



MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HAMTRAMCK, MICHIGAN
May 8, 2012
7:00 P.M.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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: Acting City Manager Erik Tungate, Finance Director Nevrus Nazarko, City Attorney Jim Allen, City Attorney Alexis Krot, DPW Director Steve Shaya, Police Chief Max Garbarino, CED Director Jason Friedmann and City Clerk Ed Norris.

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

Agenda approval: Acting City Manager Tungate requested additions to the agenda: 1) Resolution for flag pole repairs (Item #5 under New Business). 2) Resolution for interfund borrowing. (Item #6 under New Business). Zwolak moved, Gordon seconded a motion to approve the agenda with the additions. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Mayor Majewski offered condolences to the family of Casmira Odrobina.

Jason Friedmann made a presentation on the city's art project with council making comments and asking questions.

Public Comments were made by Saad Almasmary, Susan Dunn, Sharole Dale, Michael Pokoj, Saleh Almasmari, Kathleen Bittner, Ian Perrotta, Andrew Perrotta, Nasr Hussain, Mark Armand, Abdo Hussain, Roberta Olko, Peter Lauwers, Tom Thewes, John Justewicz, Hillary Cherry, Scott Collins, Marie Pronko.

SECTION I: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Gordon moved, Hassan 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 – April 24, 2012
 - b. Special Meeting – May 1, 2012
2. RESOLUTION (2012- 83) APPROVING AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR COUNCILMEMBER ALGAZALI ON APRIL 10, 2012.

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

1. FUND WARRANT LIST AND PAYROLL. (2012- 84) The list was approved on a voice vote.

2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 150.062 (BLIGHT PROHIBITED) OF THE HAMTRAMCK CITY CODE. This is the first reading of a proposed ordinance. Placed on the agenda by Councilmember Algazali. **After discussion Hassan moved, Algazali seconded a motion to amend the ordinance by including “or rear lot with concrete slab.” The motion to amend was approved on a voice vote. After further discussion Zwolak moved, Hassan seconded a motion to amend by changing ice cream truck to “commercial vehicle.” The motion to amend was approved on a voice vote. After debate the first reading of the proposed ordinance with amendments was approved with the following roll call vote: Yes – all. A public hearing and final reading was set for May 22, 2012.**
3. RESOLUTION (2012- 85) AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF FLOODING. Placed on the agenda by Councilmember Zwolak. **Motion: Zwolak; Second: Gordon. After discussion the resolution was approved on a voice vote.**
4. DISCUSSION – Guidelines for \$1,500 Spending Resolution. Placed on the agenda by Councilmember Gordon. **There was a general discussion on the topic.**
- (5) RESOLUTION (2012- 86) TO PERMIT JOSEPH CAMPAU FLAG POLE REPAIR. **Added by Acting City Manager Tungate. After discussion the resolution was approved on a voice vote.**
- (6) RESOLUTION (2012- 87) AUTHORIZING INTERFUND BORROWING TO MEET THE CASH FLOW NEEDS OF THE GENERAL FUND. **Added by Acting City Manager Tungate. Motion: Zwolak; Second: Miah. After discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote: Yes – Hassan, Jankowski, Miah, Majewski. No – Gordon, Zwolak, Algazali.**

SECTION III: OTHER ITEMS

1. Mayor’s Report: **Mayor Majewski provided a written report of her activities.**
2. Mayor ProTem’s Report: **None**
3. City Manager’s Report: **Acting City Manager Tungate provided a written report.**
4. **Public comments were made by Susan Dunn, Roberta Olko, John Hypnarowicz, Ernest Little and Miahel Pokaj.**
5. Non-agenda items and other business: **None requiring action.**

SECTION IV: CLOSED SESSION

Council will discuss contract negotiations. **Gordon moved, Hassan seconded a motion to go into closed session to discuss contract negotiations. The motion was approved. Yes – All. The closed session was moved to the 3rd floor conference room and began at 10:08 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 11:30 p.m. and was immediately adjourned.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk