

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

May 18, 2026

Council convened at 7:05 p.m. with Council President Thomas presiding.

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

Absent: None

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Council Pro Tem Robinson
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To approve the agenda with amendments. Council Pro Tem Robinson requested the resolutions for agenda item VI be separate resolutions one for polling locations, one for Early Voting Site, and one for Absent Voter Counting Board. Yeas (2), Councilman Ash Shafii and Council Pro Tem Robinson, Nays (3) Councilwomen Manica and Martin, Council President Thomas.

Moved by Councilwoman Martin
Supported by Councilwoman Manica

To approve the agenda not to separate the resolution or change the resolution. Yeas (3), Councilwomen Martin and Manica, Council President Thomas, Nay (1) Council Pro Tem Robinson, Absent (1) Councilman Ash Shafii excused himself from the meeting at 7:19 p.m. and returned at 7:21 p.m. wasn't present for the vote.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Councilwoman Martin
Support by Councilwoman Manica

To approve the proposed minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Workshop meeting held May 4, 2026. Yeas (4), Nays (1), wasn't at the meeting Absent (0).

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PUBLIC HEARING:

V. 05-18-26

The Clerk stated this was the place and time to have a public hearing regarding the Proposed FY 2026-2927 Budget.

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council President Thomas

To open the floor for the citizens to ask questions regarding the proposed budget. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

Several citizens had questions concerning various city departments.

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

To close the public hearing. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

CITY CLERK:
VI-05-18-26

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council President Thomas

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ESTABLISH POLLING LOCATIONS, EARLY VOTING SITE, AND
ABSENT VOTER COUNTING BOARD FOR THE 2026 ELECTION CYCLE**

WHEREAS, under Section 4 (1) (m) of Article II of the Constitution of Michigan of 1963, registered electors have the right to vote in each statewide and federal election in person at an Early Voting Site beginning on the second Saturday before the election July 25, 2026 and ending on the Sunday before the election (9 consecutive days) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;

WHEREAS, the legislative body of a city must establish an Early Voting Site; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk proposes the Blackwell Municipal Complex at 12050 Woodward Avenue , Highland Park, Michigan be designated as the Early Voting Site; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk proposes the following locations be designated as election day polling places in the City of Highland Park;

PRECINCTS	LOCATION	ADDRESS
1	Downes Manor	13725 John R.
2	Blackwell Municipal Complex	12050 Woodward Ave
3&4	Ernest T; Ford Fieldhouse	10 Pitkin
5	Faith Tabernacle Church	16468 Hamilton Avenue
6	Healing Spring MB Church	12647 Hamilton Avenue

WHEREAS, the City Clerk proposes the Blackwell Municipal Complex at 12005 Woodward Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan be designated as the Absent Voter Counting Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Blackwell Municipal Complex at 12050 Woodward Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan is designated as the Early Voting Site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following locations are hereby designated as election day polling places in the City of Highland Park;

PRECINCTS	LOCATIONS	ADDRESS
1	Downes Manor	13725 John R
2	Blackwell Municipal Complex	12050 Woodward Avenue
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Blackwell Municipal Complex at 12050 Woodward Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan be designated as the Absent Voter Counting Board. Yeas (3), Councilwoman Martin and Manica, Nays (1) Council Pro Tem Robinson, Absent (0) -Councilman Ash Shafii stated he would not be voting period.

FINANCE:

VII- 5-18-26

The following communication was submitted for approval.

Moved by Councilman Ash Shafii
Supported by Council Pro Tem Robinson

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

To table the resolution until the June 1, 2026, council meeting. Requesting a copy of the contract be submitted to council. Yeas (4), Nays (1) Council President Thomas, Absent (0).

RECREATION:

VIII. 5-18-26

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilwoman Martin

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF WAYNE AND CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

THIS AMENDMENT ("Amendment") is made by and between the County of Wayne, Michigan a body corporate and charter county acting through its Department of Public Services, Parks Division ("County") and the City of Highland Park, Michigan, a municipal corporation ("City") and amends the

intergovernmental agreement for Improvements to Midland Field FY 2022-2023, approved by the Wayne County Commission on July 6, 2023 by Resolution No. 2023-476 (“Agreement”).

WHEREAS, the Agreement provided for the County to assist in funding the construction of improvements at Midland Field owned by and located in the city (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to extend the Agreement term to end on October 1, 2026 (from September 30, 225) to provide for the completion of the improvements at Midland Field;

NOW THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. The termination date described in Section 3.01 of the Agreement shall be modified from “September 30, 2025” to October 1, 2026.”
2. All other terms and conditions in the agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
3. This Amendment is subject to the County’s policies regarding modification and amendments of agreements.
4. This Amendment shall become part of the Contract between the parties.
5. Each party warrants that the person signing this Agreement is authorized to sign on behalf of its principal and is empowered to bind its principal to this Amendment.

NOW THEREFORE, the County and the City hereby agree to the expressed terms above and execute this Amendment to the agreement on the dates identified below. Yeas (4), Nays (1) Council Pro Tem Robinson, Absent (0).

OUTSIDE COMMUNICATION

IX. 5-18-26

Moved by Councilman Ash Shafii

Supported by Councilwoman Manica

The following communication was received from Roshanda L. Jones.

My name is Roshanda Jones, I am the widow of Cedric Lanier Jones, who was tragically killed last summer working for the Road Commission for Oakland County. Cedric Jones was a die-hard Highland Parker, much like the rest of the Jones family. Cedric is the nephew of Chris “The Rock Jones” who is unfortunately also deceased. Both have been residents at 299 Elmhurst at this home has been passed down through their family bloodline for well over 40 years.

Both Chris and Ced served their community with great passion while living. Chris often organized events to meet the needs of the less fortunate and the shelters that are in Highland Park. He organized live concerts to bring joy. Cedric, was coach at Hackett, helping young kids build discipline and skill set for basketball and also a coach for tee ball. Both served at Wings of Love Ministries at 17133 John R which sits on the cusp of Detroit and HP. They have brought joy to many residents of Highland Park.

Today, the Road Commission has installed a memorial sign in my husband's honor and for Work Zone Awareness. I would like "Cjones Roadway" become the additional name for Elmhurst west of Hamilton, in Highland Park< Mi in honor of both these two great men.

Currently Cedric's father and Chris's brother; Stan Jones is the resident of 299 Elmhurst. He agrees with this request.

Thank you for your attention and consideration for this matter.

This request was received and filed. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councilman Ash Shafii

Supported by Councilwoman Manica

Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

I, hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the minutes of the Virtual & In-Person Regular Meeting held on the 18th day of May 2026 and that proposed minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.

 Brenda Green, City Clerk