



MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HAMTRAMCK, MICHIGAN
March 22, 2011
7:00 P.M.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 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, Catrina Stackpoole and Shahab Ahmed. Absent: Kazi Miah (Excused) 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.

Cooper requested two additional items for new business. The agenda with additions was approved with no objections. (New Business Items # 5 and 6)

Public comments on agenda items were made by Robert Zwolak, Johnny Ulaj, Timothy Hanks and Marrienne Burrows.

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

1. **RESOLUTION (2011-25) AMENDING THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK 2010-11 BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2011.** On May 25, 2010 the Hamtramck city council adopted a budget for the 2010-11 fiscal year. Since the adoption of the budget, the City has experienced a series of events which have impacted both revenues and expenditures, leading the City Manager to recommend changes in the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. Placed on the agenda by City Manager Cooper. Postponed from the 2/22/11 council meeting. **Motion: Gordon. Second: Ahmed. After discussion the resolution was approved on a voice vote. No – Gordon.**
2. **DISCUSSION:** Performance review for City Manager Bill Cooper. Placed on the agenda by Councilmember Jankowski. Postponed from the 2/22/11 council meeting. **After discussion Hassan and Jankowski agreed to draft a plan for review at the next council meeting.**

SECTION II: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were removed from the consent agenda for separate consideration under New Business. (Gordon)

4. **RESOLUTION APPROVING EXCUSED ABSENCES FOR COUNCILMEMBER MIAH.**

Gordon moved, Ahmed 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. Special Meeting – March 8, 2011
2. Correspondence:
 - a. Letter to council from St. Florian Parish regarding the 2011 Strawberry Festival.
 - b. Letter from Councilmember Miah requesting to be excused from council meetings.
3. RESOLUTION (2011-26) GRANTING PERMISSION TO ST. FLORIAN PARISH TO HOLD A STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL ON POLAND STREET ON MAY 7 and 8, 2011.

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

1. FUND WARRANT LIST AND PAYROLL. (2011-27) **Motion: Gordon. Second Ahmed. After discussion the list was approved on a voice vote.**
2. RESOLUTION (2011-28) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BAIRD AND LOWLER BUILDING CO. INC. FOR ENERGY UPGRADES TO CITY BUILDINGS. Energy upgrades to city buildings will be made utilizing the Energy Conservation and Facilities Upgrade Grant. Placed on the agenda by DPW Director Martin Ladd. **Motion: Gordon. Second Stackpoole. After discussion the resolution was approved on a voice vote.**
3. RESOLUTION (2011-29) APPROVING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE DRAFT 2010 CITY OF HAMTRAMCK MASTER PLAN. The 2010 Master Plan has been reviewed by the Master Plan Steering Committee, and the Plan Commission Chairman has requested a resolution approving the distribution of the draft plan for review by Wayne County, adjacent communities, other governmental bodies and utility providers. Placed on the agenda by CED Director Friedmann. **Motion: Ahmed. Second Stackpoole. After discussion the resolution was approved on a voice vote.**
4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FRONT PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN A TELEPHONE DIRECTORY PUBLISHED BY THE HAMTRAMCK REVIEW. *The Review* has requested that the City purchase the front cover of the directory for \$5,500. Placed on the agenda by Councilmember Stackpoole. **Motion: Stackpoole. Second Ahmed. After discussion Gordon moved, Jankowski seconded a motion to postpone the resolution to the April 12, 2011 council meeting. The motion to postpone was approved with the following roll call vote: Yes – Gordon, Hassan, Jankowski. No – Stackpoole, Ahmed.**
- (5) RESOLUTION (2011-30) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH TECH IV HEATING-COOLING SPECIALISTS TO REMOVE THE EXISTING INOPERABLE BOILER HEATING SYSTEM AND INSTALL A NEW 95% EFFICIENCY HEATING VENTILATION AND COOLING (HVAC) SYSTEM AT 3105 HOLBROOK. **Motion: Gordon. Second Stackpoole. After discussion the resolution was approved on a voice vote.**
- (6) RESOLUTION (2011-31) APPROVING A LOAN FROM THE LOCAL STREET FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND. **Motion: Stackpoole. Second: Ahmed. After discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote: Yes – all.**
- (7) RESOLUTION (2011-32) APPROVING EXCUSED ABSENCES FOR COUNCILMEMBER MIAH. **Motion: Gordon. Second: Jankowski. Gordon emphasized that all councilmembers should follow the procedures outlined in Council Rules regarding absences. After further discussion the resolution was approved on a voice vote.**

SECTION IV: OTHER ITEMS

1. City Manager's Report: **Cooper reported on Governor Rick Snyder's proposed changes to city government and how they relate to Hamtramck.**
2. Non-agenda items and other business:
 - **Gordon read a letter from Judge Paruk and asked questions about separating the court form the City. Allen answered questions.**
 - **Jankowski asked about a hiring and promotion freeze and requested that the city attorney sign off on all proposed contracts.**
3. **Public comments were made by Robert Zwolak and Steve Shaya.**

SECTION V: CLOSED SESSION

Stackpoole moved, Gordon seconded a motion to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation and contract negotiations. The motion passed unanimously. The closed session began at 9:12 p.m. in the floor conference room.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

RESOLUTION (2011-33) AUTHORIZING FINAL SETTLEMENT OF A LAWSUIT BROUGHT BY THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK AGAINST THE CITY OF DETROIT. Motion: Gordon. Second: Jankowski. The resolution passed with the following roll call vote: Yes – all.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk

Minutes approved as submitted at the April 12, 2011 Regular Council Meeting.