

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

June 1, 2026

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

* Councilwoman Martin left the meeting at 7:01 pm..

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

Absent: (0).

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

** Councilwoman Manica left the meeting at 7:07 pm.

** Councilwoman Manica returned at 7:08pm.

* Councilwoman Martin returned at 7:09 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilwoman Manica

Supported by Council President Thomas

To approve the agenda as presented. Yeas (3), Nays (2) Robinson and Ash-Shafii, Absent (0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councilwoman Manica

Supported by Council President Thomas

To approve the minutes of the May 18, 2026, In-Person and Virtual Workshop Meeting. Yeas (3), Nays Robinson and Ash-Shafii (2), Absent (0).

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Moved by Councilwoman Manica

Supported by Council President Thomas

To approve the minutes of the May 18, 2026, In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting. Yeas (4), Nays Robinson (1), Absent (0).

ADMINISTRATION

06-01-26 V a

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2026
TO JUNE 30, 2027 AS PRESENTED BY MAYOR MCDONALD**

Moved by Council Pro Tem Robinson
Supported by Councilman Ash-Shafii

To table the above item. Yeas (2), Nays Thomas, Manica and Martin (3), Absent (0).

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council President Thomas

Council Pro Tem Robinson read the following letter.

Dear Chief Administrative Officer:

Thank you for submitting a Qualifying Statement for City of Highland Park to the Michigan Department of Treasury on February 27, 2026. Based upon the information provided in the Qualifying Statement, we have determined that the municipality is not in material compliance with the following criteria as identified in Section 303(3) of Public Act 34 of 2001:

- Subsection (c) the municipality was required by the terms of a court order or judgment to levy a tax in the preceding fiscal year.
- Subsection (j) the municipality's most recent property tax levy has a delinquency rate exceeding 18% of the amount levied.
- Subsection [d] the municipality has not filed its most recent audit report with the department within 6 months from the end of the fiscal year of the municipality.

Therefore, the municipality is not authorized to issue municipal securities under this Act without further approval from Treasury. You may request reconsideration of this denial or you may request prior approval from Treasury for each municipal security that you issue until you are eligible to submit your next Qualifying Statement.

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park is required by the State of Michigan to submit an annual operating budget to accurately reflect current operations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Highland Park submitted a proposed Budget for the year 2025-2026 to the members of Highland Park City Council on April 2, 2026, and workshops were held on April 6 and April 20 to discuss the details of said budget including the proposed rates in respective revenue accounts; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget includes no rate increases in the Water and Sewer Fund; and

WHEREAS, members of the Highland Park City Council held a Public Hearing on May 18, 2026, to review and discuss the proposed Annual Budget for the year 2026-2027; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park shall cause to be levied and collected the general property tax on all real and personal property within the City on the 2025 tax roll an allocated millage of 17.7738 mills for general operations, 2.6658 for rubbish, 2.0000 for pension judgment (summer), 2.6000 for Bond Judgment and 0.8000 for an Emergency Loan (millage rates adjusted for Headlee and annual debt schedules); and

WHEREAS, estimated total revenues and expenditures by fund are:

Fund	Revenue	Expenditures
General (101)	\$13,596,983	\$13,596,983
Major Roads (202)	\$2,211,019	\$2,513,019
Local Roads (203)	\$760,901	\$423,901
Federal Grants (234)	\$540,000	\$540,000
CDBG (252)	\$50,000	\$50,000
Forfeiture (267)	\$4,000	\$4,000
Pension Judgment (230)	\$602,200	\$602,200
Emergency Loan (301)	\$134,150	\$134,150
Bond Judgment (351)	\$442,535	\$442,535
Building Department (211)	\$300,200	\$300,200
JAG (214)	\$15,000	\$15,000
MIDC (260)	\$127,031	\$127,031
FIA Building (280)	\$140,000	\$140,000
Water & Sewer (592)	\$9,477,117	\$9,477,117
ERS (741)	\$120,233	\$332,233
P&F (742)	\$130,240	\$311,240
MERS (743)	\$634,795	\$1,779,795
Brownfield (242)	\$450,000	\$450,000
Equipment Replace (402)	\$100,000	\$100,000
TIFA (248)	\$17,550	\$12,550

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park City Council adopts the Proposed Budget for the year 2026-2027 on an activity/department basis as presented by Mayor Glenda McDonald.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution becomes a part of the official records of the City of Highland Park. Yeas (4), Nays Robinson (1), Absent (0).

