



**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**