

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 4, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 01-01-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 21, 2020 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Trustees meeting held November 19, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 01-02-21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 120996 through 121087 in the amount of \$309,389.05 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. approve payment to Master Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$7,688.00 for the renovations and repair work at 21101 Kenmore as part of the CDBG rehab loan project.
3. approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$19,151.61 for professional services during the month of November 2020 for the following projects: Kelly Road Pedestrian Crossing, #180-208; 2020 Pavement Repair, #180-239; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-231; 2020 Sanitary Sewer CCTV, #180-233; Stormwater Asset Mgmt, #180-202; 2020 Emergency Storm Sewer Repair, #180-229; Verizon Small Cell, #180-243; Everstream GPW Connector, #180-237; Eastland Center Redevelopment, #180-244 and City Hall Roof Replacement, #180-236.
4. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,354.33 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of January, 2021.
5. approve payment to Fontana Construction in the amount of \$7,900.00 for the emergency sewer repair in the 8" main section at Ridgemont and Hampton.
6. approve the reappointments to the various boards and commissions as listed on the attached memorandum from the City Clerk.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-03-21 APPROVAL OF PURCHASE - ELECTRIC
TAILGATE SALT SPREADER

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED approve the purchase of a Swenson Electric Undertailgate Stainless Steel Salt Spreader from Santoro, Inc. in the amount of \$6,244.95.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, and Costantino.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-04-21

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE -
TARGET SOLUTION LEARNING LLC

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED approve the purchase of a web-based scheduling and learning platform from Target Solutions Learning LLC in the annual amount of \$8,638.00 and further that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with the City Charter.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Costantino, Kindle and Lyons.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-05-21

MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LIABILITY AND
PROPERTY INSURANCE RENEWAL

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to renew the City's participation in the Michigan Municipal League's Liability and Property Pool for 2021 in the amount of \$243,454.00 for coverage as stated in their renewal proposal and, further that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Costantino, Kindle, Lyons and Paiz.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

No comments were made.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilperson Paiz mentioned the article in the recent edition of the Insider submitted by the City Manager saying that it was her understanding that there has been little to no contact with him in his absence yet obviously, someone is communicating with him evidenced by this article. She then said she assumed he was speaking with an employee

and she would be interested in knowing who that is and would like to know if it is possible to get a copy of his military orders.

Councilperson Sawicki stated she shares Councilperson Paiz's concerns and that she would also like to know how he is communicating. Next she said she had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Calus regarding the BuyNothing page on Facebook and she would like to see this information made public to all residents through the newsletter. She then wished all a happy new year.

Councilperson Williams offered her deep sympathy to the family of George McMullen on his passing. She then mentioned the excessive speeding on Woodside and would like to see this problem addressed as there are many small children in the area.

Councilperson Toussant also offered his condolences to the family of George McMullen.

Councilperson Lyons wanted to bring awareness to mental health issues during this difficult time. She shared that CARE of southeast Michigan has resources for anyone suffering with issues including seasonal depression syndrome and urged people to reach out. She then said that first responders do a great job with mental health issues while treating and transporting residents.

Councilperson Paiz spoke about George McMullen saying he was a councilman in Grosse Pointe Woods and always participated with the Harper Woods community as well and she offered her condolences to his family. She then mentioned that GPAAS may be holding a virtual educational discussion next month.

Councilperson Costantino said she was saddened by the passing of George McMullen as they have been friends for decades. She then thanked those who have supported her during the last few weeks which involved a car accident with her parents and the passing of her nephew. She also thanked those who supported her regardless of the negative newspaper article about her.

Mayor Kindle stated she was sorry and sent her condolences to Councilperson Costantino urging her to continue to hold up and to hold her family up as well. She then commented on Mr. McMullen, sharing that he was always present at fundraisers and community events and always supported Harper Woods. She said he was always supportive of her and she is glad he is finally resting. She mentioned that Vicky, who was a beacon of light in the school district, also passed away. She said it has been one of the worst years regarding the loss of so many friends and acquaintances and she hopes everyone can get a vaccine soon and end this pandemic. She shared then that Nancy Courtney will not be our representative for the DAAA organization and we will need a new person to step up. She thanked her for her service and support of all seniors. She wished everyone a blessed and

happy new year and offered her prayers for a much better year ahead.

CM 01-06-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 20, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant and Regina Williams. (All Council Members indicated their physical location as: Harper Woods, MI)

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 01-07-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 4, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 01-08-21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 121088 through 121201 in the amount of \$668,634.45 as submitted by the City Manager

- and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$16,173.94 for professional services during the month of December 2020 for the following projects: Kelly Rd Pedestrian Crossing, #180-208; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-231; 2020 Emergency Storm Sewer Repair, #180-229; Ridgemont Sewer Repair, #180-247; Stormwater Asset Mgmt, #180-202; MCIMetro Fiber, #180-245; Everstream GPW Connector, #180-237; Eastland Development, #180-244 and the City Hall Roof Replacement, #180-236.
 3. approve payment to SafeBuilt, Inc. in the amount of \$27,732.80 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of December 2020.
 4. approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$9,503.97 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of November/December and for IT support services for all departments.
 5. approve payment in the amount of \$11,198.27 to Grosse Pointe Woods for the City's pro-rata portion of the operating and maintenance of the Torrey Road Pump Station for the period July 1 through December 31, 2020.
 6. approve payment in the amount of \$8,830.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks and repair of a hydrant and a gate well at various residential locations.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-09-21 URBAN COUNTY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT -
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED approve the Urban County Cooperative Agreement for the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program for a term of November 2020 to June 30, 2024, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, and Costantino.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-10-21 MODIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT - WAGES

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the employment agreement modifications with the recommended wage adjustments for the Public Safety Director, and further to authorize the Acting City Manager and the Mayor to sign the agreements.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Costantino, Kindle and Lyons.

NO: Williams.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 01-11-21 MODIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT - WAGES

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the employment agreement modification with the recommended wage adjustments for the Acting City Manager/Finance Director/Treasurer until at least 30 days following the return of the City Manager and further to authorize the Acting City Manager and the Mayor to sign the agreements.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Costantino, Kindle, Lyons and Paiz.

NO: Williams.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 01-12-21 PERFORMANCE BONUSES

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the one time performance bonus for the DPW Superintendent, the Recreation Director and the Economic and Community Development Director, and further to authorize the Acting City Manager and the Mayor to sign the agreements.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Costantino, Kindle, Lyons, Paiz and Sawicki

NO: Williams.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Nolan Turner spoke out that while he is hearing about hard working employees there has been no mention of Court employees who have also worked through the pandemic. He said that he understands the raises approved tonight but the Court has recently lost an employee due to not having enough in their budget. The City Manager responded that the Court is a separate employer and the City cannot make changes to the Judge's budget though he will be happy to work with Judge Coleman in the future to make adjustments for future increases.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilperson Williams clarified that her no votes on wages is not against any of the employees who are doing a great job but rather due to the presentation of the resolutions and her concerns about budget issues. She then shared that she attended a zoom meeting on Dr. Martin Luther King day hosted by Councilperson Lyons and thanked her for putting this together.

Councilperson Sawicki stated her congratulations to the new President and Vice President and shared her hopes that more money for COVID would be forthcoming from this administration.

Councilperson Paiz also shared her congratulations and applauded the first woman in a major office and a woman of color in this office. She then mentioned Mr. Turner's concerns with the Court budget and asked if budget approval is a formality or does the Judge have input. She then questioned why the acting City Manager doubts Mr. Rheker's April return.

Councilperson Sawicki mentioned the allusions to Eastland Center developments and that though this can't yet be shared she is eager to hear of it.

Councilperson Toussant stated that it was his understanding that the City Manager would be eligible for his full pay while on military duty. He next asked how many employees are on administrative leave at this time. The City Manger responded that there were 7 through 2020 and 3 now in 2021.

Councilperson Costantino said there used to be goal setting sessions at the beginning of each year and while there hasn't been any in several years she would like to see this practice return so everyone can be on the same page. She next mentioned that the lawsuit she filed regarding election fraud has been again taken up by Judge Kenny and there is potentially reason to audit the entire state. She further stated that she has received her NAACP 2021 membership and she will be retained as a member because exercising her

constitutional rights was not a valid reason to suspend her membership.

Councilperson Lyons said she would like to see goal setting and strategic planning for the Council. She then gave an overview of her “envisioning community dreams” meeting she hosted on Dr. Martin Luther King day. Next, she asked that residents be mindful of their health and to utilize the GPW/HW healthy communities programs. She shared that Senator Adam Hollier will have Cynthia Douglas as a guest on his upcoming podcast. She then said the NEDC is hosting a “protect your credit” workshop on January 21 at 6:30 p.m. Finally, she stated that though all were fond of Judge Palmer it would be appreciated if Judge Coleman is referenced by her name in the future instead of as the “new judge”.

CM 01-13-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 1, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams. (All Councilmembers indicated their physical location as Harper Woods, MI)

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 02-14-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 20, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board held on December 17, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

CM 02-15-21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 121202 through 121297 in the amount of \$465,300.83 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.

