

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

November 3, 2025

Council convened at 7:04 p.m. with Council President Thomas presiding.

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

Absent: None (0).

A quorum being present, the Council was declared in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilwoman Martin

Supported by Councilwoman Manica

To approve the agenda as submitted. Yes (4), Nays (1) Councilman Ash Shafii, Absent (0).

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Moved by Councilwoman Manica

Support by Council President Thomas

To approve the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Regular meeting held October 20, 2025.
Yeas (3), Nays (2) Councilman Ash Shafii, Council Pro Tem Robinson, Absent (0).

BID OPENING:

V. 11-3-25

Moved by Councilwoman Martin

Supported by Councilwoman Manica

To open the bids for Zip Lines at Ives Field. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

The Clerk stated Four (4) bids were received.

(1) Morgan Inglad, LLC
380 Tennant Ave. Unit 3
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
Grand Total: \$55,205.89

(3) Sinclair Recreation, LLC
176 E. Lakewood Blvd.
Holland, MI 49424
Single Zipline \$14,900
Double Zipline \$27,000

(2) Play Environmental Design, LLC
563 College Ave.
Holland, MI 49423
Single Zipline \$23,500
Double Zipline \$40,000

(4) Mid States Recreation
1279 Hazelton Etna Rd SW
Pataskala.OH 43062
Single Zipline \$13,586.00
Double Zipline \$23,871.00

Moved by Council Pro Tem Robinson
Supported by Councilman Ash Shafii

To close the bid opening process and refer the bids to administration for a report and recommendation. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

VI. 11-3-25

The following communication was received from the City Administrator.

Re: Memorandum to One Water Partnership and Sewer Steering Committee

Highland Park would like to share the progress we have made since the October 18, 2023, Settlement Agreement. We are making a formal request to the One Water Partnership and Sewer Steering Committee for an immediate reduction to our GLWA water and wastewater charges based on the best available information and significant progress made over the last two years. The charges are not fiscally sustainable and should reflect the progress that has been made.

This report includes the following documents:

Two-Year Steering Committee Report

September 25, 2025, Letter requesting an Adjustment and or/credit based on best available information contract language.

City Administrator, Cathy Square gave a brief synopsis on the report.

(ON FILE FOR VIEWING AT THE WATER DEPARTMENT)

The above item was received and filed.

MAYOR:

VII. 11-3-25

The following **VETO NOTICE** was filed by the mayor.

RE: Veto of Untitled Walked-On Resolution titled "Resolution 10/20/2025 the requesting online publication of all full ordinances for Public Access".

At council's meeting on October 25, 2025, the Highland Park City Council passed a Resolution requesting that numerous City department heads take action regarding publications of ordinances.

This Resolution was in writing and, upon information and belief, was emailed to a City Attorney for review several hours before the meeting. Council formally added the item to the agenda as a walked-

on resolution. The City Attorney present expressed no objection to the resolution's form or the way it was added to the agenda. However, the City Attorney's role is not to opine on the resolution's content.

Highland Park City Council is hereby on notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Mayor under Charter Section 6-3, I am vetoing this Council action for the following reasons:

1) By requesting that numerous City department heads take action, Council is violating Charter Section "5-4 Restrictions on City Council" which in subsection "c" states that the City Council "shall deal with City administrative officers and employees who are subject to the direction of the Mayor solely through the Mayor, and neither the City Council nor its members shall give orders to or request (emphasis added) any service of any officer or employee either publicly or privately; and

2) Under paragraph 4 of the "NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED clause," there is a false assertion that ordinances are being withheld from the public. A multitude of ordinances are already available online and the Administration has long advocated for updated Muni Code publication.

This Veto hereby suspends the operation of the above-referenced Council action which shall have no legal effect unless the City Council shall, at the next regular meeting, vote to adopt the Council action by the affirmative vote of four (4) of its members.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE VETO

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

VIII. 11-3-25

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MDOT AGREEMENT 25-5513 (STP-U-FY2026) FOR THE REPAIR OF GLENDALE AVENUE FROM HAMILTON AVENUE TO WOODWARD AVE.

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department and Department of Public Works were awarded federal funds under the infrastructure funding from the Wayne County Federal Aid Committee requiring a community to provide local matching funds for eligible roads within the City of Highland Park;

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park received \$1,161,500 in funding for the FY2026 STP-U program to repair Glendale Avenue between Hamilton Avenue and Woodward Avenue (0.50 miles). As part of the funding the City of Highland Park would receive 81.85% percent federal aid and 18.15% local match for road repair; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park City Council authorized the Engineering Department to submit an application package for the MDOT STP-U FY2026 funds on March 20th 2023;

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department and Department of Public Works, as a condition of accepting this contract will be responsible for naming a full-time city employee authorized to sign contract documents and approve pay applications; the authorized full-time employee will also be responsible for attending all construction and site meetings for this project; and

NOW. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contract by and between the MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK for the road repair of Glendale Avenue is hereby accepted:

Contract No 25-5513. Control section STU 82000, Job Number 217004CON

The following official is authorized to sign the said contract Michael Reese, DPW Supervisor.

Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

****Council Pro Tem Robinson stated that on October 30, 2025 she picked up Councilman Ash Shafii bag from the police department with his permission she had to sign some papers to get the bag, and she wants a copy of the police report, evident records pertaining to Councilman Ash Shafii stolen bag.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councilwoman Martin

Supported by Councilwoman Manica

To adjourn this meeting at 7:59 p.m. motion carried; meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilwoman Manica

Supported by Councilwoman Martin

Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.