* Councilwoman Martin left meeting at 7:43pm.

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* Councilwoman Martin returned at 7:46pm.

06-01-26 V b

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DETROIT WAYNE INTEGRATED HEALTH NETWORK AND THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council President Thomas

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park has an interest in promoting the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, engaging the youth in the community in positive activities during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded monies by Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network in the amount of \$45,000 to fund a summer youth program to allow eligible participants to earn income during the summer, while performing safe yet constructive employment activities, which are in the best interest of the youth and the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Highland Park approves the acceptance of \$45,000 from Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network for the funding of the Summer Youth Employment Program. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

CITY CLERK
06-01-26 VI a

A Fireworks License Application for Yellow Box Fireworks, LLC. was submitted for approval.

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Council President Thomas

To approve the fireworks license application submitted by Yellow Box Fireworks, LLC, to be located in the parking lot of Glory Supermarket. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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06-01-26 VI b

A Vendors License Application for Little Jimmy's Italian Ice was submitted for approval.

Moved by Councilwoman Martin
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

To approve the vending license application submitted by Roni, LLC, Little Jimmy's Italian Ice to be located on the northwest corner of Woodward and Manchester. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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06-01-26 VI c

A Parade Permit application from Juneteenth In Detroit was submitted for approval.

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Council Pro Tem Robinson

To approve the Parade Permit Application submitted by Juneteenth In Detroit for June 19, 2026. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
06-01-26 VII a

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF HIGHLAND PARK RESIDENT ANTHONY ASKEW TO THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council President Thomas

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park has established a Historic District Commission with the purpose to safeguard the heritage of the City by preserving the districts in the City which reflect elements of cultural, social, economic, political, or architectural history; stabilize and improve property values in such districts; foster civic beauty; strengthen the local economy; and promote the use of Historic Districts for the education, pleasure, and welfare of the residents of the City of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Historic District Ordinance, the Commission is to consist of seven (7) members who shall be residents of the City of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Historic District Ordinance, initially, three (3) members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, two (2) members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, and two (2) members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. After one initial term of appointment, each term shall be for a period of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Askew’s term on the Historic Commission expired on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McDonald respectfully requests that City Council approve the re-appointment of Anthony Askew to the Historic District Commission for a term of three (3) years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Highland Park hereby appoint Anthony Askew to the City of Highland Park Historic District Commission for a term of three (3) years commencing June 1, 2026 and expiring on May 31, 2029. Yeas (3), Nays Robinson and Ash-Shafii (2), Absent (0).

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06-01-26 VII b

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF HIGHLAND PARK RESIDENT SHAKIRA DANCY TO THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Council President Thomas

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park has established a Historic District Commission with the purpose to safeguard the heritage of the City by preserving the districts in the City which reflect elements of cultural, social, economic, political, or architectural history; stabilize and improve property values in such districts; foster civic beauty; strengthen the local economy; and promote the use of Historic Districts for the education, pleasure, and welfare of the residents of the City of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Historic District Ordinance, the Commission is to consist of seven (7) members who shall be residents of the City of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Historic District Ordinance, initially, three (3) members shall be

appointed for a term of one (1) year, two (2) members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, and two (2) members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. After one initial term of appointment, each term shall be for a period of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McDonald respectfully requests that City Council approve the appointment of Shakira Dancy to the existing vacant position on the Highland Park Historic District Commission for an appointment of two (2) years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Highland Park hereby appoints Shakira Dancy to the City of Highland Park Historic District Commission for a term of two (2) years commencing June 1, 2026 and expiring on May 31, 2028. Yeas (4), Nays Robinson (1), Absent (0).