2. approve payment to Cynergy Products in the amount of \$11,980.35 for the outfitting of vehicle #68 as part of the 2019 vehicle lease.
3. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,354.33 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of February 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 02-16-21 MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE - CAPITAL CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize those Councilmembers interested to virtually attend the Michigan Municipal League's Annual Legislative Conference March 16-17, 2021 with the City paying all necessary and related expenses.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Rutledge asked if she could read a resolution that was passed at a recent Grosse Pointe Democratic Club meeting regarding the censure of a Harper Woods Councilmember.

Mr. Calus asked about Eastland Center and if there is a redevelopment plan in the works. He then asked for additional clarification regarding the replacement of water meters throughout the city. Next he commented that he can't believe the Patricia Slater investigation hasn't been released yet and finally he reported on the boards that have been developed within the NEDC and his position with communications and his plans to share upcoming events.

Ms. Bates commended the Public Works department for keeping the streets cleared of snow and that they do a very good job. She then asked what is going on with the

development of Eastland Center. (The acting City Manager commented that the details on this project are confidential at this time, but would hopefully be able to discuss soon.)

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilwoman Sawicki commented on the appointment of Andrea Williams to the Detroit Area Agency on Aging as the City's representative after Ms. Courtney's term ends later this year.

Councilwoman Costantino stated that in her defense of the Grosse Pointe Dems resolution read this evening she has already explained what this issue was all about and that she acted within her constitutional rights. She further explained that she feels that this is partisan politics and could be opening a can of worms and a potential liability to the City.

Councilwoman Paiz stated that she doesn't care for Council being threatened for thinking or acting on what they believe is their job or having to answer to the community on this matter. She further stated that they will do what is appropriate and according to law with the city attorney keeping them in place and will continue to act on their conscience and in the city's best interest. Next she commented on a Zoom presentation that is scheduled for February 10 with the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society (GPAAS) discussing topics such as being a good pet owner, life issues and diagnoses for a pet. She then asked about Zoom meetings and the closed captioning process for those with hearing impairments stating that she understands that there is a transcript feature within Zoom and encouraged all to use the feature. Next she shared that Council meetings will soon be on YouTube for the community to tune in to and thanked the Mayor for her involvement with this and also to the acting City Manager as well. She commented on the news article in the C&G paper entitled "Harper Woods Leaders Share New Year's Resolutions" where the acting City Manager shared many positive projects and plans for this year.

Councilwoman Lyons commented on an opportunity through Senate District 2 for U of M impact students to be paired with businesses to get strategy tips and coping with COVID in order for the businesses to continue to stay strong and vital. She encouraged all to shop local and visit restaurants and businesses in Harper Woods. She then shared that the ice rink is now open in Johnston Park and encouraged everyone to get their skates out and participate in getting out and getting healthy. Lastly she asked about holding strategic planning type sessions to discuss the things Council would like to see for the future of our community.

Councilwoman Williams questioned the Charter Amendment committee and where that is on the issue of the election of Mayor Pro tem since there will be an election this year.

Councilman Toussant asked about being Mayor Pro tem and how that position is chosen. (Councilwoman Paiz shared the chapter from the Charter that addresses this and what procedure is followed if the Mayor is absent or is removed from office.)

Mayor Kindle shared that the Council meetings will be on YouTube beginning with tonight's meeting and a link will be added to the website for everyone to check it out. She announced that former Councilmember Tom Jenny's son left for the naval academy and wished him well and asked that everyone keep him in their prayers. Then she commented that the committee for hiring police officers will be in place prior to the next meeting. And further explained that this committee is being formed to assist with recruiting candidates for our public safety department. She also asked if more could be done with those residents that do not shovel their walkways and driveways. She also mentioned that WCCCD is attempting to be a COVID testing site in conjunction with the Wayne County Health Department and possibly a vaccination site in the future.

CM 02-17-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 17, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant and Regina Williams. (All Councilmembers indicated they were attending the meeting virtually and their physical location was Harper Woods, MI with the exception of Mayor Pro Tem Costantino who was virtually attending the meeting from Florida.)

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 02-18-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 1, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 02-19-21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 121298 through 121388 in the amount of \$306,127.42 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$5,420.00 for sidewalk salting and snow removal in various municipal areas of the City.
3. approve payment to Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of \$6,724.25 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department.
4. approve payment in the amount of \$16,287.04 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks, repair of stop boxes and a fire hydrant replacement.
5. approve payment to SafeBuilt, LLC in the amount of \$27,317.40 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of January 2021.
6. approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$35,284.97 for professional services during the month of January 2021 for the following projects: Kelly Road Ped. Crossing, #180-208; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-231; Emergency Storm Sewer Repair, #180-229; Ridgemont Sewer Repair, #180-247; Stormwater Asset Mgmt, #180-202; MCI Metro Fiber, #180-245; Everstream GPW Connector, #180-237; Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-239 and Drinking Water Asset Mgmt, #180-246.
7. approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance in the amount of \$5,274.07 for software support on the district court's computer system and SOS/Lein fees.
8. to approve payment to Kitch, Drutchas, Wagner, Valitutti and Sherbrook in the amount of \$6,240.00 for the professional services performed by attorney Mike Watza in conjunction with the Metro Act and Telecomm Small Cell permit applications.
9. approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$7,056.20 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of supplies and a firewall.
10. to approve the purchases of computers, cameras, speakers, monitors and display unit for dispatch and a firewall for the library as outlined in the proposals submitted by Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$12,671.83.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 02-20-21 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SHED ROOF REPAIRS

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Williams:

BE IT RESOLVED accept the lowest qualified bid submitted by Kings Roofing in the amount of \$23,000.00 for the repair of defective areas of the DPW shed roof and also to re-roof it in its entirety and further that \$11,463.71 received from the insurance company go toward these repairs, with the City only funding \$11,535.29.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, and Costantino.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 02-21-21 ADOPT 2021 FEDERAL POVERTY INCOME POLICY

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED adopt the 2021 Federal Poverty Income Policy as required annually by the Michigan Department of Treasury State Tax Commission.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Costantino, Kindle and Lyons.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 02-22-21 PROPOSAL FOR RATE INCREASE FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES - ANDERSON, ECKSTEIN AND WESTRICK, INC.

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the 1.1% rate increase proposal dated February 11, 2021 from engineering firm Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. effective July 1, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Costantino, Kindle, Lyons and Paiz.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 02-23-21 MILK RIVER - OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$654,267.00 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for October through December 2020 and January through March 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Costantino, Kindle, Lyons, Paiz and Sawicki
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Rhonda Williams a new resident on Hollywood, asked several questions regarding the ordinances concerning violators of the snow and trash ordinances. She said that the DPW stated these violations are handled through the Public Safety department and rather than call them she said that she feels the Public Safety Department is already overworked and she maintains that the DPW should handle this and that there should be more resources used.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilperson Toussant congratulated the Public Safety Dept. for their assistance and cooperation during the snow emergency.

Councilperson Sawicki thanked the DPW for the great job they have done with snow removal and then reminded everyone to clear their walkways without too much exertion to make it safe for pedestrians.

Councilperson Paiz shared she was selected as the voting delegate at SEMCOG. She mentioned a Kaiser K9 fundraiser coming up in the spring. She then said following the discussion at the last meeting regarding censure she found that the City does have an ethics ordinance in place and Councilperson Costantino did not violate this ordinance. She mentioned she would like to see the ordinance updated. She said now the meetings are on Youtube and she is thankful that residents who couldn't attend at 5:00 p.m. can now participate.

Councilperson Williams thanked the DPW for snow removal saying that it was a phenomenal job as always. She then stated that if residents have issues they can contact

City Offices, City Manager, Public Safety and Council members as everyone is quick to respond. She stated that we are a small community so our Public Safety department is very accessible and responsive even for minor situations.

Councilperson Costantino thanked all the City staff saying the employees really care and always do the best possible job. She mentioned that she understands the concerns of Ms. Williams on Hollywood and urged her to call the non-emergency number for her concerns. She shared that the City did have a code enforcement person in the past and said maybe this could be revisited. She reminded residents to reserve March 23 at 7:00 for a virtual Public Safety meeting about cyber security and safety.

Councilperson Lyons echoed Ms. Costantino and invited all to attend the Public Safety meeting. She mentioned that she will be hosting virtual meetings next month on returning to learning and vaccine distribution and the next phases. She then asked when the next ordinance meeting is scheduled and that she wanted to make sure the Public Safety Commission is followed up as well. She stated she thought Safebuilt was responsible for code enforcement and can assist with ordinances.

Councilperson Toussant said he is excited about the workshop and panel discussions and that he is looking forward to this event.

Ms. Courtney, the cities representative to the Detroit Area Agency on Aging, explained that they serve the five Grosse Pointes, Hamtramck, Highland Park and Harper Woods. They provide meals on wheels, or if you contact the Helm they can provide meals to go as well. She shared that they have partnered with WSU for distant learning videos on a number of topics including diabetes care, fall prevention and many more topics as well as other in person classes and information can be obtained through the website, www.detroitseiorsolution.org.

