



MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HAMTRAMCK, MICHIGAN
January 10, 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 City Clerk Norris.

Roll call: Present: Cathie Gordon, Tom Jankowski, Mohammed Hassan, Abdul Algazali, Anam Miah and Bob Zwolak. Absent: Mayor Majewski. Others present: City Manager Bill Cooper, City Attorney James Allen, Finance Director Nevrus Nazarko, City Attorney Alexis Krott and City Clerk Ed Norris.

Motion to select Councilmember Abdul Algazali as Chairperson for the meeting due to the absence of the Mayor and a Mayor ProTem. Second: Algazali. The motion passed on a voice vote. Nays – None.

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

Agenda approval: Zwolak moved to have New Business item number 5 changed to number 1. Second: Gordon. Motion approved on a voice vote.

Jankowski moved to allow the three Mayor ProTem candidates to have an opportunity to speak to their qualifications before a vote is taken. Second: Hassan. Motion approved on a voice vote. Gordon moved to table item number 1 under Unfinished Business. Second: Zwolak. The motion failed with the following roll call vote: No – Algazali, Hassan, Jankowski; Yes – Gordon, Miah, Zwolak.

Jankowski moved to accept the agenda as amended. Second Miah. The agenda as amended was approved on a voice vote.

Zwolak recognized Darren Grow, Mark Hausner and Jason Friedmann for putting up the Christmas lights on Jos Campau.

Zwolak reminded everyone about the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. annual breakfast sponsored by the Concerned Women of Hamtramck and Hamtramck Public Schools. January 16, 2012, 9:00 a.m. at the Community Center.

Public comments were made by Jon Bondra, Hillary Cherry and Albert Andrus.

SECTION I: ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM. The city charter provides that the city council at the first regular meeting after taking office shall select from among the city council a member to serve as mayor pro tem.

1. RESOLUTION NOMINATING AND ELECTING TOM JANKOWSKI AS MAYOR PRO TEM. Placed on the agenda by Councilmember Hassan. **Motion: Hassan. Second: Jankowski. After discussion the resolution failed with the following roll call vote: No- Gordon, Miah, Zwolak; Yes – Algazali, Hassan, Jankowski.**

2. RESOLUTION NOMINATING AND ELECTING CATHIE GORDON AS MAYOR PRO TEM. Placed on the agenda by Councilmember Zwolak. **Motion: Zwolak. Second: Gordon. After discussion the resolution failed with the following roll call vote: No- Algazali, Hassan, Jankowski; Yes – Gordon, Miah, Zwolak.**
3. RESOLUTION NOMINATING AND ELECTING ROBERT A. ZWOLAK AS MAYOR PRO TEM. Placed on the agenda by Councilmember Gordon. **Motion: Gordon. Second: Miah. After discussion the resolution failed with the following roll call vote: No- Algazali, Hassan, Jankowski; Yes – Gordon, Miah, Zwolak.**

Hassan moved to suspend the rules to allow a motion to nominate Councilmember Algazali for Mayor ProTem. Second: Miah. The motion was approved with the following roll call vote: Yes- Miah, Algazali, Hassan, Jankowski; No – Zwolak, Gordon.

Hassan moved, Miah seconded a motion (2012-3) to nominate and elect Abdul Algazali as Mayor ProTem. After discussion the motion passed with the following roll call vote: Yes- Miah, Algazali, Hassan, Jankowski; No – Zwolak, Gordon.

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

1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING FOWZY ALMASMARY TO THE HAMTRAMCK ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. This is a council appointment with a term ending 1-1-13. Placed on the agenda by Councilmember Algazali. Postponed from the 12-13-11 council meeting. **Motion: Algazali. Second Gordon: After discussion Gordon moved, Zwolak seconded a motion to table the resolution. The motion to table failed with the following roll call vote: No - Algazali, Hassan, Jankowski; Yes – Gordon, Miah, Zwolak. After further discussion the resolution failed with the following roll call vote: No - Gordon, *Hassan, Jankowski, Miah, Zwolak; Yes – Algazali, *Jankowski, Hassan.**

SECTION III: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Gordon moved, Miah 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 – December 27, 2011
2. RESOLUTION (2012-4) APPOINTING TOM JANKOWSKI AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER TO THE HAMTAMCK PLAN COMMISSION. Placed on the agenda by Mayor Majewski.

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

- (5) RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION (2011-167) TO COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACT 152 OF 2011 AND ALLOCATE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS. Placed on the agenda by Councilmember Zwolak. **Motion: Gordon. Second Zwolak: After debate the resolution failed with the following roll call vote: No- Algazali, Hassan, Jankowski; Yes – Gordon, Miah, Zwolak.**
1. FUND WARRANT LIST AND PAYROLL. (2012-5) **Motion: Gordon. Second: Miah. After discussion the list was approved with the following roll call vote: Yes - all. Absent: Gordon.**

- 2 RESOLUTION (2012-6) APPOINTING STEVEN CHERRY TO THE HAMTRAMCK ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. This is a council appointment filling a vacant seat with a term ending 1-1-13. Placed on the agenda by Councilmember Gordon. **Motion: Zwolak. Second: Gordon. After discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote: Yes - all. Absent: Gordon.**
- 3 RESOLUTION APPOINTING STEVEN CHERRY TO THE HAMTRAMCK ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER. This is a council appointment with a term ending 1-1-15. Placed on the agenda by Councilmember Zwolak. **The resolution was no longer in order.**
- 4 RESOLUTION (2012-7) APPROVING A RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY. Placed on the agenda by City Manager Cooper. **Motion: Gordon. Second: Miah. After discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote: Yes – all.**

SECTION V: OTHER ITEMS

1. Mayor's Report: **None**
2. Mayor ProTem's Report: **None**
3. City Manager's Report: **None**
4. **Public comments were made by Bill Diamond.**
5. Non-agenda items and other business: **None**

SECTION VI: CLOSED SESSION

Council will discuss pending litigation and contract negotiations. **Cooper informed everyone that the closed session was not needed.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk

Minutes approved as amended at the January 24, 2012 regular council meeting.

***Section II, Item #1 amended as noted.**