

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

October 21, 2024

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Martin, (0).

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilman Ash-Shafii

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To approve the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Workshop Meeting held October 7, 2024.
Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To approve the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting held October 7, 2024.
Yeas (4), Nays (1) Robinson, Absent (0).

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Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

To approve the corrected minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Special Meeting held September 16, 2024. Yeas (4), Nays (1) Robinson, Absent (0).

**ADMINISTRATION
10-21-24 V**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO FILL VACANCIES FOR THE CITIZENS DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL
(CDAC) IN THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK**

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilman Ash-Shafii

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 7-18(1) of the City of Highland Park Charter, the City of Highland Park shall establish CDAC's to meet with residents in their perspective districts and discuss ideas pertinent to those neighborhoods and to share ideas amongst various CDAC's and with City officials to promote a more efficient and enjoyable city, and

WHEREAS, the Highland Park City Council adopted the CDAC Ordinance on October 5, 2020, and

WHEREAS, there shall be five (5) members; two (2) of the members shall be appointed by the Mayor and two (2) of the members shall be appointed by the City Council with the fifth (5th) member being selected by the four (4) members already appointed, and

WHEREAS, all CDAC members must be Highland Park residents and reside within their perspective precincts, and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to follow the Charter to improve the quality of life for the residents of the City of Highland Park by establishing the CDAC's, NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Highland Park City Council approves the following appointments to the CDACs for the City of Highland Park beginning on November 1st:

City Council Appointments

District 1, Precinct 1

Nikki Praddel 3-year term ending October 31, 2027

Marc Wise, Jr. 3-year term ending October 31, 2027

District 1 Precinct 2

Patrick Green 3-year term ending October 31, 2027

Kenya Jackson 3-year term ending October 31, 2027

District 2, Precinct 3

Natalie Over 3-year term ending October 31, 2027

Cara Eason 3-year term ending October 31, 2027

District 2 Precinct 4

Famika Roberts 3-year term ending October 31, 2027

Brandon Lopez 3-year term ending October 31, 2027

District 3, Precinct 5

Marjorie Thomas 3-year term ending October 31, 2027

Cassandra Walker 3-year term ending October 31, 2027

District 3, Precinct 6

Doris Harris 3-year term ending October 31, 2027
Shannon Bryce 3-year term ending October 31, 2027

Mayor's Appointments

District 1, Precinct 1

ShyRhon Wagoner 3-year term ending October 31, 2027
Angela Askew 3-year term ending October 31, 2027

District 1 Precinct 2

Kelsey Hall 3-year term ending October 31, 2027
Lisa Butler 3-year term ending October 31, 2027

District 2, Precinct 3

Beatrice Hamilton 3-year term ending October 31, 2027
Janice Walker 3-year term ending October 31, 2027

District 2 Precinct 4

Clifford Chapman 3-year term ending October 31, 2027
Tawan Feggan 3-year term ending October 31, 2027

District 3, Precinct 5

Yolanda Roland-Muse 3-year term ending October 31, 2027
Sandra Beard 3-year term ending October 31, 2027

District 3, Precinct 6

Mark Ashley Price 3-year term ending October 31, 2027
Runae Ford 3-year term ending October 31, 2027

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

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
10-21-24 VI a**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO PLANNING AND ZONING ORDINANCE
TO INCLUDE A SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM (SES) PROVISION AS PRESENTED**

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park desires to promote the use of clean energy, including the use of solar energy systems ("SES"); and

WHEREAS, the City's Engineer has proposed the adoption of SES provisions to the City's Planning and Zoning Ordinance, which is intended to: provide residents with a renewable, local and resilient non-polluting energy resource, decrease the cost of energy, improve the quality of life of residents as well as protect their public health, safety and welfare, protect property owner rights to construct SES in all zoning districts and protect legal permission from landlords to tenants, encourage and support environmental

design through conservation or preservation in place and increase employment in the region by furthering the installation of SES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Council approves the amendment, as presented, to the City's Planning and Zoning to include a provision for the utilization and regulation of solar energy systems. Yeas (3) Martin, Manica and Thomas, Nays (2) Ash-Shafii and Robinson, Absent (0).

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10-21-24 VI b

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO ISSUE RFI TO SEEK INFORMATION REGARDING THE POTENTIAL DEMOLITION OF A LARGE MIXED-USE BUILDING LOCATED AT 12850 WOODWARD

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilman Ash-Shafii

WHEREAS, the City wishes to issue an RFI to seek information from qualified demolition companies regarding the potential demolition of a large mixed-use building owned by the City located at 12850 Woodward Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this RFI is to identify experienced contractors capable of providing safe, effective, and environmentally responsible demolition services; and

WHEREAS, this RFI is an information-gathering process and not a solicitation for bids or proposals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City approves issuing an RFI to seek information from qualified demolition companies regarding the potential demolition of a large mixed-use building owned by the City located at 12850 Woodward. Yeas (3), Nays (2) Ash-Shafii and Robinson, Absent (0).