The Mayor thanked the DPW for the job they do for which she is thankful and proud. She shared that she has been asked to prepare a letter of support for the Harper Woods School District and Ascension for opening a health center at the High School that will address health issues that include mental health during Covid. She stated she is glad to be able to partner with them on this. She announced there will be a soul food dinner held on February 19, prepared by the CCI, saying they provided a great meal at Thanksgiving and she is looking forward to again providing meals for several of the City's employees.

CM 02-24-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 1, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams. (All Councilmembers indicated they are attending the meeting virtually from Harper Woods, MI)

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 03-25-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 17, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on January 21, 2021, Election Coordinating Committee meeting held on February 22, 2021, Local Officer's Compensation Commission meeting held on February 24, 2021, and Planning Commission meeting held on February 24, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 03-26-21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 121389 through 121586 in the amount of \$958,950.49 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. approve payment to Great Lakes Water Authority in the amount of \$14,170.52 for the required 2020 Lead and Copper testing.
3. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,354.33 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of March 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 03-27-21

PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICE -
ANDERSON, ECKSTEIN & WESTRICK, INC;
BEACONSFIELD RESURFACING WOODLAND TO VERNIER

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the engineering proposal dated February 3, 2021 submitted by AEW to undertake the design and engineering portion of the FY 2022 Beaconsfield Resurfacing, Woodland to Vernier project and further, to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-28-21

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe City, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores,

Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Woods to provide for Public Safety Training with all members of the above named Public Safety Departments, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Lyons.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-29-21

AUDIT PROPOSAL - PLANTE & MORAN

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the proposal dated February 22, 2021 submitted by Plante and Moran for auditing services in the amount of \$44,600 for the 2020 audit.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons and Paiz.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-30-21

PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 10 - 2018 SAW GRANT
STORM SEWER CCTV INVESTIGATION, #180-202

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Doetsch Industrial Services, Inc. in the amount of \$62,488.75 for Progress Payment No. 10 (Final) on the 2018 SAW Grant - Storm Sewer CCTV Investigation Project, #180-202.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons, Paiz and Sawicki.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-31-21 DESIGNATION OF STREET ADMINISTRATOR

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the resolution to Designate the acting City Manager, John Szymanski, as the Street Administrator for the City of Harper Woods.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki and Toussant.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Rhonda Williams questioned the city's policies on evictions and what effect vacant homes have on the city, stating proactive measures should be in place. She also asked if volunteers could be utilized for code enforcement purposes throughout the city.

Nancy Courtney provided an update of the upcoming events through The Helm and benefits of becoming a member.

Larry Hakim offered transportation to anyone scheduled to be vaccinated at the WCCCD site on Thursday.

David Calus thanked all who participated and coordinated the vaccination program. He then commented that even though Beaconsfield was reduced from three to two lanes, there are cars that drive in the parking lane and it is concerning.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Judge Coleman stated that the comments Attorney DeWaele made regarding evictions was thorough and that she had nothing further to add other than court staff are recommending that anyone going through this can contact Lakeside Legal for help.

Councilmember Williams thanked everyone involved in getting the vaccination program to our community.

Councilmember Paiz shared that Harper Woods residents can call tomorrow to get an appointment for the vaccine and that they will be administered on Thursday on the WCCCD campus. She also asked if City Manager's return date is still April 23. She then

asked if he has been in contact with staff or Council.

Councilmember Sawicki shared her sympathy with those that may go through the eviction process, but also feels that the concerns about vacant homes is premature as most likely once the homes are vacated, there will be new tenants occupying the homes.

Councilmember Lyons commented that March is Women's History month and it is also Reading month. She also responded to the code enforcement comment stating that the NEDC groups and the other neighborhood groups are always looking for volunteers and there are many members that also help residents clean up their properties. She also suggested that the City reach out to Grosse Pointe Park as they have recently formed a diversity council and we might benefit from their input. She questioned whether the City has any updates regarding the Parkcrest Inn and if there were any updates to the charter revision committee.

Councilmember Toussant mentioned that he had shared the information that the City is seeking public safety officers and the feedback he received was that many aren't interested due to the requirement of having to also be a firefighter.

Councilmember Costantino reminded everyone about the Cybersecurity workshop that is scheduled for March 23 on Zoom.

Mayor Kindle said that an Ordinance committee meeting will be scheduled in the near future. She then thanked everyone who assisted in getting the vaccine program up and running and those that volunteered to help on Thursday.

CM 03-32-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 15, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams. (All Councilmembers indicated they are attending the meeting virtually in Harper Woods, MI)

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

PRESENTATION

Representative Brenda Lawrence was present to update Council and residents on various legislative issues and topics and to answer questions. She spoke about the passage of the House Rescue Act which includes stimulus checks for COVID relief and gave vaccination information and announced that approximately 6000 vaccines will be administered at Ford Field. She addressed the need for schools to reopen with better ventilation and vaccinated teachers and shared that direct aid will be provided to school districts. She shared that this aid will also include loans for businesses, women and people of color and that the City will get a share. She spoke on gun control, the immigration bill and the George Floyd Community Justice Policing Act which, in part, will change the culture of law enforcement with specific training to build integrity and trust, improve transparency and will work toward ending racial and religious profiling.

PRESENTATION

Brittni Kellom was present to share what the initiative of the Independent Citizens

Redistricting Commission is. She explained that upon the completion of the 2020 Census, Michigan will draft and enact new district maps, drawing new congressional and state legislative district boundaries. She then answered questions.

CM 03-33-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 1, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Mr. Calus asked if there is a place where a resident could go to learn more on the topics Representative Lawrence spoke about.

CM 03-34-21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Williams:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 121587 through 121686 in the amount of \$551,233.90 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. approve payment to LandUse/USA, LLC in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the first of three payments for the Target Market Analysis.
3. approve payment to Master Maintenance National in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the renovations and repair work at 21226 Brierstone as part of the CDBG rehab loan project.
4. approve payment to SAFEBuilt, LLC in the amount of \$32,326.36 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of February 2021.
5. approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$5,505.23 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of March and for IT support services for all departments.
6. approve payment to Alter Collision in the amount of \$7,169.75 for the repair of one of our scout cars.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-35-21 MILK RIVER - PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

BE IT RESOLVED approve payment in the amount of \$867,052.73 to Wayne County for the Milk River Drain principal and interest payments on the SRF Program.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-36-21 MERS - RETIREE HEALTHCARE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Williams:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the payment to MERS in the amount of \$70,991.17 to fulfill the city's obligation in providing post-retirement healthcare savings plans for those union and union exempt employees and further to continue to make monthly contributions to the individual accounts.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Lyons.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-37-21 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the \$20,000 allocation from Wayne County for Community Development Block Grant funds to be provided to The Helm and PAATS, and further to approve the submission of a proposal to Wayne County requesting additional funding in the amount of \$150,000.00 for proposed sidewalk repairs, ADA ramps and for the

purchase and installation of benches for the new basketball courts and that the Mayor be authorized to submit this proposal on behalf of the City.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons and Paiz.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Courtney, the DAAA representative, spoke about a proposal for a 'good, old-fashioned party line' for seniors' who are homebound and feeling isolated. This is currently being developed at WSU and orchestrated by the Healthier Black Elders Center.

Mr. Hakim volunteered his services to help collect addresses for sidewalk repair. He commented that the City needs to stop pampering residents who can afford repairs to their homes including driveway approaches and sidewalks and, further, that there are a number of houses and garages in disrepair, some of which are on Lancaster. He said that though houses are being tagged, months go by and they are still in disrepair. He mentioned that there are many unleashed dogs on the soccer field near Tyrone school and there are no longer any signs posted prohibiting this. Finally, he questioned if Lowes or Home depot can be fined for not repairing their roads at Eastland.

Mr. Calus mentioned that the Parkcrest Inn hasn't been brought up in quite some time or put on the agenda for discussion. He then stated that he thought he was part of the ordinance committee due to his participation with the development of the dog friendly park at Salter and said there is a need for the committee to meet soon. He stated that the alleys on Kelly are in horrible condition and look very trashy. Next, he mentioned that he hopes the administration takes his comments regarding the single lane on Beaconsfield seriously. He also reminded Council of his sidewalk issue with DTE and asked if the ride-along program in the public safety department is back yet. Lastly, he mentioned the cybersecurity workshop to be held on March 23 and asked when residents will get an Eastland update.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilperson Sawicki wondered when the City would learn anything about the Slater case saying there has been no news. (The acting City Manager stated that the Wayne County prosecutor is still holding this matter and we have not been given any new information.) She mentioned that she thought there was no on street parking allowed anywhere on

Beaconsfield. She then said she was looking forward to the Redevelopment Ready Community plan from McKenna and said the 2nd vaccination for those that participated at the WCCCD will be next week.

Councilperson Toussant shared the information he got at an MML workshop he recently attended including the resources available to communities for road repairs, the Headlee Override and road bond issues.

Councilperson Lyons stated she is frustrated with the community not cleaning up and shared that the NEDC group will be organizing a clean-up on April 17, May 15 and May 22. She encouraged everyone to get involved. Next, she announced the MML CapCon event and the women's history month events at the Library. Lastly, she spoke if any did a follow-up with the committee in Grosse Pointe Park and their successful search for Public Safety officers.

