

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

FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Council convened at 7:10 p.m. with Councilwoman Manica presiding.

Present: Councilwoman Manica, Councilwoman Martin, Councilman Ash-Shafii (3).

Absent: Council Pro Tem Robinson and Council President Thomas, (2).

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilwoman Martin
Supported by Councilman Ash-Shafii

To add a resolution requesting addendum to contract with BS&A. Yeas (3), Nays (0), Absent (2) Robinson and Thomas.

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Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To approve the amended agenda. Yeas (3), Nays (0), Absent (2) Robinson and Thomas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councilwoman Martin
Supported by Councilman Ash-Shafii

To approve the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Regular meeting held January 21, 2025. Yeas (3), Nays (0), Absent (2) Robinson and Thomas.

**FIRE
02-03-25 V**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 1 (ONE) DEPARTMENT 2025 GMC SIERRA 1500 4WD PRO PLOW TRUCK TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE CURRENT AVAILABLE FUNDS FROM THE 2024/2025 FIRE BUDGET

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

To table to the February 18, 2025, meeting. Yeas (3), Nays (0), Absent (2) Robinson and Thomas.

**LEGAL
02-03-25 VI**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO CURE OPEN MEETINGS ACT ISSUE FROM JANUARY 21, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Councilwoman Martin
Supported by Councilman Ash-Shafii

WHEREAS, this Honorable Council went into closed session at the January 21, 2025, City Council meeting to discuss a settlement offer in the pending litigation entitled *Woodward Manchester Co., LLC, et Al v. City of Highland Park*, Wayne County Circuit Case No. 23-008291-CZ; and

WHEREAS, the subject matter of the closed session was appropriate for a closed session under Michigan's Open Meetings Act, that being MCL 15.268(1)(e); and

WHEREAS, Council's Agenda for the January 21, 2025 City Council meeting did not specifically indicate the name of the pending litigation to be discussed in closed session; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's Open Meetings Act allows deliberative bodies to "self-cure" any issues at a subsequent meeting pursuant to MCL 15.270(5).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honorable Council re-enacts and corrects the procedural omission that all discussions in the January 21, 2025, Closed Session meeting of the Highland Park City Council concerned the pending litigation entitled *Woodward Manchester Co, LLC, et al v City of Highland Park*, Wayne County Circuit Case No. 23-008291-CZ. Yeas (3), Nays (0), Absent (2) Robinson and Thomas.

**RECREATION
02-03-25 VII a**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2025 AARP CAPACITY-BUILDING MICROGRANT

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park is seeking funding to implement disaster preparedness training programs and resources for our residents- especially those 50 years old and older; and

WHEREAS, AARP is offering Capacity-Building Microgrants for up to \$2,500 to provide disaster preparedness training programs and resources for residents, especially those age 50-plus, with support from SBP and using the MRP Disaster Resilience Tool Kit.

WHEREAS, the City is requesting approval to submit an application for the 2025 AARP Capacity-Building Microgrant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City approves applying for an AARP Capacity-Building Microgrant to provide disaster preparedness training programs and resources to residents- especially those age 50+. Yeas (3), Nays (0), Absent (2) Robinson and Thomas.

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02-03-25 VII b

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION
FOR THE 2025 AARP FLAGSHIP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT**

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park is looking to provide public areas for the seniors and the community to gather and play; and

WHEREAS, AARP is offering Flagship Community Challenge grants for up to \$25,000 to create vibrant public places that improve open spaces, parks and access to other amenities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park is asking approval to submit an application that would fund electrical outlets and lighting for the stage, as well as a request to paint two (2) Pickle Ball Courts in the gym; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City approves applying for an AARP Flagship Community Challenge Grant to create vibrant public places areas for the seniors and community to gather and play. Yeas (3), Nays (0), Absent (2) Robinson and Thomas.

**TREASURER
02-03-25 VIII**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT WITH BS&A

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

WHEREAS, the City entered into a Contract with BS&A for the transition of the City's on-premise server to a cloud based model, which was approved by City Council on 5-20-2024; and

WHEREAS, the credit card reader equipment in the Treasurer's office is no longer functioning and it is necessary to replace same so as to allow the City Treasurer the ability to accept and process credit card payments; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, the City Treasurer believes the credit card reader offered by BS&A will seamlessly integrate with the City's current BS&A system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Council approves the Addendum to its Contract with BS&A in the form attached hereto. Yeas (3), Nays (0), Absent (2) Robinson and Thomas.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To adjourn the meeting, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:11 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 3rd day of February 2025 and that said minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.



Cidia Wicker-Brown, Deputy City Clerk