**RECREATION
10-21-24 VII a**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE GIFT OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT UPDATES TO STOREN PARK FROM SAY DETROIT

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

WHEREAS, SAY DETROIT, along with Cooper Standard, would like to extend their commitment to Highland Park by sponsoring a "Clean Up /Fix Up Day " at Storen Park; and

WHEREAS, they will do the following: 1) install new industry standard swings and benches, 2) add playground fill, and 3) conduct a park clean-up; and

WHEREAS, all projects will be conducted by licensed and insured contractors; and

WHEREAS, by adding these amenities to Storen Park, the community will be able to continue to enjoy their

park; and

WHEREAS, any additional improvements would be approved by the Highland Park Director of Parks and Recreation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City approves and accepts SAY Detroit's proposed Storen Park improvements. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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10-21-24 VII b

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO RE-ISSUE RFP FOR SPARK GRANT PRIME PROFESSIONAL/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park was awarded \$982,700 in Spark Grant funding administered by the Council of Michigan Foundations through a partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to enhance recreation opportunities at Ives Field (see budget attached); and

WHEREAS, a resolution to issue an RFP (based on CMF/DNR template) for a Project Prime Professional and Construction Management Services was presented to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, an advertisement was published in the Michigan Chronicle and an RFP was posted on BidNet; and

WHEREAS, at the 10/7/24 City Council meeting, the Clerk's Office reported that no bids were received as a result of the advertisement and posting; and

WHEREAS, the City has consulted with the CMF/ONR, who altered the scope of work because many recipients received no bids; and

WHEREAS, the scope of work was re-written to remove supply chain work and other contracted services and now includes only engineering-based functions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City approves issuing a revised RFP for a SPARK Grant Prime Professional/Construction Management Services. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

To take a 2-minute recess. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0). Meeting recessed at 8:27 p.m.

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilman Ash-Shafii

To reconvene the meeting. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0). Meeting reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

**SENIORS
10-21-24 VIII**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FY2025 DETROIT AREA AGENCY ON AGING (DAAA) GRANT
FOR \$19,794**

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

WHEREAS, on 8/19/24, the City approved a resolution "Reviewing and Approving DAAA Proposed FY 2025 Annual Implementation Plan"; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2024, the City received notification that they have been awarded \$19,794 thru the Older Americans Act (OAA) for FY25 to be used for the DAAA Friendly Reassurance Program (see attached); and

WHEREAS, the Friendly Reassurance program provides funds to support regular contacts with seniors living independently (approximately 60-80) or others living in the six senior apartment complexes in need of companionship via the telephone and/or home visits; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City accepts the \$19,794 DAAA grant award for the FY25 Friendly Reassurance Program. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

**OUTSIDE COMMUNICATION
10-21-24 IX**

The following communication was received from the Board of Directors of Prayer Temple of Love.

Greetings Honorable City Council:

The Board of Directors of Prayer Temple of Love Cathedral humbly requests an adage to the current street name "Highland", located at the corner of Woodward and Highland, to honor our late pastor and organizer Rev. Saint Richard A. Smith. It is our request that Highland will carry the name of our late pastor, Rev. Saint Richard A. Smith who has been a respected pillar of this community for over 50 years. Our Pastor, Rev. Saint Richard A. Smith passed away April 16, 2020, due to Covid-1, and this is our way of ingraining his legacy into the very fabric of this great city.

Rev. Smith and the congregation of Prayer Temple of Love Cathedral moved into their current edifice located at 12375 Woodward Avenue July 1977 and has been actively involved in the community. Rev. Smith has been an advocate for the city of Highland Park and has worked tirelessly to provide resources to the citizens of this great city. He and his collaborative efforts with many officials of Highland Park dedicated themselves to maintain and beautify the city, provide guidance and leadership and maintain Peace on Highland Street when Highland became bombarded with drugs and prostitution.

He worked closely with former Mayors Blackwell and Miller, serving as a Human Rights Commissioner as well as with the City Council. He organized Operation Feed-All funded by Wayne Metro and fed the community at 17 Highland for 25 years. Currently the Church has partnered with Forgotten Harvest for bi-

monthly food giveaways. Rev. Smith also organized the PTLC Drug Program, Mental Health Counseling with a licensed therapist, Wednesday Homework Help and the PTLC Saturday Educational Tutorial/Computer Program for students in Kindergarten through High School with certified teachers. All programs were housed in the Church's Activity Center located at 17 Highland.

The Board of Directors of PTLC is requesting that the installation of the street sign take place in November of 2024 as we celebrate and close out our Late Pastor and First Lady's 50th Pastoral Anniversary.

We look forward to the Council's response, praying that this prestigious honor will be granted for our late Pastor Rev. Saint Richard A. Smith.

* Council Pro Tem asked the attorney to follow up this week with the information on street renaming so that a special meeting can be called if the Anniversary is before the November 18th meeting.

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

To receive and file the above communication. Yeas (4), Nays (1) Martin, Absent (0).

* Councilman Ash-Shafii left the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To adjourn the meeting, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 9:19 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 21st day of October 2024 and that said minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.



Cidia Wicker-Brown, Deputy City Clerk