Councilperson Paiz asked if CDBG funding could be used for the parking lot behind the NEDC which she feels is dangerous, badly lit and in need of a security camera. She then mentioned that the CDC tracks vaccination side effects on their website and suggested that anyone could report them there. She again thanked the Mayor for pulling the vaccine event together saying it was especially well done considering the short notice given and also it was great to see the community work together. She mentioned she recently spoke to the director of the Helm and was given a tour of the facility which she found very nice with social distancing, online class areas and lots of space. She shared some of the upcoming events.

Councilperson Costantino reminded all about the cybersecurity workshop scheduled for March 23.

Councilperson Toussant mentioned an update to the PSO's "fulfill the dream" flyer and that he recently had the pleasure of joining the mayor delivering flowers to Park Place.

Councilperson Williams thanked Representative Lawrence saying it is important to understand what is going on and what she is working on. She then said she is looking forward to the MML CapCon starting tomorrow. Lastly, she mentioned she was waiting for a report from the Charter Committee.

Mayor Kindle shared that through the DAAA, seventy chromebooks were given to Harper Woods residents with instructions on how to use them.

MOTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:08.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 5, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant and Regina Williams. (All Councilmembers indicated they are attending the meeting virtually in Harper Woods, MI with the exception of Mayor Pro Tem Costantino who was virtually attending the meeting from Florida.)

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 04-39-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 15, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held February 18, 2021, the Board of Review meeting held March 8, 2021 and the Planning Commission meeting held on March 24, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 04-40-21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 121687 through 121783 in the amount of \$1,244,261.64 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. approve payment in the amount of \$7,114.50 to Drive Creative Services, LLC for the production of the April/June Newsletter and for promotional items for the water application giveaway.
3. approve the quote submitted by Badger Meter in the amount of \$32,858.08 for the purchase of 156 new 5/8" Orion automatic read water meters with reimbursement from the Distressed Cities grant.
4. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,354.33 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of April 2021.
5. approve payment to BB&T Governmental Finance in the amount of \$67,800.01 for the principal and interest payment on the Capital Improvement Bond.
6. to approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$5,282.00 for the emergency road repair following a water main repair on Vernier Road.
7. to approve payment to RKA Petroleum Companies in the amount of \$9,376.91 for the purchase of 4,998 gallons of unleaded fuel at a cost of \$1.86 per gallon.
8. approve payment in the amount of \$14,305.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main break repairs and snow plowing services.
9. approve payment in the amount of \$7,287.00 to Pointe Alarm LLC in the amount of \$7,287.00 for the installation of additional security equipment in various areas of City Hall.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 04-41-21

ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING DATES
FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

MOTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

to schedule a public hearing on April 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the continuation of a Special Assessment District and further to

schedule a second public hearing on May 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the effect of the Special Assessment on the tax roll, and further that the City Clerk publish a notice of these in accordance with City Charter requirements.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 04-42-21 PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - ANDERSON,
ECKSTEIN AND WESTRICK, INC. RISK AND RESILIENCE
ASSESSMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the proposal dated March 16, 2021 submitted by Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. for their professional services for the EPA mandates, the Risk and Resilience Assessment in the amount of \$11,425.00 and for the Emergency Response Plan Update in the amount of \$8,500.00, and further that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, and Costantino.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 04-43-21 APPROVAL OF REZONING REQUEST -
19353 VERNIER; TIM HORTONS

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the request from applicant Cynthia Ivary of Arkinetics to rezone Parcel #42-012-01-0063-0000, Part of Lots 63 to 74, also part of lots 82 and 83 and vacated alleys of "obenaeuer-Barber-Laing Co's Lafayette Subdivision," beginning at the intersection of the North line of Vernier Road and the West line of Beaconsfield Avenue from C-2, Special Business District, to C-1, General Business District.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Costantino, Kindle and Lyons.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 04-44-21 APPROVAL OF SPECIAL LAND USE
 19353 VERNIER; TIM HORTONS

RESOLUTION by William, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED approve the request submitted by Cynthia Ivary on behalf of Hass Charara, franchisee of Tim Hortons, to demolish and construct a new restaurant with two drive through lanes at 19353 Vernier Road pursuant to the Planning Commissions' recommendation subject to the conditions as provided.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Costantino, Kindle, Lyons and Paiz.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 04-45-21 PROPOSAL FOR JOHNSTON PARK
 BASKETBALL COURT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the proposal dated March 30, 2021 submitted by Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. to prepare plans and specifications and also provide engineering, administration and inspection services for the improvements to the Basketball Court Facility at Johnston Park in the amount of \$107,310.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Costantino, Kindle, Lyons, Paiz and Sawicki

NO: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 04-46-21 PROPOSAL FOR SALTER PARK
 BASKETBALL COURT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the proposal dated March 30, 2021 submitted by Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. to prepare plans and specifications and also provide engineering, administration and inspection services for the improvements to the Basketball Court at Salter Park in the amount of \$41,920.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Williams, Costantino, Kindle, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki and Toussant.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 04-47-21 ADD ITEM TO AGENDA - CITY MANAGER'S CONTRACT

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Paiz:
to add to the agenda the termination of City Manager's contract.

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Kindle, Toussant.
NO: Williams, Costantino, Lyons

MOTION CARRIED

CM 04-48-21 TERMINATION OF CITY MANAGER'S CONTRACT

MOTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
To table the termination of the City Managers contract.

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Kindle, Toussant.
NO: Williams, Costantino, Lyons

MOTION CARRIED

CM 04-49-21 MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION FOR
TRANSFORMATIVE AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
To amend the Transformative and Restorative Justice Resolution to add additional words to the following section "Therefore Be it Resolved that the Mayor and City Council of Harper Woods will do whatever is within our power to protect residents of this city from all forms of oppression [and intolerance and hatred.]"

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Bob Gray asked if traffic will increase with the opening of the new Tim Horton's.

Ms. Donna Miller thanked Councilpersons Paiz, Sawicki and Lyons for responding to her email concerning leaf burning on her street. She said the ordinance should be addressed to include other types of burning and only allow propane heaters as they don't give off smoke.

Mr. Will Smith thanked all who worked to get the basketball courts up and said he is looking forward to this and it is positive for the community. He then said he found it disturbing and unfair to categorize the City Manager as leaving his job when he is under government orders especially as the attorney advised against this. He said shame on those who didn't respect the attorney's advise on this issue.

Ms. Nancy Courtney gave a DAAA update and mentioned the medicare classes scheduled this week by Zoom or phone.

Ms. Mary Paglia thanked Mayor Kindle for the vaccine clinic and said she worked both clinic events and it was a great turnout. She then mentioned there were comments on Facebook regarding the City not being transparent in the Slater case. She asked that someone comment on this as the case that was heard in district court recently had nothing to do with the Slater case and that the County Prosecutor has not provided anything new on this matter.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilperson Costantino said that while attending a MML workshop she learned that COVID funds can be used to recruit officers. She then mentioned the problems at the Parkcrest Inn and asked what is being done with this matter. (Chief Smith responded that there are some calls regarding narcotics and he advised that they will continue to monitor this and report back.)

Councilperson Sawicki stated she is also concerned about the Parkcrest Inn and questioned how long we should continue to monitor this. She then said she served on Council with former Councilperson Velardo and he was an honorable member. She said he served on the Dad's Club, Little League, the Lion's Club and twenty years on City Council. She encouraged residents to step up to the kind of service of Mr. Velardo and others like him and stay involved to make our community a better place.

Councilperson Williams said that the traffic calming devices around the schools are found to be a nuisance to some residents but that the safety of the children should be the number one priority. She then said she would like to see the City assist more residents with their sidewalk replacement especially since this can be due to lifting trees and such issues.

Councilperson Toussant mentioned his confusion with the vote to table or not table the motion earlier.

Councilperson Lyons thanked the library for partnering with her for women's history month and reading month. She then questioned what is the process to apply for CDBG grant money. She then commented about the Insider being funded by Public Act 359 and further that she did not recall seeing political propaganda in this newsletter before, especially in an election year.

Mayor Kindle stated that the article in the Insider didn't have anything to do with politics but rather as Mayor these are the things she is currently working on in the City. She apologized if this was offensive to anyone but that was not at all her intent.

Councilperson Paiz mentioned she attended an MML webinar and that the water shut off moratorium has ended and the shut offs were only for vacant homes and also evictions have been extended until the end of June. She informed all of an upcoming K9 fundraiser at Redeemer Church and that a plush toy replica of Kaiser will be available for a \$50.00 donation. She then spoke about the vaccine clinic saying that C & G newspaper was there and it was great to see firefighters representing Public Safety. She also mentioned Ms. Miller's concerns about the ordinance with regard to leaf burning and thought fire pits should be addressed as well. She then spoke about the City Manager issue saying since we can't mention him in meetings or in private, how can there be discussion regarding this employee or his performance? How can it be addressed that he is working with certain employees but not with this Council? (The City Attorney responded stating that she did not write the law that protects military personnel, but it is to protect employees from being discriminated against because of their service and the City runs a risk discussing this in open forum. Also, there needs to be caution of placing any demands on him during his active duty. There is also a risk if the reason for termination is due to his absence for a year or that he didn't communicate during this time.)

