



**MINUTES**  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HAMTRAMCK, MICHIGAN  
September 13, 2011  
7:00 P.M.

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**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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, Catrina Stackpoole, Mohammed Hassan and Shahab Ahmed (left meeting at 8:10 p.m.) Absent: Kazi Miah. Others present: City Attorney James Allen, Finance Director Nevrus Nazarko, DPW Director Martin Ladd, CED Director Jason Friedmann and City Clerk Ed Norris.

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

Stackpoole removed item #7 from New Business. The agenda was approved as submitted.

A presentation was made on the Earn and Learn Program by Gerard Baltrusaitis.

Public comments concerning agenda items were made by Bob Zwolak.

**SECTION I: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Gordon moved, Stackpoole 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 – August 23, 2011
2. Board and Commission minutes:
  - a. Recycling Commission – June 20, 2011
3. Correspondence:
  - a. Letter to council from City Manager Cooper notifying absence at the 9-13-11 Council Meeting.
4. RESOLUTION (2011-95) CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GRAEM WHYTE TO THE HAMTRAMCK PLAN COMMISSION. Mayor Majewski has appointed Graem Whyte to the Hamtramck Plan Commission for a term ending 1/1/2014.

**SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION**

Council will discuss pending litigation. Gordon moved, Ahmed seconded a motion to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation regarding Buck vs. Hamtramck. The motion passed unanimously. The closed session began at 7:20 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

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

1. **FUND WARRANT LIST AND PAYROLL. (2011-96) Motion: Gordon. Second: Stackpoole. Gordon moved, Stackpoole seconded a motion to hold 2 payments to CPI. The motion passed on a voice vote. The amended list was approved on a voice vote.**
2. **RESOLUTION (2011-97) AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH KAPLANI INSURANCE AGENCY, INC. FOR 2011-2012 AND PAYMENT OF THE ANNUAL PREMIUM.** Placed on the agenda by Finance Director Nazarko. **Motion Gordon. Second: Stackpoole. The resolution was approved on a voice vote.**
3. **RESOLUTION (2011-98) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH STEVEN C. FLUM, INC. TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL 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. **Motion Gordon. Second: Stackpoole. After discussion and a presentation from Jason Friedmann the resolution was approved on a voice vote.**
4. **RESOLUTION (2011-99) AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A LIEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,480.00 SECURED FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION COMPLETED AT 12033 ST. AUBIN THROUGH THE CITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM.** Placed on the agenda by CED Director Friedmann. **Motion Gordon. Second: Jankowski. The resolution was approved on a voice vote.**
5. **RESOLUTION (2011-100) AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A LIEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,287.00 SECURED FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION COMPLETED AT 2608 NORWALK THROUGH THE CITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM.** Placed on the agenda by CED Director Friedmann. **Motion Gordon. Second: Hassan. The resolution was approved on a voice vote.**
6. **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT OF RON MATHIAS TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE.** Placed on the agenda by City Manager Cooper. **The motion was not brought forward.**
7. **DISCUSSION – Non-agenda items and other business.** Placed on the agenda by Councilmember Stackpoole. **Removed from the agenda by Councilmember Stackpoole.**
8. **DISCUSSION - Council policies, procedures and goals for the next year.** Placed on the agenda by Councilmember Jankowski. **Council discussed the need to set goals and objectives.**

**Gordon moved, Jankowski seconded a motion to suspend the rules to allow a resolution addition to the agenda. The motion passed on a voice vote. Yes – all.**

**RESOLUTION (2011-101) APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF BUCK VS. THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK.** Motion Gordon. Second: Hassan. After discussion Jankowski moved, Gordon seconded a motion to table the resolution. The motion passed on a voice vote. Gordon moved, Hassan seconded a motion to allow public comments on the resolution. The motion passed on a voice vote. Hillary Cherry and Bob Zwolak made comments. Jankowski moved to take the resolution from the table, second by Hassan. The motion passed on a voice vote. After further discussion the resolution passed on a voice vote. Yes – All.

## **SECTION IV: OTHER ITEMS**

1. City Manager's Report: **None**
2. **Public comments were made by Bob Zwolak, Beatrice Woods and Krystuna Duda.**
3. Non-agenda items and other business:
  - Jankowski requested an update on the Economic Vitality Program and meeting the October Deadline.
  - Jankowski indicated a need for additional follow-up with the City manager's evaluation.
  - Jankowski indicated a need for budget amendments after the first quarter of 2011-12.
  - Hassan requested an update on council office space in city hall.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.**

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**T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk**