

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

MAY 3, 2021

Council convened at 7:01 p.m. with Council President Clyburn presiding.

Present: Council Pro Tem Patrick remotely from Highland Park, MI; Councilmember Jackson remotely from Highland Park, MI; Councilmember Bates remotely from Highland Park, MI; Councilmember Armstrong remotely from Highland Park, MI and Council President Clyburn remotely from Highland Park, MI (5).

Absent: (0).

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick
Supported by Councilmember Bates

To approve the agenda with the removal of the items from Administration and City Council. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councilmember Armstrong
Supported by Councilmember Jackson

To approve the minutes of the Virtual Workshop meeting held April 19, 2021. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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Moved by Councilmember Armstrong
Supported by Councilmember Jackson

To approve the minutes of the Virtual Regular meeting held April 19, 2021. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

PUBLIC WORKS
05-03-21 V

The following resolution was submitted for approval

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH CENTURY CEMENT FOR
REPAIRS TO SINKHOLES IN TWO ALLEY WAYS**

Moved by Councilmember Bates
Supported by Council Pro Tem Patrick

WHEREAS, the City Engineering Department in conjunction with the Department of Public Works assessed all of the public roadways in the City and identified 183 repairs to roads, sinkholes and catch basins throughout the City that may pose a threat to the infrastructure as well as to the safety of the residents and road users; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2021, the City approved a resolution to approve the contract with Century Cement for sinkholes and catch basin repairs; and

WHEREAS, the City was notified through Facebook of two additional sinkholes in alleyways that were not identified on the original list (see attached pictures):

- John R and Bruch and McLean and Farrand Park (near or close to the address 107 McLean – in alley)
- Brush and Oakland Avenue and McLean and Farrand Park (near or close to address 181 McLean – in alley); and

WHEREAS, sinkholes on roadways are covered with Act 51 funds; however, sinkholes in alleyways must be paid from the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, Century Cement submitted a quote for \$20,910 to repair the alleyway sinkholes based upon rates in their 2021 sinkhole contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City approves issuing a contract to Century Cement to repair sinkholes in two alleyways at a cost of \$20,910 to be paid out of the General Fund. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

WATER
05-03-21 VI

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AMENDED FY2021 WATER DEPARTMENT
BUDGET AS REQUIRED BY THE DIRECTOR**

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick
Supported by Councilmember Armstrong

WHEREAS, pursuant to chapter 1040.17 and 1042.01 of the City Code of Ordinances, it is the responsibility of the City of Highland Park to establish water and sewer rates; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has received and reviewed the Water Department Director's budget amendment for FY2021; and

WHEREAS, the Highland Park City Council previously approved the FY21 Water Department Budget and Rates that did not include cost for any additional requested programs; and

WHEREAS, based on a request from the Community & Economic Development Director and the Building Department to assist with their current residential demolition project, the City of Highland Park Water Department requests the amended FY21 Operations and Maintenance budget be authorized to include approximately ninety three (93) water service cut and caps and sewer plug, at a cost of \$176,700 for approved water department emergency repair contractor and \$29,760 MCA inspections and documentation for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded demolitions; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Highland Park City Council shall authorize the amendment of the FY21 Water Department budget for a total \$206,460.00 paid from the Operations and Maintenance Water Fund. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Council Pro Tem Patrick shared that May 3rd is Titus McClary Day and May 4th is Lovie Blackwell Day.

Councilmember Armstrong announced another District 3 Cleanup Day Saturday, May 15th near Healing Spring Church.

Council President Clyburn encouraged persons with delinquent property taxes to contact the Wayne County Treasurers office for assistance to prevent losing your home. He congratulated Fred & Son Recycle for receiving a Comcast Rise Grant and announced that applications are being accepted at comcastrise.com for the next round of awards. He also encouraged persons in need of water/energy assistance, rent/mortgage assistance or emergency plumbing repairs to contact Wayne-Metro to obtain aide from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Pro Tem Patrick
Supported by Councilmember Jackson

To adjourn the meeting, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the minutes of the Virtual Regular Meeting held the 3rd day of May 2021 and that said minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.



Cidia Wicker-Brown, Deputy City Clerk