

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

February 17, 2026

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

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

* Pro Tem Robinson entered the meeting at 7:22 pm.

Absent: (0).

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilwoman Martin
Supported by Councilman Ash-Shafii

To approve the agenda as presented with the addition of a resolution from Councilwoman Martin and a resolution from Councilman Ash-Shafii. Yeas (4), Nays (1) Manica, Absent (0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilman Ash-Shafii

To approve the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Workshop meeting held February 2, 2026. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council President Thomas

To approve the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Regular meeting held February 2, 2026. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

**CITY COUNCIL
02-17-26 V a**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE USE OF CITY BUILDINGS AND FACE COVERINGS
BY IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE) OFFICERS, CUSTOMS**

AND BORDER PROTECTION OFFICERS, OR THEIR CONTRACTORS DURING CIVIL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

Moved By Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilman Ash-Shafii

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park is committed to advancing racial equity, transparency, accountability, and public trust in government institutions; and

WHEREAS, trust between residents and public officials, including law enforcement agencies operating within City of Highland Park, is essential to community safety, civic participation, and access to public services; and

WHEREAS, civil immigration enforcement practices that obscure officer identification, including the use of face coverings or masks that conceal identity by law enforcement officers during civil enforcement actions can undermine transparency, obscure identification, and erode public trust, particularly in communities that have historically experienced over-policing, surveillance, and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, reports across the nation indicate that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers have, in some instances, conducted civil immigration enforcement actions while wearing masks or other face coverings that conceal their identities, raising concerns regarding accountability and due process; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park affirms its role as a welcoming community and has adopted policies intended to ensure that City resources are not used to facilitate civil immigration enforcement in ways that harm community trust or public safety; and

WHEREAS, while ICE is a federal agency beyond the direct authority of City of Highland Park, the City has a responsibility to use its voice to advocate for practices that uphold civil rights, human dignity, and transparency for all residents, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, clear identification of law enforcement officers - including visible faces, name badges, and agency identification-supports accountability, lawful conduct, and the ability of individuals to exercise their rights; and

WHEREAS, City-owned and City-operated buildings exist to provide public services and civic access, and the presence of ICE officers conducting civil immigration enforcement activities within City buildings may deter residents, particularly immigrant and mixed-status families, from accessing essential services, participating in public processes, or engaging with City programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Highland Park formally opposes the use of masks or face coverings by ICE officers that conceal their identities during civil immigration enforcement activities occurring within City of Highland Park, except in circumstances where face coverings are required for verified public health or safety reasons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council calls upon the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement to adopt and enforce policies requiring ICE officers to clearly identify themselves, including visible faces, name badges, and agency insignia, during civil enforcement actions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council reaffirms the City of Highland Park's commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive community, and to protecting the safety, dignity, and civil rights of all residents, including immigrant and mixed-status families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council directs all City of Highland Park agencies and

employees to pursue continued community engagement and monitoring of federal immigration enforcement practices to ensure alignment with principles of transparency, accountability, and equity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Council affirms that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers shall not be permitted to enter, remain in, or conduct civil immigration enforcement activities within any City of Highland Park-owned, leased, or operated building, facility, or property (including parking areas) unless required by law or pursuant to a valid judicial warrant or court order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Council requires that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) shall comply with all City of Highland Park ordinances, and specifically, all City of Highland Park zoning ordinances regarding the use and/or acquisition of any warehouse, building, parking lot, or any piece of real property located in the boundaries of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City employees, contractors, and agents shall not voluntarily assist, facilitate, or cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) civil immigration enforcement activities within City-owned, leased, or operated buildings, facilities, or property, including granting access to non-public areas or providing space or resources, except where such assistance is required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Council encourages and urges cities, townships, villages, school districts, and other local governmental entities within and beyond City of Highland Park, as well as health care organizations and public transit systems, to consider adopting similar policies and resolutions that promote transparency, accountability, racial equity, and public trust, including policies that limit civil immigration enforcement activities within local government buildings and oppose the use of face coverings that conceal the identities of ICE officers during civil enforcement actions. Yeas (4), Nays (1) Robinson, Absent (0).