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06-01-26 VII c

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF HIGHLAND PARK RESIDENT JOSEPH GRAHAM TO THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Council President Thomas

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park has established a Historic District Commission with the purpose to safeguard the heritage of the City by preserving the districts in the City which reflect elements of cultural, social, economic, political, or architectural history; stabilize and improve property values in such districts; foster civic beauty; strengthen the local economy; and promote the use of Historic Districts for the education, pleasure, and welfare of the residents of the City of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Historic District Ordinance, the Commission is to consist of seven (7) members who shall be residents of the City of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Historic District Ordinance, initially, three (3) members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, two (2) members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, and two (2) members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. After one initial term of appointment, each term shall be for a period of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McDonald respectfully requests that City Council approve the appointment of Joseph Graham to the existing vacant position on the Highland Park Historic District Commission for an appointment of one (1) year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Highland Park hereby appoints Joseph Graham to the City of Highland Park Historic District Commission for a term of one (1) year commencing June 1, 2026 and expiring on May 31, 2027. Yeas (4), Nays Robinson (1), Absent (0).

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06-01-26 VII d

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF HIGHLAND PARK RESIDENT
REGAN WOODS TO THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Council President Thomas

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park has established a Historic District Commission with the purpose to safeguard the heritage of the City by preserving the districts in the City which reflect elements of cultural, social, economic, political, or architectural history; stabilize and improve property values in such districts; foster civic beauty; strengthen the local economy; and promote the use of Historic Districts for the education, pleasure, and welfare of the residents of the City of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Historic District Ordinance, the Commission is to consist of seven (7) members who shall be residents of the City of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Historic District Ordinance, initially, three (3) members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, two (2) members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, and two (2) members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. After one initial term of appointment, each term shall be for a period of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McDonald respectfully requests that City Council approve the appointment of Regan Woods to the existing vacant position on the Highland Park Historic District Commission for an appointment of three (3) years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Highland Park hereby appoints Regan Woods to the City of Highland Park Historic District Commission for a term of three (3) years commencing June 1, 2026 and expiring on May 31, 2029. Yeas (4), Nays Robinson (1), Absent (0).

**FINANCE
06-01-26 VIII a**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT 2026 FINANCIALLY DISTRESSED CITIES, VILLAGES, AND
TOWNSHIPS GRANT**

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2026, the city approved a resolution to apply for a 2026 FDCVT grant; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan is providing \$2.5M in 2026 in grants to financially distressed cities, villages, or townships (FDCVT) to fund specific projects or services that move the city, village, or township toward financial stability; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Treasury has given preliminary notice of its intent to award a Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships (FDCVT) grant in the amount of up to \$150,000 toward reimbursement of expenditures required to implement the project entitled Replace One Boiler at City Hall to the City of Highland Park; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City hereby authorizes participation in the project entitled Replace One Boiler at City Hall. Yeas (4), Nays Robinson (1), Absent (0).

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06-01-26 VIII b

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO ISSUE CONTRACT FOR AUDIT SERVICES
FOR THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK**

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2026, the City approved a resolution allowing the Finance Director to issue an RFQ for audit services; and

WHEREAS, the RFQ was advertised in the Michigan Chronicle on March 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City received two (2) bids; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee is recommending Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC (see bid attached); and

WHEREAS, based on the attached 19-page engagement letter, Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC agrees to: "... audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely-presented component units, each major fund, the aggregate remaining fund information, and the disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the City of Highland Park as of and for the year ended June 30, 2026. Services will be performed in accordance with the Professional Standards promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and *Government Auditing Standards*, as applicable" for the contracted amount of \$58,000.00, plus an additional \$6,000.00 if a single audit is required; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City approves issuing a contract to Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC for one year with one optional year for the contracted amount of \$58,000.00, plus an additional \$6,000.00 if a single audit is required. Yeas (4), Nays Robinson (1), Absent (0).

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Thomas adjourned meeting at 8:02 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 1st day of June 2026 and that said minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.



Cidia Wicker-Brown, Deputy City Clerk