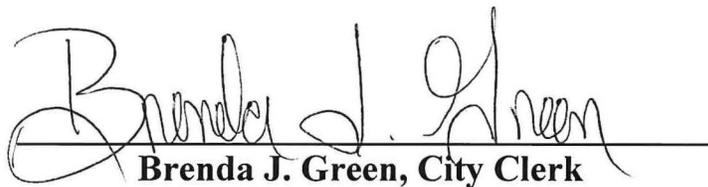
Moved by Councilmember Lewis

Supported by Councilmember Woodard

To adjourn this meeting; motion carried meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

I, hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the minutes of a Regular Meeting held on the 7th day of August 2017. Minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.


Brenda J. Green, City Clerk