



MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HAMTRAMCK, MICHIGAN
February 14, 2012
7:00 P.M.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the city council chamber on the second floor of City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212 by Mayor Karen Majewski.

Roll call: Present: Karen Majewski, Cathie Gordon, Tom Jankowski, Mohammed Hassan, Abdul Algazali, Anam Miah and Bob Zwolak. Others present: City Manager Bill Cooper, Finance Director Nevrus Nazarko, City Attorney Jim Allen, City Attorney Alexis Krot, Acting DPW Director Steve Shaya, CED Director Jason Friedmann and City Clerk Ed Norris.

All stood and said the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Agenda approval: Cooper requested the removal of Items #3 and #4 from the agenda. The agenda was approved on a voice vote.

Senator Bert Johnson provided an update regarding legislation in Lansing.

Zwolak offered condolences to the family of the resident who was killed in the traffic incident on February 12th.

There were no public comments.

SECTION I: PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLES I – XV of the Hamtramck City Code ADDING A CHAPTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERMITTING THE CHANGE OF PENALTIES, FINES, AND FEES AS PROVIDED IN §§10.001 – 154.001 AND AS PROVIDED IN ANY SPECIAL ORDINANCES, AMENDMENTS OR NEW ORDINANCES. Placed on the agenda by City Manager Cooper. **The public hearing opened at 7:29 p.m. and was immediately closed. No comments were made.**

SECTION II: UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Ordinances scheduled for second reading and ordinances or resolutions previously postponed.

1. AN ORDINANCE (2012-1) TO AMEND TITLES I – XV of the Hamtramck City Code ADDING A CHAPTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERMITTING THE CHANGE OF PENALTIES, FINES, AND FEES AS PROVIDED IN §§10.001 – 154.001 AND AS PROVIDED IN ANY SPECIAL ORDINANCES, AMENDMENTS OR NEW ORDINANCES. Placed on the agenda by City Manager Cooper. **Motion: Gordon. Second: Zwolak. After discussion the ordinance was adopted with the following roll call vote: Yes – all.**

SECTION III: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Gordon moved, Zwolak seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was approved on a voice vote. The approved consent agenda consisted of the following items:

1. City Council Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Regular Meeting – January 10, 2012 (Amended)
 - b. Regular Meeting – January 24, 2012
2. Board and Commission minutes:
 - a. Housing Commission – August 17, 2011
 - b. Housing Commission – October 5, 2011
 - c. Housing Commission – November 16, 2011
 - d. Housing Commission – December 21, 2011
 - e. Historical Commission – June 29, 2011
 - f. Historical Commission – July 27, 2011
 - g. Historical Commission – September 28, 2011
 - h. Historical Commission – October 26, 2011
 - i. Historical Commission – November 30, 2011

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS - Ordinance introductions and resolutions for initial consideration.

1. **FUND WARRANT LIST AND PAYROLL. (2012-20) Motion: Gordon. Second: Zwolak. After discussion the list was approved on a voice vote.**
1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH NATIONAL FAITH HOMEBUYERS TO PROVIDE HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES TO THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK FOR THE CITY'S NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (NSP 2) REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT. Placed on the agenda by CED Director Friedmann. **Removed from the agenda by Cooper.**
2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY SERVICES TO PROVIDE HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES TO THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK FOR THE CITY'S NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (NSP 2) REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT. Placed on the agenda by CED Director Friedmann. **Removed from the agenda by Cooper.**
3. RESOLUTION (2012-21) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH PART D ADVISORS, INC., TO REVIEW, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT DISTRIBUTIONS FOR YEARS 2008 AND 2009. Placed on the agenda by Finance Director Nazarko. **Motion: Algazali. Second: Gordon. After discussion the resolution was approved on a voice vote.**
4. RESOLUTION (2012-22) AUTHORIZING FINAL SETTLEMENT OF A LAWSUIT BROUGHT BY NANCY DAILEY AGAINST THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK. Placed on the agenda by City Manager Cooper. **Motion: Gordon. Second: Jankowski. After discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote: Yes – Jankowski, Miah, Zwolak, Majewski. No – Gordon, Hassan, Algazali.**

5. RESOLUTION (2012-23) DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO DETERMINE IF PROPER NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES WERE FOLLOWED REGARDING THE DECISION OF THE HAMTRAMCK ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RELATIVE TO 2721 HOLBROOK. Placed on the agenda by Councilmember Zwolak. **Motion: Zwolak. Second: Gordon. After discussion Gordon moved, Zwolak seconded a motion to amend the resolution by striking the word “ notification”. The motion to amend was approved with the following roll call vote: Yes – Jankowski, Zwolak, Gordon, Majewski. No – Hassan, Miah, Algazali. After further discussion the resolution was passed with the following roll call vote: Yes – Jankowski, Zwolak, Gordon, Majewski. No – Hassan, Miah, Algazali.**
6. RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO REVIEW WITH DEPARTMENTS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLIC POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CURRENT CITY CHARTER. Placed on the agenda by Councilmember Zwolak. **Motion: Zwolak. Second: Gordon. After discussion the resolution was withdrawn with no objections.**
7. RESOLUTION TO PLACE A PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE PROPOSAL ON THE 2012 AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT. Placed on the agenda by Councilmember Zwolak. **Motion: Zwolak. Second: Gordon. After discussion the resolution was withdrawn with no objections.**
8. RESOLUTION(2012-24) AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FIRE TRUCK. Placed on the agenda by City Manager Cooper. **Motion: Algazali. Second: Gordon. After discussion the resolution was approved on a voice vote.**
9. RESOLUTION(2012-25) AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ANIMAL SHELTERING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MICHIGAN HUMANE SOCIETY AND THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK. Placed on the agenda by Acting Police Chief Garbarino. **Motion: Gordon. Second: Jankowski. After discussion the resolution was approved on a voice vote.**
10. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SENDING OF A LETTER TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY TO NOTIFY THEM OF THE CITY’S FINANCIAL CONDITION. Placed on the agenda by City Manager Cooper. **Motion: Gordon. Second: Miah. After discussion the resolution failed on a voice vote. No – all.**

SECTION V: OTHER ITEMS

1. Mayor’s Report: **Mayor Majewski presented a report on her recent activities.**
2. Mayor ProTem’s Report: **Algazali presented a report on his recent activities.**
3. City Manager’s Report: **Cooper reported on dropping property values, budget, police evidence audit, department head positions and Mark Swider’s retirement from the Fire Department.**
4. **Public comments were made by Vera Burk, Sarah Terrien and Hillary Cherry.**
5. Non-agenda items and other business:
 - **Zwolak requested a traffic study for problem areas in Hamtramck.**
 - **Zwolak requested that the city obtain sound monitoring devices that will hold up in court.**

SECTION VI: CLOSED SESSION

Council will discuss pending litigation, personnel, and union contract negotiations. **The discussion on pending litigation and personnel was not needed. Gordon moved, Zwolak seconded a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. The motion was approved. Yes – all. The closed session was moved to the 3rd floor conference room. It began at 10:10 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 11:00 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk

Minutes approved as submitted at the 2-28-12 regular council meeting.