Councilperson Williams shared that the MML workshop on cyber security was great and she suggested looking into other workshops on this subject. She then mentioned a rat problem has increased in the City and should be addressed. (The DPW director said this can be helped by educating residents to pick up after pets, use garbage cans with tight fitting lids etc.)

Mayor Kindle thanked our firefighters for their assistance with the vaccinations. She further stated that several older ladies requested their dose be administered by one firefighter in particular. She said that Wayne County Health Department would like to have another clinic though there are not set dates yet. She thanked all who assisted in the event and shared that there were many kudos on how the City handled it and that Director Smith will be giving special commendations to all the firefighters at a later date.

CM 04-50-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 19, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant and Regina Williams. (All Councilmembers indicated they are attending the meeting virtually in Harper Woods, MI)

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 04-52-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held April 5, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held March 18, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Mr. Calus said he has been expressing his concerns about Safebuilt for 2 years and still is concerned about their invoices and their code enforcement. He mentioned he has been misled by the city manager in the past that the code enforcement and the ordinance department being the same and they are not. There is also concern that they are not open on Fridays. He then referenced a home that was condemned one day and 7 days later, without permits or inspections, is now considered habitable.

CM 04-53-21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 121784 through 121870 in the amount of \$396,304.88 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. approve payment to SafeBuilt, LLC in the amount of \$41,843.80 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of March 2021.
3. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,354.33 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of May 2021.
4. approve payment to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms in the amount of \$16,902.76 for Harper Woods' proportionate share of the Intermunicipal Radio System for the period July 1 through December 2020.
5. to accept the quote provided by RKA Petroleum for the purchase of 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel at a cost of \$2.13 per gallon and 5,000 gallons of unleaded fuel at a cost of \$2.13 per gallon, for an approximate total of \$21,348.50.
6. approve the quote submitted by Badger Meter in the amount of \$18,576.00 for the purchase of 72 new 5/8" Orion automatic read water meters with reimbursement from the Distressed Cities grant.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 04-54-21 OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

to open the Public Hearing on the continuation of the Special Assessment District.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING

Councilperson Williams asked how long the City has been requesting these mills and was informed that 2012 was the first year.

Councilperson Sawicki said she would like to see the City cut the assessment by several mills to the minimum needed, especially if we receive money for pandemic relief as the residents need some relief.

Councilperson Toussant stated he recently toured the city hall facility and would like to see some of the funds collected with these extra mills put toward improving police and fire facilities, especially the restrooms. This and other improvements might help to attract more officers.

Councilperson Sawicki mentioned that she had attended an MML meeting earlier today and in reference to this she asked if any federal or state money will come to the City to train Public Safety officers in mental health or societal issues.

Councilperson Costantino suggested due to short staffing the City could possibly hire a Social Worker to then be qualified as a public safety officer instead of training officers in social work as a means to assist our officers. She then said she would also like to see a reduction in mills for our residents since all have been hit hard by COVID-19.

CM 04-55-21 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

MOTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
to close the Public Hearing on the continuation of the Special Assessment District.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 04-56-21 ADOPT RESOLUTION - CONTINUATION OF
A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the attached resolutions to continue a Special Assessment District in the City of Harper Woods.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 04-57-21 AWARD OF BID - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the lowest responsible bid submitted by Six Brothers Construction in the amount \$22,206.00 for rehab work to be provided at 20950 Lancaster as part of the CDBG Rehabilitation Program.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Costantino, Kindle and Lyons.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 04-58-21 AWARD OF BID - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the lowest responsible bid submitted by SAS Services, Inc. in the amount of \$21,150.00 for rehab work to be provided at 19892 Cedar Ct. as part of the CDBG Rehabilitation Program.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Costantino, Kindle, Lyons and Paiz.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 04-59-21 CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE -
HARPER WOODS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from the Harper Woods Alumni Association, asking that they be recognized as a non profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses, be approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Costantino, Kindle, Lyons, Paiz and Sawicki

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 04-60-21 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the request from the Economic and Community Development Director to submit an application to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to participate in the Community Development Fellowship Program and further that if we are awarded the services of a 15 month fellow on staff, a matching contribution of \$6,000 will be required for their compensation.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Williams, Costantino, Kindle, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki and Toussant.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Calus said that he commends the action of acting City Manager John Szymanski in Joe Rheker's absence. He then offered to do code enforcement since he has continually brought up his concerns regarding Safebuilt. Next he commented on social media saying the post he wrote on Facebook was intended for a closed group and he mentioned he is aware that the Slater matter is a touchy subject in district court.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilperson Sawicki said that there have been complaints about outdoor burning causing smoke to drift into neighbors windows and while she enjoys occasional fire pit burning she has forwarded information to the City and that we can create ordinances to restrict outdoor burning pits.

Councilperson Paiz spoke about the second vaccination clinic held recently, thanking all the participants and volunteers. She also thanked C & G News for an article revolving around the event saying it was great publicity and another great story that reported on the food bank with volunteer Shonda Davis and the Mayor. Next she gave a reminder about the May 15 K-9 fundraiser.

Councilperson Williams asked with regard to pandemic relief if the City has a specific use for funds once received and was told the use must be COVID related. She then stated that at the last meeting she brought up the rat issue and has since received a letter from the DPW and saw the related Insider article. She said that she already knows this information

as do many other residents and the City needs to do more. She said she has followed all the suggestions and there is still a rat problem. Next she said she is happy to hear about the RRC program and the possibility of a staff member to help our City look better. She mentioned that she has brought this issue up a number of times in the past and she would like to see the Charter Commission get moving. Finally, she stated the City has changed considerably in the last 50 years and the Charter needs an update and she then offered her assistance on the Commission.

Councilperson Costantino shared that home values in Harper Woods are going up according to the updates she receives from real estate groups. She said that many good things are going on in the City and that Harper Woods is rising up and blossoming.

Councilperson Lyons echoed Councilperson Williams' comments about cleaning up our City and that she would like to see a smaller event for Earth Day which encourages residents to clean up their own properties and their neighboring properties. She stated it is important to be an advocate for our planet and to focus on sustainability and suggested powering down all electricity for even an hour in an effort to promote this as well. She said she'd like to see a more cohesive effort to encourage new residents to have more civic pride including knowing the ordinance rules and keeping up their property, suggesting more information on the website.

Councilperson Toussant mentioned that because it is likely that most persons in attendance have been vaccinated that perhaps the meetings should be opened more.

Mayor Kindle stated that while civic pride and earth day are well and good, until we have at least a 40% vaccination rate we need to continue with the path we're on and not holding any City sponsored group events as we cannot compel employees or anyone else to vaccinate and as for Earth day we all need to do our part without the need for a special City event. She said further that we are all in this together and while still under COVID restrictions this should not stop anyone from helping out in their neighborhood. She suggested a shredding day or hazardous waste drop off site to encourage residents to do the right thing for our global climate. She next mentioned she has heard complaints regarding Home Depot including long lines and little employee service which is taking money out of our community since contractors are now patronizing other stores. She suggested the possibility of reaching out to their corporate offices. She then thanked all who participated in the vaccination event and said she hoped to get a testing site here as well in the near future. Finally, she said she may have information regarding summer jobs for ages 14 to 24 to share at the next meeting.

Councilperson Costantino asked if we could have an evening vaccination clinic for those that work during the day.

CM 04-61-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
MAY 3, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams. (All Councilmembers indicated they are attending the meeting virtually from Harper Woods, MI)

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 05-62-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on April 19, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Mr. Calus asked if the Minutes of the April 19 meeting could reflect that he wasn't complaining about SafeBuilt, just expressing his concerns.

CM 05-63-21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 121871 through 121958 in the amount of \$212,366.58 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$40,892.00 for professional services related to the City's financial reporting and preparation of the 2020 financial statement.
3. approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$9,233.70 for the IT support services for all departments and for the purchase of 4 replacement computers for the water department and police department.
4. approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$5,729.97 for lawn in various areas of the City.
5. approve payment to CBIZ Retirement Plan Services in the amount of \$15,000.00 for actuarial services.
6. approve payment to Cynergy Products in the amount of \$14,822.18 for the outfitting of vehicle #65 as part of the 2019 vehicle lease.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 05-64-21 OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - 20 MILL LEVY TO DEFRAY
THE COSTS TO CONTINUE THE MAINTENANCE
OF POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION

MOTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

to open the Public Hearing on the levying of a 20 mill assessment to defray the costs to continue the maintenance of police and fire protection.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING

Councilwoman Sawicki asked if there will be any Headlee rollback for these mills. (The acting City Manager said that the only rollback will be on the operating, refuse and library mills and residents will see a slight reduction in their taxes.)

Councilwoman Williams asked for a brief explanation of the 20 mill levy and how it may affect our tax base taxpayers. (The acting City Manager stated that these mills are necessary to continue to operate our police department, and our fire department at the current service levels and that this is a continuation of the levy, as in past years.)

Councilwoman Costantino asked what can be done to reduce these mills in the future without sacrificing service levels.