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02-17-26 V b

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

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Moved by Councilwoman Martin

Supported by Council President Thomas

To table to the March 16, 2026, Regular Meeting. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

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02-17-26 V c

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

A RESOLUTION PROHIBITING IMMIGRATION DETENTION, HOLDING, PROCESSING, OR STAGING FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, RESTRICTING USE OF CITY PROPERTY AND COOPERATION, AND DIRECTING ZONING AND LAND-USE AMENDMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THIS POLICY

Moved by Councilwoman Martin
Supported by Councilman Ash-Shafii

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park, Michigan ("City") is a home rule city with the authority to enact resolutions and policies that protect the health, safety, welfare, and civil rights of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council affirms the dignity, safety, and constitutional rights of all persons in the City of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that detention facilities, holding facilities, processing centers, staging areas, and related operations-whether temporary or permanent-may create significant public safety concerns, community disruption, and civil rights impacts; and

WHEREAS, such facilities are sometimes proposed or located in industrial, warehouse, commercial, or mixed-use zoning areas under alternative classifications or "support use" designations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to ensure that no immigration detention, holding, processing, or staging facility is permitted within the City through land-use approvals, municipal cooperation, agreements, or City-controlled property use; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that it is in the public interest to prohibit City-owned property, rights-of-way, and facilities from being used for staging, transport, processing, or administrative operations related to immigration detention or enforcement activities within the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Highland Park, Michigan, as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Resolution, the following terms shall be interpreted broadly to effectuate the intent of the City Council:

1. "Detention Facility" includes any structure, building, property, or facility used for confinement, incarceration, restraint, custody, or detention of persons, whether temporary or permanent.
2. "Holding Facility" includes any location used for temporary custody, confinement, or restraint of persons, including any "temporary holding," "processing," or "short-term custody" use.
3. "Processing Facility/ Staging Area" includes any facility or location used for intake, transfer, transport coordination, interviews, interrogation, administrative operations, or deployment activity associated with detention or enforcement actions.
4. "Immigration Enforcement Entity" includes Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Border Patrol, and any agents, contractors, affiliates, or entities acting on their behalf.

SECTION 2. CITY POLICY DECLARATION/ PROHIBITED FACILITY TYPES

BE IT RESOLVED that it is the policy of the City of Highland Park that no property within the City shall be used, established, leased, maintained, or operated as:

- an immigration detention facility;
- a detention center or holding center for civil immigration purposes;

- a processing facility, intake center, staging area, or transfer point associated with immigration detention or enforcement; or
- any facility used for the confinement, restraint, or detention of individuals for civil or immigration enforcement purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby declares such uses to be inconsistent with the public welfare of the City and directs that such uses shall be prohibited through zoning ordinance amendments and enforcement mechanisms to the fullest extent permitted by law.

SECTION 3. NO ADMINISTRATIVE WORKAROUNDS/CITY ACTIONS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no variance, administrative approval, business license approval, occupancy approval, lease, license, contract, intergovernmental agreement, or other arrangement under City control shall be used to authorize or permit any prohibited facility type described herein on public or private property within the City, to the maximum extent allowed by law.

SECTION 4. PROHIBITION ON CITY PROPERTY / PUBLIC FACILITIES STAGING

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City shall not permit City-owned property, City rights-of-way, City buildings, City facilities, or City-controlled premises to be used as immigration detention facilities, holding facilities, processing centers, staging areas, or operational hubs for detention or immigration enforcement-related activities.

SECTION 5. LIMITED EXEMPTIONS - EXISTING LOCAL FACILITIES ONLY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to prohibit the continued operation of the following two (2) existing facilities, solely for their current lawful purposes:

1. The Highland Park Police Department holding facility/ jail, for the temporary holding and detention of individuals under the jurisdiction of the Highland Park Police Department and/or local court authority; and
2. The existing juvenile justice detention center located within the City, for juvenile justice detention services as currently authorized by law.

SECTION 6. NO ICE/ CBP / BORDER PATROL OPERATIONS OUT OF EXEMPT FACILITIES

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above exemptions are strictly limited and shall not authorize, permit, or allow Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Border Patrol, or any other federal immigration enforcement entity (or any contractor acting on their behalf) to utilize either exempt facility for any immigration enforcement purpose, including but not limited to:

- detention, confinement, or holding for civil immigration purposes;
- processing, intake, booking, interviews, transfer, or transport;
- staging, operational deployment, interrogation, checkpoints, or administrative operations;
- renting, leasing, licensing, or contracting for space, equipment, storage, or support services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no agreement, memorandum of understanding (MOU), contract, lease, license, cooperative arrangement, or shared-use arrangement shall be entered into by the City which permits immigration enforcement operations to be conducted from either exempt facility.

