

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

**MARCH 4, 2019**

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

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

Absent: (0).

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councilmember Lewis  
Supported by Council Pro Tem McDonald

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

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councilmember Lewis  
Supported by Councilmember Bates

To approve the minutes of the Workshop meeting held February 18, 2019. Yeas (5), Nays  
(0), Absent (0).

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Moved by Councilmember Lewis  
Supported by Councilmember Woodard

To approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held February 18, 2019. Yeas (5), Nays  
(0), Absent (0).

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**BID OPENING  
03-04-19 V.1**

The Clerk stated this was the place and time to open bids received for On-Call Plumbing and  
Electrical Services.

Three (3) bids were received

	<b>RATES</b>			
	<b>Mon – Fri 7a – 5p</b>	<b>Overtime Hourly</b>	<b>Sunday &amp; Holiday</b>	<b>Travel/Show Up</b>
	1 <sup>st</sup> yr / 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr/ 3 <sup>rd</sup> yr	1 <sup>st</sup> yr / 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr/ 3 <sup>rd</sup> yr	1 <sup>st</sup> yr / 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr/ 3 <sup>rd</sup> yr	1 <sup>st</sup> yr / 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr/ 3 <sup>rd</sup> yr
State Electric Company	\$85/\$86 <sup>28</sup> /\$87 <sup>57</sup>	\$127 <sup>50</sup> /\$129 <sup>42</sup> /\$131 <sup>45</sup>	\$170/\$172 <sup>56</sup> /\$175 <sup>14</sup>	\$85/86 <sup>28</sup> /\$87 <sup>57</sup>
CNS Electric Company	\$70/\$72 <sup>50</sup> /\$75	\$105/\$108/\$112	\$140/\$145/\$150	\$140/\$145/\$150
Great Lakes Power & Lighting	\$68/\$68/\$69	\$97/\$97/\$98	\$131/\$131/\$133	\$50/\$55/\$60

Moved by Council Pro Tem McDonald  
Supported by Councilmember Lewis

To refer to Public Works. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**CITY CLERK**  
**03-04-19 V**

A new business license application was submitted for approval for The Chat Room located at 16000 Woodward Ave.

Moved by Councilmember Lewis  
Supported by Councilmember Bates

To approve the business license application for The Chat Room located at 16000 Woodward Ave.

After questions were raised regarding zoning regulations for being near The Boys and Girls Club and the status of their state application to sell beer and wine, Councilmember Lewis withdrew her motion.

Moved by Council Pro Tem McDonald  
Supported by Councilmember Woodard

To table the above item. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**03-04-19 VI a**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION FOR ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT FOR COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) FOR PROPERTY AT  
385 CORTLAND**

Moved by Councilmember Lewis  
Supported by Council Pro Tem McDonald

**WHEREAS**, on 12/17/18, Highland Park City Council approved the contract for Cutting Edge Restoration to rehab the roof at 385 Cortland in the amount of \$7,750, to be funded by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development CDBG program; and

**WHEREAS**, the approved contract was to tear off and replace the shingles at 385 Cortland; and

**WHEREAS**, once the contractor commenced construction, he found the roof sheeting, chimney and soffits/fascia to be in serious disrepair and in need of immediate replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the original scope of work did not include gutters and downspouts, which were found to be mostly missing or in serious disrepair; and

**WHEREAS**, the contractor quoted an additional cost for the complete removal and replacement of roof sheeting of \$1900, for tuck pointing the chimney at \$400, rebuilding the soffits and fascia at no charge and gutters and downspouts for \$1,110; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Highland Park City Council that the original contract with Cutting Edge Restoration be amended to include the cost of additional roof repairs totaling \$3,410 for a total amended contract price of \$11,160 to be funded by CDBG grant monies. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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### **03-04-19 VI b**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

### **RESOLUTION TO ISSUE RFP FOR DEMOLITION OF FOUR HOUSES FUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY BLOCK DEVELOPMENT GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

Moved by Council Pro Tem McDonald  
Supported by Councilmember Bates

**WHEREAS**, the City of Highland Park seeks to eliminate vacant, blighted and hazardous structures in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, vacant, blighted structures decrease property values and pose a safety and health threat to its citizens and the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, the appearance of the City is vital to the health and well-being of the residents and enhances future economic development prospects and the financial recovery of the City of

Highland Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to provide for the safety and general welfare of the inhabitants and the public at large; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) program has allocated funds to the City of Highland Park for the demolition of properties at: 12024 Woodward, 120 Farrand Park, 250 Moss and 386 Elmhurst; and

**WHEREAS**, the City seeks to eliminate these blighted properties while protecting the health of community residents, workers and natural resources; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Highland Park City Council that the Department of Community and Economic Development be permitted to issue an RFP for demolition services for the above-mentioned properties to be paid out of CDBG funds. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**FINANCE  
03-04-19 VII**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGAGEMENT OF GREGORY TERRELL &  
COMPANY TO PROVIDE AUDITING SERVICES**

Council President Patrick asked to abstain from voting.

Moved by Council Pro Tem McDonald  
Supported by Councilmember Lewis

That Council President Patrick be allowed to abstain from voting. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (0), Abstention (1).

Moved by Councilmember Bates  
Supported by Councilmember Woodard

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Highland Park City Council hereby approves the engagement letter between the City of Highland Park and Gregory Terrell & Company to complete the audit for the City of Highland Park for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 for an amount not to exceed Thirty-two thousand (\$32,000.00) Dollars, excluding out of pocket fees that will not exceed 4 percent of the gross audit fees.