CM 05-65-21 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - 20 MILL LEVY TO DEFRAY
THE COSTS TO CONTINUE THE MAINTENANCE
OF POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION

MOTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
to close the Public Hearing on the levying of a 20 mill assessment to defray the costs to continue the maintenance of police and fire protection.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 05-66-21 LEVY OF THE 20 MILL ASSESSMENT

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED to direct the City Assessor to spread the assessment levy of 20 mills on the taxable value of all lands and premises within the municipal boundaries of the City of Harper Woods to defray the costs to continue maintenance and operations of police and fire (10 mills for police and 10 for fire).

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 05-67-21 ADD ITEM TO AGENDA

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Lyons:
To add to the agenda a Resolution Opposing Election Law Changes Pending in the Michigan Legislature.

YES: Toussant, Kindle, Lyons, Paiz and Sawicki.
NO: Costantino and Williams

MOTION CARRIED

CM 05-68-21

ADOPT RESOLUTION - OPPOSING
ELECTION LAW CHANGES PENDING IN
THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the Resolution Opposing Election Law Changes Pending in the Michigan Legislature with changes to Paragraph 9 to reflect the modified language, "Harper Woods City Council opposes any change to election law that would restrict legally registered voters from exercising their right to cast a ballot in a free and fair election. (Attachment 1)

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Lyons.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Calus asked if there was a way to control when a tenant is evicted so the rubbish companies can pick up their trash and it isn't left out for days at a time. He then commented on his understanding that the City is not using rat poison in the sewers. He suggested that the YouTube meetings show a grid view and not just a view of the person speaking so that Council's reactions can be seen. Lastly he asked for clarification on an amendment to the Charter and a revision and if there were any specific amendments that are being considered. He also commented that due to the number of candidates running this year, it might be wise to wait to see how the election turns out before holding a committee meeting.

Mr. Schenburn commented on airbnb's in the community and how they should be charged a tax. He then shared that he has had to cleanup in his area following the guests leaving these sites. He then asked if the speed bumps could be placed on his street to slow down drivers and possibly a stop sign at Kenosha and Landsdowne.

Mr. Van Lopes, a representative from Wayne County Executive Evans' office shared that he and others are listening to concerns from citizens and that they are available for

support. He then added that the COVID 19 vaccines are now available for anyone over 16 as well as masks and room filtration kits.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilwoman Sawicki offered the history of how and why the Charter Committee was developed and shared the difference between a Charter revision and an amendment. She then provided the procedure required for a complete revision and the extremely high cost that would result. She then mentioned that it was she who called the County Executive office since they had not posted updated COVID 19 information on their site. She then shared current statistics of the virus, including deaths and new cases. She also asked Mr. Van Lopes if the City should take more action to restrict people from gathering and to remind everyone to take this more seriously until we reach herd immunity or when 80% of our residents are vaccinated.

Councilwoman Costantino asked Mr. Van Lopes if an evening vaccination event could be held in an effort to get more people vaccinated that aren't available during the day. She then asked if the filtration kits are being offered to schools. Also that a discussion needs to be had at the next Ordinance meeting regarding the Airbnb's as she is in agreement that these need to be taxed and that specific information about the rules of our community should be posted for anyone who stays in one.

Councilwoman Sawicki suggested that the City Attorney research and prepare a draft ordinance regarding the Airbnb's for an upcoming meeting.

Councilwoman Paiz commented that during a recent webinar hosted by the MML, she learned that HB722 will be seeking to eliminate municipalities' ability to regulate short term vacation rentals and that this should be kept in mind when creating an ordinance. She then commented on the plan for re-opening businesses and entertainment venues and even lifting the mask order as more people are vaccinated in the state. She asked Mr. Van Lopes if there was any consideration to vaccinate shut-ins in their homes. (He stated that it is already being done.) She shared that she and Councilman Toussant will be hosting a virtual Memorial Day event and she will share details soon. Lastly she announced the pancake breakfast to support the K-9 program through GPAAS will be held on May 15 from 8 am until 11 am. There will be a stuffed animal likeness of Kaiser that will be offered for a \$50.00 donation.

Councilwoman Williams thanked the public for bringing up issues that she posted and spoke of at the last meeting and also to those that were seeking more information about rat control. She then thanked Councilwoman Sawicki for publicly clarifying the difference between amendments to and revision of the City's Charter. She announced that City Hall

has water filters for faucets available to residents that were provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. She then commented about noise issues around the community and asked for clarification about the city's noise ordinance.

Councilman Toussant spoke of his participation in the Council Advanced Core Program hosted by the MML and shared that the speakers were quite good, especially on the topic of inclusion and diversity. Lastly he mentioned that he worked with the Public Safety Director on a new flyer to assist in recruiting police officers.

Councilwoman Lyons thanked all who participated in the cleanup event she sponsored. She then offered that May is Mental Awareness Month and that a virtual workshop has been scheduled for May 14 via Zoom about mental health issues and also ways to stay fit with advice from experts. Then she suggested that with picnic season coming the noise ordinance needs to be enforced to keep loud music at a minimum and she agreed that the Airbnb issued needs to be addressed. Lastly, she shared that she would like to see a public safety commission or a civilian oversight committee formed.

Councilwoman Costantino announced that the Law Enforcement Task Force will be meeting on May 6 at Danbury Park at 7pm. She also mentioned that a household identification project is underway by the Eagle Scouts and they will be out painting addresses on curbs.

Mayor Kindle advised that the tax rolls are available in City Hall for anyone who is interested to see the exact amount their taxes will be after the levying of the 20 mills. She commented that she has seen many residents, formerly of Detroit, have brought the large rubbish bins to their homes for pickup by our trash hauler. This needs to be addressed as our hauler will not empty them. She announced that anyone homebound needing a vaccination can get one by calling 313-939-2126 and requesting an appointment. Later in the month walk-in vaccines will be available at WCCCD Monday through Friday and possibly Saturday. She then shared that through SEMCOG a 16 week program has been developed for summer jobs for our youth and she will provide more information as it comes. With May being Mental Awareness month, she also shared that the Easter Seals has a site to help determine if you or someone you know needs assistance with mental health. Our well being is so important now with continued separation from loved ones and a lack of interaction with people due to COVID 19. She invited anyone interested in applying to be a part of the Beautification Commission to do so. We want to highlight the beautiful homes within the city again this year. Lastly she thanked everyone for all that they do and that even though we may not always agree, we are all here for the betterment of the community. Also that she appreciates all of everyone's differences and input shared and that we are all here to serve the community, it's a team effort.

CM 05-69-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION OF THE HARPER WOODS CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING ELECTION LAW CHANGES PENDING IN THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, the right to vote is a fundamental right of every American Citizen and the foundation of a vibrant democracy, and

WHEREAS, the barriers to voting should be reduced so that every eligible voter is able to cast their vote and have it counted.

WHEREAS, more than 5.5 million citizens voted in the November 3, 2020 election for president, which was the most votes ever, and the highest percentage of voting age residents to cast a ballot in 60 years, and

WHEREAS, post-election audits of the ballots in Michigan confirmed that the November 2020 election results were accurate, and

WHEREAS, over 60 lawsuits were filed both in Michigan and around the country alleging voter fraud and no election fraud or other irregularities were proven in any of those cases, and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that there was no evidence of wide spread election fraud in Michigan, the Michigan legislature is currently considering a 39-bill package of election law changes, and

WHEREAS, the proposed bills would make it more difficult for voters to cast absentee ballots by limiting the availability of ballot drop boxes, shortening the time to return an absentee ballot, prohibiting city clerks from paying for postage on absentee ballot return envelopes, and requiring citizens to provide a copy of their ID when requesting an absentee ballots, and

WHEREAS, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson has stated that the package of bills introduced by the Republican legislators "harms our election system or restricts Michigan citizens' hard fought freedom to vote." (Detroit Free Press, April 21, 2021).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Harper Woods City Council opposes any change to election law that would restrict legally registered voters from exercising their right to cast a ballot in a free and fair election, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is to be sent to State Representative Tenisha Yancey and State Senator Adam Hollier.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
MAY 17, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams. (All Councilmembers indicated they are attending the meeting virtually from Harper Woods, MI)

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 05-70-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held May 5, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Mr. Calus commented on the new pumper truck in the fire department. He then asked if any consideration has been given to his suggestions about having no parking on Beaconfield. He then asked if some explanation can be given about the contract extensions that are on the agenda. Lastly he said that he was sad to hear Ms. Lombardi has retired, but offered his best wishes to her.

CM 05-71-21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 121959 through 122053 in the amount of \$557,128.49 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$5,619.80 for contractual lawn cutting and trash pickup in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks.
3. approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance in the amount of \$5,274.07 for software support on the district court's computer system.
4. approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$9,000.00 for the professional services performed in conjunction with the 2020 audit.
5. approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$9,426.54 for the IT support services for all departments and the purchase of several computers.
6. approve payment to SAFEBuilt LLC in the amount of \$39,347.60 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of April 2021.
7. approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$16,833.46 for professional services during the month of April 2021 for the following projects: Kelly Road Pedestrian Crossing, #180-208; 2021 Joint/Crack Sealing, #180-258; 2021 Storm Sewer Repairs, #180-256; 2021 Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-259; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-231; 2024 Federal Call for Projects, #180-257; AT&T Cell Tower, #180-261; Crown Castle Metro Act, #180-252; T-Mobile Cell Tower, #180-254 and the Risk and Resiliency Assessment, #180-262.
8. approve payment to Shelby Township Fire Department in the amount of \$29,000.00 for the purchase of a used Sutphen Rescue Pumper truck.
9. to approve the emergency repair to the chilled water line in the air conditioning system in City Hall to be performed by Supreme Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$11,500.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-72-21 MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT
BEACONSFIELD FROM KINGSVILLE TO WOODLAND

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of Beaconsfield Road from Kingsville to Woodland in the total amount of \$704,000, of which \$570,740 are federal funds and \$133,260 required City matching funds: MDOT Contract No. 21-5129; Control Section STU 82000; Job Numbers 205844CON and Project Number 21A0472, and further, to authorize the Mayor and acting City Manager to sign the contract.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 05-73-21 LOCAL FRANCHISE AGREEMENT
WIDE OPEN WEST MICHIGAN, LLC.

