

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

July 17, 2023

Council convened at 7:02 p.m. with Council President Thomas presiding.

Present: Council President Thomas, Council Pro Tem Robinson, Councilwoman Manica, Councilwoman Martin and Councilman Ash-Shafii (5).

Absent: None (0).

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilman Ash Shafii

To add a resolution to approve the corrective action plan for the HP Retiree Healthcare OPEB plan. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilman Ash Shafii

To approve the amended agenda. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council Pro Tem Robinson

To approve the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Regular meeting held July 3, 2023. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

**FINANCE:
07-17-23 V a.**

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilman Ash Shafii

To received and file the submission of monthly financial statement June 2023. Year (5), Nays (0) Absent (0).

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07-17-23 V b

Moved by Councilman Ash Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

**TO APPROVE THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE HIGHLAND PARK RETIREE HEALTHCARE
OPEB PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC ACT 202 OF 2017**

Whereas the OPEB PLAN is less than 40% funded and the actuarially determined contribution for the OPEB Plan of the City of Highland Park is greater than 10% of City's annual governmental fund revenues, and.

WHEREAS the City has received a letter from the State of Michigan to file a corrective action plan monitoring form for the OPEB Plan.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council hereby approves the corrective action plan for the OPEB Plan in accordance with Public Act 202 of 2017. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

07-17-23 VI a

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO SELL THE VACANT RESIDENTIAL ADJACENT LOT AT 87 RICHTON TO THE ADJACENT
PROPERTY OWNER AT 83 RICHTON**

Moved by Councilwoman Martin
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

WHEREAS the City of Highland Park holds in its inventory a surplus of City owned parcels that are not producing a taxable, habitable and general benefit to the city and its residents; and

WHEREAS it is the goal of the city to decrease the number of city owned parcels and return them to productive use; and

WHEREAS the City of Highland Park is the owner of the vacant adjacent lot at 87 Richton, (vacant lot adjacent to resident's home) and

WHEREAS all fees have been previously paid, and required clearances obtained from the Water Department, Treasurer, City Engineer, CED and Legal Department are signed off and ready to purchase; and

NOW THERE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the sale of the vacant lot located in Highland MI at the cost of \$500.00 Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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07-17-23 VI b

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To table the resolution to sell the vacant residential adjacent lot at 229 Ford to the adjacent property owner at 237 Ford. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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07-17-23 VI c

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO SELL THE VACANT RESIDENTIAL ADJACENT LOT AT 52 LOUISE TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER AT 48 LOUISE

Moved by Council Pro Tem Robinson
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

WHEREAS the City of Highland Park holds in its inventory a surplus of City owned parcels that are not producing a taxable, habitable and general benefit to the city and its residents; and

WHEREAS it is the goal of the city to decrease the number of city owned parcels and return them to productive use; and

WHEREAS the City of Highland Park is the owner of the vacant adjacent lot at 52 Louise, (vacant lot adjacent to resident's home) and

WHEREAS, all fees have been previously paid, and required clearances obtained from the Water Department, Treasurer, City Engineer, CED and Legal Departments are signed off and ready to purchase; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the sale of the vacant lot located in Highland Park, MI at the cost of \$500.00. Yeas (4), Nays (1) Councilman Ash Shafii, Absent (0).

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07-17-23 VI d

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO SELL THE VACANT RESIDENTIAL LOT AT 222 MIDLAND TO THE PROPERTY OWNER AT 216 MIDLAND

Moved by Council Pro Tem Robinson
Supported by Councilman Ash Shafii

WHEREAS the City of Highland Park holds in its inventory a surplus of city owned parcels that are not producing a taxable, habitable and general benefit to the city and its residents; and

WHEREAS it is the goal of the city to decrease the number of city owned parcels and return them to productive use; and

WHEREAS the City of Highland Park is the owner of the vacant lot at 222 Midland (vacant lot adjacent to resident's property): and

WHEREAS all fees have been previously paid, and required clearances obtained from the Water Department, Treasurer, City Engineer, CED and Legal Departments are signed off and ready to purchase; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the sale of the vacant lot located in Highland Park, MI at the cost of \$500.00. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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07-17-23 VI e

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO SELL THE VACANT RESIDENTIAL LOT AT 83 PORTAGE TO THE PROPERTY OWNER AT 81 PORTAGE

Moved by Councilwoman Martin
Supported by Council President Thomas

WHEREAS the City of Highland Park holds in its inventory a surplus of city owned parcels that are not producing a taxable, habitable and general benefit to the city and its residents; and

WHEREAS it is the goal of the city to decrease the number of city owned parcels and return them to productive use; and

WHEREAS the City of Highland Park is the owner of the vacant lot at 83 Portage (vacant lot adjacent to resident's property); and

WHEREAS, all fees have been previously paid, and required clearances obtained from the Water Department, Treasurer, City Engineer, CED and Legal Departments are signed off and ready to purchase; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the sale of the vacant lot located in Highland Park, MI at the cost of \$500.00. Yeas (3), Nays (2) Councilman Ash Shafii and Council Pro Tem Robinson, Absent (0).

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07-17-23 VI f

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council Pro Tem Robinson

To table the resolution to sell the vacant residential lot at 87 Portage to the property owner at 81 Portage. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (0).

* Note Councilman Ash Shafii wasn't present during the vote he returned to his chair for the next item.

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07-17-23 g

Moved by Councilwoman Martin

No supported was given to sell the vacant residential adjacent lot at 44 Candler to the adjacent property owner at 40 Candler.

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07-17-23 h

NO MOTION was given for the resolution to sell the vacant residential adjacent lot at 48 Candler to the property owner at 40 Candler.

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07-17-23 i

NO MOTION was given for the resolution to sell the vacant residential adjacent lot at 55 Avalon to the adjacent property owner at 51 Avalon.

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07-17-23 j

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO SELL THE VACANT RESIDENTIAL ADJACENT LOT AT 66 ELMHURST TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER AT 70 ELMHURST

Moved by Councilwoman Martin
Supported by Councilman Ash Shafii

WHEREAS the City of Highland Park holds in its inventory a surplus of city owned parcels that are not producing a taxable, habitable, and general benefit to the city and its residents; and

WHEREAS it is the goal of the city to decrease the number of city owned parcels and return them to productive use; and

WHEREAS the City of Highland Park is the owner of the vacant adjacent lot at 66 Elmhurst, (vacant lot adjacent to resident's home); and

WHEREAS, all fees have been previously paid, and required clearances obtained from the Water Department, Treasurer, City Engineer, CED and Legal Departments are signed off and ready to purchase; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the sale of the vacant lot located in Highland Park, MI at the cost of \$500.00. Yeas (4), Nays (1) Council Pro Tem Robinson, Absent (0).

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilman Ash Shafii

To adjourn the meeting; motion carried, meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

I, hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the proposed minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting held the 17th day of July 2023 and that said minutes are available for public inspections at the address designated on the posted public notice.

 , City Clerk