

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

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013

Council convened at 7:00 p.m. with Council President Christopher Woodard presiding.

**Present: Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Patrick,
Councilmember McClary and Council President Woodard (4).**

Absent: Council Pro Tem Lewis (excused) (1).

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Patrick**

To approve the agenda with the addition of a resolution approving the 2013 application for "Highland Park CDBG Program". Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

To approve the minutes from the workshop meetings held January 7, and February 4, 2013, and the Regular Meetings held January 7, and February 4, 2013. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Clerk stated this was the place and time to hold a public hearing to consider introducing an ordinance to Amend Part II of the City Code by adding Section 232.05, pursuant to Public Act 33 of 1951, as amended, (MCLA 41.801 ET Seq) to establish

charges for certain fire and emergency services performed by the Fire Department of Highland Park and to provide for collection of such charges.

Fire Chief Hillman answered questions from the citizens voicing their concerns against the amendments. Council members expressed their concerns also.

Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Moore

To close the Public Hearing. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

IV. a -TABLED ITEMS:

Moved by Councilmember Patrick
Supported by Councilmember McClary

To remove the following items from the table. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

Re: Offer to purchase

- **Juan Shannon who owns Modern Tribe Communication Inc. would like to purchase five vacant lots to build a commercial retail building and amphitheater. The zoning is approved for the property and his site plan has not been approved because of the noise ordinance by our civil engineer. The properties in question are 49 Highland, 55 Highland, 57 Highland, 71 Highland and 79 Highland. 57-79 Highland are city owned, 79 Highland is owned by the State of Michigan (MLBFTA). But 49-55 Highland is said to be owned by 49 Highland LTD DIV Housing on equalizer but the State of Michigan are the current owners of those properties. Juan is proposing that the lots be conveyed to him.**
- **Bishop Evans is interested in purchasing 27 Church, 33 Church are city owned and 39 Church is State of Michigan owned. The lot program is 250 dollars per lot with two city owned properties. We suggest the price should be higher than the lot program because this will be a one-time sale. We have one more lot in that group that sits in between the other lots which is 37 Church and it is not public owned. This sale is contingent on the back taxes being brought current.**
- **Academic Enterprise Inc. is a 501c3 looking to build a grade school in Highland Park they have 25 properties that they are interested in that are vacant lots on E. Buena Vista and two on Farrand Park off of Oakland Ave. They have offered a price of \$2,500 for 25 properties that comes out to \$100.00 per parcel with this being a non-profit that will not be paying taxes this one-time fee should be increased.**

Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Moore

To remove the above offers to purchase from the agenda. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

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03-04-I

Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Moore

To remove the request to approve the new business license for Shiekh Shoes located at 14231 Woodward for the 2012/13 year from the table. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

Moved by Councilmember Moore
Supported by Councilmember McClary

To approve the new business license for Shiekh Shoes located at 14231 Woodward for the 2012/13 year. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

CITY CLERK:

03-04-II

The Clerk submitted the business license application from Tax R Us, LLC located inside of Gran Liquor 12889 Woodward for license year 2013/14.

Moved by Councilmember Moore
Supported by Councilmember McClary

To approve the business license application from Tax R Us, LLC located inside of Gran Liquor 12889 Woodward for license year 2013/14. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

03-04-III

The following resolution was submitted by CED for approval.

APPROVING THE 2013 APPLICATION FOR "HIGHLAND PARK CDBG" PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park (the "City"), through its Community and Economic Development department, seeks to explore new ways to make neighborhood stabilization and revitalization a success in our community; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) issued a notice of availability of funds to address neighborhood stabilization in high-need-risk communities through Community Development Block Grant (CBDG); and

WHEREAS, HUD requires that the City of Highland Park, as a sub recipient to the Charter of Wayne County execute a CDGB Application (“the “Agreement”) with Wayne County which outlines the general terms and conditions under which the funds will be invested and expended; and

WHEREAS, the annual application for CDBH funding between the City of Highland Park and Wayne County will be for the 2013 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, Federal regulations require that CBDG projects address specific criteria such as: benefit low to moderate income persons; address slums and blight; and meet urgent community needs; and

WHEREAS, the City must hold a public hearing and advertise this hearing in a local newspaper for 10 days (hearing opened on February 8 and closed on February 18, 2013) on proposed application prior to approval by the City Council per Federal Guidelines; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City desires to collaborate with Wayne County for the revitalization and stabilization of eligible communities in the City of Highland Park; therefore, the city completed the requirements per Federal regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City accepts the 2013 Application and agrees to comply with the terms set forth in the preliminary agreement; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution becomes a part of the official records of the City of Highland Park.

Dated the 18th day of February, 2013, Highland Park, Michigan. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

LEGAL:

03-04-IV

The following resolution was submitted by the legal department.

**Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Patrick**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Highland Park City Council approves the entry of a consent judgment in the amount of \$320,000.00 for the matter of Brenda G. Perkins and Wendy Turner Lewis, as Chapter 7 Trustee in Bankruptcy v. City of Highland Park and v Hubert Yopp, Case No. 2012-00558-CD, Wayne County Circuit Court. Yeas (3), Nays (1) Councilmember Moore, Absent (1).


ADJOURNMENT:

**Moved by Councilmember McClary
Supported by Councilmember Patrick**

To adjourn the meeting, motion carried meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

I, hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the proposed minutes of a Regular Meeting held on the 4th day of March, 2013 and that said proposed minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.



Brenda J. Green, City Clerk