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Wide Open West Michigan, LLC WOW! of Madison Heights and further, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Lyons.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 05-74-21 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 5 - 2018 CONCRETE
PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECT - #180-204.

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to L. Anthony Construction Inc., in the amount of \$6,065.71 for Progress Payment No. 5 on the 2018 Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-204.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons and Paiz.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 05-75-21 ACCEPTANCE OF AFFORDABILITY AND PLANNING GRANT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT
LAKES AND ENERGY (EGLE)

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the Affordability and Planning Grant in the amount of \$15,800.00 to fund the cost of a water rate study with no local match required and further that the acting City Manager be authorized to sign any required documentation on behalf of the City.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons, Paiz and Sawicki.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 05-76-21 CONTRACT EXTENSION - 2020 PAVEMENT
JOINT AND CRACK SEALING PROJECT

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

BE IT RESOLVED approve the Contract Modification in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 with Michigan Joint Sealing, Inc. of Farmington Hills for the 2021 Pavement Joint Sealing Program, #180-258.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki and Toussant.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 05-77-21 CONTRACT EXTENSION - 2018 CONCRETE
PAVEMENT REPAIR PROGRAM

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED approve the Contract Modification in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 with L. Anthony Construction of ShelbyTownship for the 2021 Concrete Pavement Repair Program, #180-260.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Kindle, Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant and Williams.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 05-78-21 CONTRACT EXTENSION - 2020 SANITARY SEWER
CLEANING AND CCTV INVESTIGATION PROJECT

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED approve the Contract Modification in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with Doetsch Environmental Services of Warren for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and CCTV Investigation Project, #180-259.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 05-79-21 CONTRACT EXTENSION - 2020 STORM
SEWER REPAIR PROGRAM

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Williams:

BE IT RESOLVED approve the Contract Modification in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 with Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC of Waterford for the 2020 Storm Sewer Repair Program #180-256.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 05-80-21 MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE WORKER'S
COMPENSATION FUND RENEWAL

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to Michigan Municipal League Worker's Compensation Fund in the amount of \$56,692.00 for workers' compensation insurance from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and further in that this is self insurance pooled funds, that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Lyons.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 05-81-21 CHANGE IN MEETING DATE

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

to reschedule the June 14, 2021 City Council meeting to the previous week, Monday, June 7, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 05-82-21 RESOLUTION - STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION
PERMITTING THE CITY COUNCIL AND OTHER PUBLIC
BODIES TO CONTINUE TO MEET BY ELECTRONIC,
REMOTE AND TELEPHONIC MEANS

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

To adopt the resolution declaring a local state of emergency in Harper Woods until such time that the Michigan State Court Administrator announces that courts in Wayne County have reached Phase Three of the Return to Full Capacity Guidelines or December 31, 2021, whichever comes first.

NO: Toussant

MOTION CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Calus expressed his concern with the CDBG repair project stating that he has not heard from anyone regarding his application and subsequent approval. He then commented on the need for an Ordinance Committee meeting being scheduled, the virtual Memorial Day ceremony that is being planned by Councilmembers Paiz and Toussant, and his thanks to those that participated in the community cleanup that was organized by Councilwoman Lyons. Lastly he thanked the Judge for making those sentenced with community service do the service here in Harper Woods.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilwoman Paiz announced that at the K-9 Fundraiser/Pancake Breakfast was well received, 125 breakfasts served and approximately \$600 raised. She then reminded everyone about the virtual Memorial Day that is being planned for May 31 at 10:30 via Zoom and asked that anyone interested can send her pictures of their Veteran family members that have passed for a tribute she is preparing.

Councilwoman Sawicki extended her thanks to Ms. Lombardi for her excellent work for the community over the years.

Councilwoman Costantino shared her concerns with AirBnB's and the need to regulate them in our community.

Councilwoman Williams asked if the Juneteenth celebration would still be held this year as it is an outdoor event. (The Mayor said that WCCCD will be hosting it this year)

Councilwoman Lyons commented about the community cleanups that have been organized recently and announced the next one will be on May 22 beginning at 8:30 am. She then thanked the experts who were involved and all those that participated in her recent health and fitness forum, and that it was well received. Next she mentioned that a group of Harper Woods alumni that organized the BLM protest last year have developed a newsletter called The Compass and that the content is about different issues and the articles are inspiring and well written. She then mentioned that vaccinations for shut ins has begun and the walking club of Salter Park meets again on May 29 at 10am.

Councilwoman Paiz mentioned that testimony will be heard tomorrow regarding HB4722, which deals with short term rental properties, and she is sad that our State Representative is sponsoring this bill which could take local control away.

Mayor Kindle announced that WCCCD will be administering vaccines daily, 8 am to 3 pm on Monday, 9 am to 3 pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and from noon to 7 pm on

Wednesday. Also that we are in the second week of administering vaccines to those that are homebound. Next she mentioned that the Wreath Ceremony will still take place at Johnston Park on Memorial Day, but there will be no additional services. She spoke of the American Family plan and how it will support families, single parents and working people caring for their loved ones in several aspects including childcare, education and paid leave.

CM 05-83-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 7, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams. (All Councilmembers indicated they are attending the meeting virtually from Harper Woods, MI)

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 06-84-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held May 17, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on April 15, 2021, Board of Zoning Appeals meeting held on May 12, 2021 and the Beautification Commission meeting held on June 1, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 06-85-21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 122054 through 122253 in the amount of \$742,207.71 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. approve payment to Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of \$6,724.25 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department.
3. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,354.33 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of June.
4. approve payment in the amount of \$8,400.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks, fire hydrant repairs, and speed bump installations.
5. to approve payment to RKA Petroleum Companies in the amount of \$11,797.02 for the purchase of 3,500 gallons of regular gas and 1,500 gallons of diesel fuel.
6. approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$19,289.19 for professional services during the month of April for the following projects: Kelly Rd Pedestrian Crossing, #180-208; 2021 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-260; 2018 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-204; Pavement Joint Seal, #180-258; Emerg. Storm Sewer Repair, #180-229; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-256; Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-259; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-231 and 253; Tim Horton's, #180-248; Risk and Resil Assess, #180-262; Drinking Water Asset Mgmt Pgm, #180-246; AT&T Cell Tower, 180-261; T-Mobile Cell Tower, #180-254; MCI Metro Fiber, #180-245; Salter Park Basketball, #180-264 and Johnston Park Basketball, #180-263.
7. approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$19,500.00 for the professional services performed in conjunction with the 2020 audit.
8. approve the appointments and reappointments to the various boards and commissions as listed on the attached memorandum from the City Clerk.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 06-86-21

CITY MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED to table the renewal, non-renewal or modification of the employment agreement between the City of Harper Woods and Joseph Rheker for the position of City Manager.

NO: Lyons

MOTION CARRIED

CM 06-87-21 SERVICE AGREEMENT - POINTE
AREA ASSISTED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

BE IT RESOLVED approve the three-year Transportation Service Agreement between the Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Service (PAATS) and The Helm Life Center that will remain in effect until June 30, 2024, and further to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Lyons.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 06-88-21 INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING - AN ORDINANCE
TO REGULATE SHORT TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED to introduce and place for first reading, an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend the City of Harper Woods Code of Ordinances, and Shall be Known as the Short Term Rental Ordinance, and further that the City Clerk publish a notice of this in accordance with the City Policy.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons and Paiz

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 06-89-21 TRANSFER STATION DISPOSAL SERVICE AGREEMENT -
SOUTH MACOMB AUTHORITY TRANSFER STATION (SMDA)

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

BE IT RESOLVED approve the Transfer Station Disposal Service Agreement between the

City of Harper Woods and the South Macomb Disposal Authority (SMDA), for the removal of solid waste as set forth in this agreement for a term beginning July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2024 and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons, Paiz and Sawicki.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Corrine Martin of GPAAS spoke about the can and bottle drive fundraiser held at Brownell School. She said they overwhelmingly received two to three hundred bags of cans and only one student and parent came to take them to Kroger resulting in many garbage bags in front of the GPAAS building. She sent out heartfelt kudos to Mayor Kindle for picking up the bags along with D.P.W. on Saturday night and donating this to the Lions Club as well.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilperson Williams extended her condolences to Councilperson Lyons and her family. She next mentioned she was looking forward to the Juneteenth event and was saddened she was unable to attend the Memorial Day ceremony.

