



MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HAMTRAMCK, MICHIGAN
September 27, 2011
7:00 P.M.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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. Absent: Kazi Miah and Shahab Ahmed. Others present: City Manager Bill Cooper, City Attorney James Allen, Finance Director Nevrus Nazarko, CED Director Jason Friedmann and City Clerk Ed Norris.

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

Gordon requested moving #5 under New Business to #2 and pulled Item 3b under the Consent Agenda for discussion under New Business. Cooper requested an addition to the agenda (Item #6) regarding a contract resolution. The changes were moved by Gordon, seconded by Stackpoole. The amended agenda was approved on a voice vote.

Stackpoole introduced Kari Kildow and Sarah Terrien, WSU interns who will be working on the car and bike share program and recycling education.

Jim Allen introduced Alexis Krot who will be working with the city prosecuting cases in the 31st District Court.

Public comments concerning agenda items were made by Bob Zwolak and Steve Shaya.

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 – September 13, 2011
 - b. Special Meeting – September 20, 2011
2. Board and Commission minutes:
 - a. Human Relations Commission – July 18, 2011
3. Correspondence:
 - a. Letter to Council from Chief Steven Paruk announcing his retirement from the Fire Department.

SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION

Council will discuss pending litigation and contract negotiations. **Gordon moved, Stackpoole seconded a motion to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation and contract negotiations. The motion passed unanimously. The closed session began at 7:16 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:03 p.m.**

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

Cooper requested an addition to the agenda regarding a resolution approving the settlement of the flood lawsuit. Motion to suspend the rules: Gordon. Second: Stackpoole. Motion approved on a voice vote. Yes –all. Motion to add resolution to New Business as Item #8. Second: Stackpoole. Motion passed on a voice vote.

1. **FUND WARRANT LIST AND PAYROLL. (2011-103) Motion: Gordon. Second: Jankowski. The list was approved on a voice vote.**
- (2) **RESOLUTION (2011-104) APPROVING A FINAL SITE PLAN FOR THE HAMTRAMCK RECYCLING CENTER LOCATED AT 3300 DENTON STREET. Placed on the agenda by CED Director Friedmann. Motion: Gordon. Second: Jankowski. After discussion the resolution was approved on a voice vote.**
3. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY MANAGER’S APPOINTMENT OF RON MATHIAS TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE. Placed on the agenda by City Manager Cooper. Motion: Jankowski. There was no second.**
4. **RESOLUTION (2011-105) MOVING THE NOVEMBER 8, 2011 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011. Placed on the agenda by City Manager Cooper. The regularly scheduled meeting falls on Election Day. Motion: Gordon. Second: Stackpoole. The resolution was approved on a voice vote.**
5. **RESOLUTION (2011-106) AUTHORIZING AN S2 GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN FINANCE AUTHORITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. Placed on the agenda by City Manager Cooper. Motion: Gordon. Second: Hassan. After discussion the resolution was approved on a voice vote.**
- (6) **RESOLUTION (2011-107) APPROVING CONTRACT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK, MICHIGAN AND HENNESSEY ENGINEERING, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH STATE OF MICHIGAN S2 GRANT APPLICATION AND SRF PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN. Added to the agenda. Motion: Gordon. Second: Jankowski. After discussion the resolution was approved on a voice vote.**
- (7) **Request (2011-108) from Councilmember Miah to be excused from the 9-27-11, 10-11-11 and 10-25-11 council meetings for personal reasons. Motion: Gordon. Second: Stackpoole. After discussion the resolution was approved on a voice vote. No – Jankowski.**
- (8) **RESOLUTION (2011-109) APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF VOLLMER, ET., AL VS. CITY OF HAMTRAMCK. Added to the agenda. Motion: Gordon. Second: Stackpoole. After discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote: Yes – Gordon, Jankowski, Stackpoole. No – Hassan. (Amended at the 10-11-11 Council Meeting)**

SECTION IV: OTHER ITEMS

1. City Manager's Report: **Cooper reported on the Economic Incentive Vitality Program, web site, Drug Forfeiture Fund, health Insurance, Fire Chief, Public services and B & E's in the City.**
2. **Public comments were made by Rick Sky, Bob Zwolak and Hillary Cherry.**
3. Non-agenda items and other business:
 - **Majewski and Stackpoole requested a discussion on the medical marijuana ordinances at the next meeting.**
 - **Jankowski requested follow-up from the City Manager on a variety of topics including the City Manager's performance evaluation, better disclosure of closed session agendas, the purchasing ordinance, abandon homes, garbage receptacles and enforcement, the Historical Museum, water bills, 1st quarter budget amendments and the Police Chief appointment.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk

Minutes approved as amended at the 10-11-11 City Council Meeting.