SECTION 7. LEGAL COMPLIANCE/ LIMITATION OF INTENT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to regulate or control federal operations in violation of the United States Constitution; rather, this Resolution governs City policy, use of City-owned or City-controlled property, City cooperation and contracting, and the City's lawful authority over land use, zoning, licensing, and permitting to the fullest extent permitted by law.

SECTION 8. INTERPRETATION AND ENFORCEMENT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be interpreted to effectuate its protective intent, and City staff, boards, commissions, and administrative bodies are directed to interpret and apply City land use and regulatory actions consistent with the prohibitions and directives stated herein.

SECTION 9. APPLICATION PENDING ZONING AMENDMENTS/ DIRECTIVE TO ALIGN ORDINANCES

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution expresses the official policy and land-use intent of the City Council and shall apply immediately to the maximum extent permitted by law, including as guiding authority for City staff, boards, and commissions in the review of land use, permitting, occupancy, business licensing, and zoning-related determinations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council directs the City Attorney, City Planner, and all relevant officials to prepare and/or recommend any necessary zoning ordinance amendments, use definitions, and enforcement provisions to ensure full consistency with this Resolution, and to prevent any immigration detention, holding, processing, or staging facility described herein from being permitted within any zoning district, including industrial zoning areas.

SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

ADMINISTRATION

02-17-26 VI

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE HIGHLAND PARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PLAN DOCUMENT

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii

Moved by Council Pro Tem Robinson

To table to the March 2, 2026, Regular Meeting. Yeas (4), Nays (1) Thomas, Absent (0).

**WATER
02-17-26 VII**

The following resolution was received and filed.

**A RESOLUTION FOR CITY COUNCIL TO RECEIVE AND FILE ONLY, THE GREAT LAKES
WATER AUTHORITY FISCAL YEAR 27 PROPOSED CHARGES FOR WHOLESALE WATER
AND SEWER SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK**

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Moved by Councilwoman Martin

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City of Highland Park Water Department to address all requirements as identified in the 2024 EGLE Administrative Compliance Agreement ACA-399-02-2024(ACA) and the Highland Park Settlement Agreement with the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA), fully executed on April 24, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Highland Park City Council shall receive, for filing only, the GLWA FY27 proposed wholesale charges for water and sewer services for the City of Highland Park, prior to GLWA's scheduled public hearing on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., located at 735 Randolph Street, Detroit, Michigan, 48226, with written comments due by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, to the Chief Executive Officer, Suzanne Coffey, PE. Yes (4), Nays (1) Robinson, Absent (0).

Council Pro Tem Robinson stated for the record that this item should have been in a Workshop.

**30th DISTRICT COURT
02-17-26 VIII**

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUION TO ACCEPT MICHIGAN INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND GRANT #E20260117-00
FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN**

Moved by Councilwoman Martin
Supported by Council President Thomas

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan, under the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Act of 2013 (MCL 780.981 – 780.1003), requires minimum standards that are designed to ensure that the provision of indigent criminal defense services meet constitutional requirements for effective assistance of counsel; and

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park applied to the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) for grant funds in order to implement the State-mandated requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City has received notification from the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission advising of its intent to award the amount of \$123,254.93 in order to fund implementation; and

WHEREAS, the City has a local match requirement of \$13,864.50, and now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Highland Park City Council hereby authorizes the appropriate City officials to accept Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Grant #E20260117-00 in the amount of \$123,254.93, and to budget the appropriate revenue expenditure accounts in Fund 260 (Indigent Defense Fund). Yeas (3), Nays (2) Robinson and Ash-Shafii, Absent (0).

Pro Tem Robinson stated for the record if this resolution gets squashed by the Federal Government, we can put liens on these private properties and that way they cannot sell them to the government.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Ash-Shafii
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

To adjourn the meeting, meeting adjourned at 8:53 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 2nd day of February 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