

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

**JANUARY 18, 2022**

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

Present: Council Pro Tem Patrick, Councilmember McDonald, Councilmember Bates, Councilmember Armstrong, and Council President Clyburn (5).

Absent: (0).

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councilmember Armstrong  
Supported by Council Pro Tem Patrick

To approve the agenda with the resolution from the Police Department moved up on the agenda to item 6. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councilmember McDonald  
Supported by Councilmember Armstrong

To approve the minutes of the Virtual Regular meeting held December 20, 2021. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**VETO  
01-18-22 V**

The following communication was received from Mayor Yopp.

On December 20, 2021, City Council adopted a resolution to establish a Sustainability Task Force. Section 7-18 of the City Charter, specifically provides the following:

**Sec. 7-18 Advisory Boards.**

The Mayor and City Council, separately or jointly, may from time to time

appoint such boards, committees or commissions as are deemed appropriate or necessary to advise and consult with the and with appropriate officers or department heads of the City regarding any Municipal activity to carry out duties established by State or Federal laws or other appropriate authority. Such boards, committees or commissions shall serve temporarily and without compensation unless otherwise provided by the City Council.

The authority to appoint the Sustainability Task Force is either separately or jointly. Thus, the Mayor **or** City Council may appoint **or** both the Mayor **and** City Council may appoint. While the Resolution allows for the appointment of the Sustainability Task Force by City Council separately, they are responsible for reporting to the City Council **and** the Mayor. City Council may appoint a board or commission to report to them but not advise or report to the Mayor. As Mayor, I was not consulted and do not consent.

In February, 2020, there was an attempt to establish a Sustainability Commission by Ordinance which sought to amend Chapter 252 of the Administrative Code. It appears the Commission wanted to create another layer of government with responsibilities but no accountability. The City Attorney objected in 2020 and the objection remains unchanged.

I hereby veto this action and further state, that for these reasons, the resolution is without legal effect.

Moved by Councilmember Bates  
Supported by Council Pro Tem Patrick

To override the Mayor Yopp's veto. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**POLICE**  
**01-18-22 VI**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY VEHICLE  
EQUIPMENT FOR TWO POLICE PATROL VEHICLES**

Moved by Councilmember McDonald  
Supported by Councilmember Armstrong

**WHEREAS**, the City of Highland Park Police Department is in need of new emergency equipment to provide safe emergency response capabilities to all members of the community while on duty; and

**WHEREAS**, Priority One Emergency has all necessary emergency equipment including lights, antennas, partitions, safety equipment and installation for \$11,775.72 for each 2021 Dodge Durango; and

**WHEREAS**, Priority One Emergency will also provide installation of department supplied emergency video, GPS, and radio equipment for the above listed price of \$11,775.72.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that City Council approves the purchase of Emergency Equipment for two 2021 Durango's for a total of \$23,551.44. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**FINANCE  
01-18-22 VII**

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Armstrong

To receive and file the Monthly Financial Statement December 31, 2021. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**FIRE  
01-18-22 VIII**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO AUCTION/SELL DAMAGED FIRE ENGINE**

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember McDonald

**WHEREAS**, on September 26, 2021, Highland Park Fire Engine #2 (2005 American Lafran Pumper, VIN # 4Z3AAACY35RV12397) was struck by a driverwhile on an emergency run on the M-8 freeway; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire engine sustained "disabling damage"; and

**WHEREAS**, R&R Fire Truck Repair, Inc. estimated that total damages exceeded the \$30,000+/- estimated value of the vehicle (see attached); and

**WHEREAS**, the fire engine is inoperable and the City wishes to dispose of it; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Management and Budget assists local units of government in the disposal of surplus property through MiDeal contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, Highland Park will attempt to utilize MiDeal to auction the vehicle; or, if unsuccessful, the City will attempt to sell it for approximately \$30,000 or to the highest bidder; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City approves auctioning/selling the damaged 2005 American Lafran Pumper, VIN #4Z3AAACT35V12397, for an approximate price of \$30,000 or to the highest bidder. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**LEGAL  
01-18-22 IX**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN OPIOID SETTLEMENTS**

Councilmember Armstrong asked to abstain from voting because he has a pending lawsuit pertaining to this matter and he feels it is a conflict of interest.

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Bates

To allow Councilmember Armstrong to abstain from voting on the resolution regarding Opioid Settlements Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (0), Abstain (1) Councilmember Armstrong.

Moved by Councilmember McDonald  
Supported by Councilmember Bates

**WHEREAS**, in August 2021, Johnson & Johnson, along with the three largest pharmaceutical distributors in the country reached a \$26 billion national opioid settlement; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 3, 2021, the Michigan Dept. of Attorney General issued a notification "urging eligible municipalities to register and voluntarily participate in two historic opioid settlements that would bring nearly \$18M to Michigan over 18 years"; and

**WHEREAS**, each state's share of the funding takes into account the population of the state along with the impact of the crisis on the state (i.e., number of overdose deaths, number of residents with substance use disorder & number of opioids prescribed); and

**WHEREAS**, Highland Park's projected settlement amount is \$69,920 over 18years; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of this funding is to be spent on opioid treatment and prevention; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City approves participating in the opioid settlement. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (0), Abstain (1) Councilmember Armstrong.

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**PUBLIC WORKS**  
**01-18-22 X**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR CENTERLINE PAVEMENT STRIPING ON  
OAKMAN BOULEVARD**

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Armstrong

**WHEREAS**, on October 6, 2021, the City received notification from the DPW Traffic Engineering Division of a complaint regarding faded centerline pavement markings on Oakman Blvd. between Woodrow Wilson and Hamilton; and

**WHEREAS**, the portion of Oakman Blvd. in the City of Detroit's jurisdiction had been recently painted; and

**WHEREAS**, Highland Park is responsible for restriping Oakman Blvd. between Woodrow Wilson and Hamilton; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City approves soliciting bids to restripe Oakman Blvd. between Woodrow Wilson and Hamilton. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick  
Supported by Councilmember Armstrong

To adjourn the meeting, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:38 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022 and that said minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.



Cidia Wicker-Brown, Deputy City Clerk