Councilmember Woodard asked if bids went out for this service. Finance Director Williamson answered that they had not. She stated this has been an ongoing practice for several years. Councilmember Woodard withdrew his support.

**\*\* Item dies for lack of support\*\***

Moved by Councilmember Woodard  
Supported by Councilmember Lewis

That an RFP be issued for Auditing Services. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (0), Abstention (1).

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**LEGAL**  
**03-04-19 VIII a**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF FRED FRANKLIN  
vs. HOLLIS SMITH, et al. CASE NO. 2:15-cv-12995**

Moved by Council Pro Tem McDonald  
Supported by Councilmember Woodard

**WHEREAS**, Plaintiff Fred Franklin filed claims against three police officers under federal and state law in the United States District Court alleging they stopped, hit, and kicked him maliciously without probable cause or reasonable justification on June 23, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Plaintiff claims he sustained injuries as a result of the officers' actions stated above and continues to experience periodic headaches; and

**WHEREAS**, Plaintiff has agreed to accept a settlement of \$8,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, settlement of this case limits the City' s exposure; however, if rejected and the case proceeds to trial, the City would incur attorney fees and court costs that would far exceed the proposed settlement amount. This settlement is for a lower amount than was recommended by the trial judge.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council approves a settlement payment to Plaintiff Fred Franklin in the amount of \$8,000.00, to be paid in three installments, two months apart. Yeas (4) Council Pro Tem McDonald, Councilmember Woodard, Councilmember Lewis and Councilmember Bates, Nays (1) Council President Patrick, Absent (0).

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**03-04-19 VIII b**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF CITY OF  
HIGHLAND PARK vs. WAYNE COUNTY CASE NO. 15-014322-CZ E**

Moved by Councilmember Woodard  
Supported by Councilmember Lewis

**WHEREAS**, the City of Highland Park filed a lawsuit against Wayne County on November 4, 2015, alleging Highland Park was entitled to relief due to the County's discharge of storm water into Highland Park's combined sewer system without payment of storm water treatment costs; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to avoid the expense, burden, and uncertainty of litigation, the parties wish to effect a complete resolution and settlement of Highland Park's claims against Wayne County; and

**WHEREAS**, Defendant Wayne County agrees to pay Highland Park the amount of \$109,309.20 in full and final satisfaction of all claims, including, without limitation, claims for interest, costs, and attorneys' fees within 60 days of the execution of the attached Agreement attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, Wayne County shall pay to Highland Park the settlement amount by check within 60 days of the execution of the attached Agreement, which provides, in detail, the terms of Wayne County's future payments to Highland Park associated with the conveyance and treatment of storm water runoff.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council approves Wayne County's settlement payment to the City of Highland Park in the amount of \$109,309.20. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**POLICE**  
**03-04-19 IX**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TROY'S TOWING AS THE  
CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK'S TOWING PROVIDER**

Moved by Councilmember Lewis  
Supported by Councilmember Bates

**WHEREAS**, the City of Highland Park desires to procure vehicle towing services for City-owned and privately-owned vehicles, when necessary, to maintain public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Highland Park's Towing Service Commission reviewed the bids of several towing service companies, which were opened during the City Council meeting held on January 22, 2019, and

**WHEREAS**, Troy's Towing was selected by the Towing Service Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Troy's Towing is a reputable towing service company that has the qualifications and experience to provide towing services to the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that City Council agrees with the Towing Service Commission's selection of Troy's Towing as the City of Highland Park's towing service provider. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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**PUBLIC WORKS  
03-04-19 X**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO ISSUE RFP TO REPAIR/REPLACE CITY HALL REAR PORCH &  
PARKING LOT AND MAKE FRONT PORCH ADA COMPLIANT**

**WHEREAS**, the concrete parking lot, porch and stairs behind City Hall have deteriorated to the point where it is dangerous for employees to ingress/egress to/from the building safely; and

**WHEREAS**, the front entrance to City Hall is not compatible with the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

**WHEREAS**, this RFP would be utilized to secure a cost for this project to be considered in the preparation of the 2019-2020 budget with work to begin after July 1, 2019 if funding for this project is added to the budget: and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Highland Park that the Department of Public Works be allowed to issue an RFP for the removal and replacement of the back porch, stairs and parking lot behind City Hall and for making the front porch compatible with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Yeas (5), Nay (0), Absent (0).

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**CITY COUNCIL  
03-04-19 XI**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION BY THE HIGHLAND PARK CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF  
CONGRESSWOMAN RASHIDA TALIB AND  
THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WORKING GROUP: GREEN NEW DEAL**

Moved by Council Pro Tem McDonald  
Supported by Councilmember Woodard

**Whereas**, the Highland Park City Council would like to support the efforts put forth by Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib to help all the municipalities she represents in 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of the State of Michigan; **and**,

**Whereas**, this is a non-binding document put forth from a congressional working group on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019; **and**,

**Whereas**, the Highland Park City Council would like to be included in any further discussions as this congressional working group continues its crafting of the 'Green New Deal'; **and**,

**Whereas**, this non-binding document has a number of subject lines that can benefit the City of Highland Park and its residents such as Environmental Enforcement and Job Creation;

**Now, Therefore, It Be Resolved** that the Highland Park City Council lends its support behind Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib and the Environmental Justice Working Group and the continued creation of the living document entitled the 'Green New Deal'. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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Councilmember Lewis asked that the record show she is still waiting for an opinion from the Legal Department regarding Ordinance 290.02 Employment of Pensioners that she requested on February 4, 2019.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councilmember Bates  
Supported by Councilmember Lewis

To adjourn the meeting, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

**CERTIFICATE**

I, hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 and that said minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.



Cidia Wicker-Brown, Deputy City Clerk