Councilperson Toussant also extended condolences to the Lyons family and asked to be informed on the service plans. He then thanked Councilperson Paiz for the Memorial Day ceremony which has inspired him to seek out more veterans for next year and also thanked her for allowing him to act as co-host.

Councilperson Sawicki offered her condolences to Councilperson Lyons. She then said that during a recent interview for planning commission candidates, it was brought up that having garbage bags tied to the fence on the overpass is not effective and isn't appealing, and that perhaps a more permanent receptacle would be better. Also she said that doggy bag dispensers at Salter Park should be revisited. She next asked for an update on the Parkcrest Hotel and if action should be taken and also for an update on Tim Horton's. (The acting City Manager responded that calls on the Parkcrest are down 50% and while there is some narcotic activity there is less serious crime. He then shared that we may see activity at Tim Horton's in September or October.)

Councilperson Paiz thanked Councilperson Toussant for his help with the Memorial Day ceremony. Her thanks were extended to Reverend Dawson, Shirley Cotton who sang the anthem and the Scout Master of Scout Troop 273 for leading the pledge. She then thanked Representative Hollier, Commissioner Tim Killeen, and Daniel Palmer who spoke about a Harper Woods resident who died in Vietnam.

Mayor Kindle began by extending her condolences to Councilperson Lyons and her family. She continued by saying that she appreciates her attendance at this meeting during this difficult time and commended her dedication. She next said that the Memorial Day ceremony was fantastic and gave kudos to Councilpersons Paiz and Toussant. She then shared that Wayne County Community College District will be hosting the Juneteenth celebration on June 19 at their Harper Woods campus in conjunction with Eastpointe, rain or shine. She concluded with a Beaconsfield update mentioning a pre construction meeting this week.

CM 06-90-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 14, 2021

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Special City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams. (All Councilmembers indicated they are attending the meeting virtually from Harper Woods, MI)

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski and City Attorney Sharon DeWaele.

CM 06-91-21 CITY MANAGERS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
BE IT RESOLVED to not renew the employment agreement between the City of Harper Woods and Joseph Rheker for the position of City Manager.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant and Kindle
NO: Costantino, Lyons and Williams

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Smith expressed his disappointment in the decision made tonight and remarked that this was a not well thought out scheme and suggested that the Mayor and Councilman Toussant should feel shame, and further that the decision was hurtful and for personal reasons, not with the public in mind.

Mr. Calus expressed his disappointment also and agreed with Mr. Smith's sentiments. He then stated that he has in the past had personal issues with Mr. Rheker and some community issues as well, however, the decisions made tonight were personal and they do not belong here. He then stated that in November things will change.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilwoman Williams stated she makes informed decisions to the best of her ability and that she doesn't just go with the flow and that she feels that there was a lack of information prior to this vote and she is embarrassed by decision made. She stated that the public should take a good look at the candidates this November.

Councilwoman Sawicki said that she says a prayer prior to each meeting so that she does the very best for the community and she believes that she has.

Councilwoman Costantino stated that there are no words to describe this tonight and that there is a potential legal exposure that has been brought onto the taxpayers with this decision. She commented that he was a change agent that cleaned up several issues, even though she didn't agree with everything he did. Lastly, she thanked Mr. Rheker for his service to the country.

Councilwoman Lyons stated that she was embarrassed by her colleagues and this reflects poorly on all of them. She commented that while the Mayor publicly thanked the previous Mayor for his assistance in the new developments, she felt that if Mr. Rheker had been here during this last year, he would have been very instrumental in making these developments happen, with all of his connections as well. She followed up with this will being so much negativity to the community and that a change is needed. She then thanked Mr. Rheker for his service to the community and our country.

CM 06-92-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 5:28p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
JULY 12, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki and Ivery Toussant, Jr. (All Councilmembers indicated they are attending the meeting virtually from Harper Woods, MI)

ABSENT: Councilperson Regina Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank

CM 07-93-21

EXCUSE COUNCILPERSON WILLIAMS

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
To excuse Councilperson Williams from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.

ABSENT: Williams.

MOTION CARRIED

CM 07-94-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held June 7, 2021, the Special City Council meeting held June 14, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held May 20, 2021 and the Planning Commission meeting held June 23, 2021.

ABSENT: Williams.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 07-95-21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 122154 through 122422 in the amount of \$897,382.16 as submitted by the Acting City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. approve payment to Master Maintenance National in the amount of \$9,007.00 for the renovations and repair work at 21226 Brierstone as part of the CDBG rehab loan project.
3. approve payment to LandUse/USA, LLC in the amount of \$35,000.00 for the second of three payments for the Target Market Analysis.
4. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,514.91 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of July 2021.
5. approve payment to SAFEbuilt, Inc. in the amount of \$44,417.40 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of May 2021.
6. approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$24,063.36 for professional services during the month of May 2020 for the following projects: Kelly Rd Pedestrian Crossing, #180-208; 2021 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-260; Pavement Joint Seal, #180-258; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-256; Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-259; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-231 and 253; Tim Horton's, #180-248; City Hall Generator, #180-241; Eastland Center Redevelopment, E#180-244; Water Svc Material Invest, #180-265; Miss Digs, #180-255; AT&T Cell Tower, 180-261; Verizon Cell Tower, #180-267; Salter Park Basketball, #180-264 and Johnston Park Basketball, #180-263.
7. approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$31,090.00 for the professional services performed in conjunction with the 2020 audit.
8. approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$23,140.60 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks and also for lawn cuttings at various residential homes.
9. approve payment in the amount of \$24,500.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks, service line repairs and replacement of lead service lines at two residential locations.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, and Kindle.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Williams.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 07-96-21

REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the attached Resolution to Proceed with the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Program of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. (Attachment #1)

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Kindle, and Costantino.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Williams.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 07-97-21

PARTNERSHIP FOR BASEBALL CAMP

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the partnership with the Harper Woods School District and Neighborhood United Maximum Effort Now (NUMEN) to hold a baseball camp for boys and girls 6-12 years old, and further to approve the city's share of \$12,000 for the purchase of baseball equipment, hats, shirts and supplies.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Kindle, Costantino and Lyons.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Williams.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 07-98-21 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - AN ORDINANCE
TO REGULATE SHORT TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

To postpone the second reading and adoption of an ordinance to regulate short term rental properties until the August 9, 2021 Council meeting.

ABSENT: Williams.

MOTION CARRIED

CM 07-99-21 MILK RIVER - OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$327,133.50 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for April through June 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons and Paiz.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Williams.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 07-100-21 AMENDMENTS TO FEE SCHEDULE

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED to Adopt the attached 2021 Schedule of Fees establishing various fees for Housing Registration, Business Licenses, Plumbing, Building, Electrical and Mechanical Permits, Miscellaneous City Clerk, Department of Public Works, Police Department and Fire Department Fees as submitted by the acting City Manager with said fees to be effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons, Paiz and Sawicki

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 07-101-21 MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize those Council members interested to attend the Michigan Municipal League's Annual Convention September 22-24, 2021 with the City paying all necessary and related expenses.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Kindle, Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki and Toussant.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Williams.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 07-102-21 DETROIT AREA AGENCY ON AGING -
ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

MOTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

to acknowledge receipt of and approve the Detroit Area Agency on Aging Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year 2022.

ABSENT: Williams.

MOTION CARRIED

CM 07-103-21 INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING - AN
ORDINANCE REGULATING MARIJUANA BUSINESSES

RESOLUTION by, SUPPORTED by:

BE IT RESOLVED to introduce and place for first reading an Ordinance that amends Chapter 12, Article XV Marijuana Establishments entitled "Recreational Marijuana Establishments," and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, and Kindle.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Williams.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 07-104-21 MODIFICATION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS
ADDING JUNETEENTH TO CITY OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

RESOLUTION by, SUPPORTED by:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the addition of the Juneteenth holiday, on June 19 of each year, to the City Observed holidays for all City of Harper Woods employees.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Kindle, and Costantino.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Williams.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 07-105-21 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 1 - 2020 CONCRETE
PAVEMENT REPAIR PROGRAM, #180-260

RESOLUTION by, SUPPORTED by:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to L. Anthony Construction Inc., in the amount of \$50,912.37 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2021 Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-260.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Kindle, Costantino and Lyons.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Williams.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Lori Boyd, a 24 year resident of Elkhart asked how she can get speed bumps on her street stating that she has submitted petitions for this to the police chief.

Ms. Rebecca Anderson said she received an email to attend the meeting and said that she attended a class where the Mayor copied her work and both were asked to leave the class and she wanted residents to know.

Mr. James Dennis asked what is the status of DTE since in the last few years he has lost

power 13 times. He said we pay for service to the community and the excuses of wind, trees etc. should have been addressed. (The acting City Manager responded that we have been in conversation with DTE and that in many instances it is the trees that are causing the outages and many of these trees are located in backyards and private property. DTE is making an effort to reach out to the community in response to the outages.

Mr. Gerald Ervin stated his power has also been out several times and it was due to outdated transformers. Next he said speeding is a problem on his street and he is concerned with the children. He then said infrastructure of the DTE grid needs to be fixed and the prices of DTE are going up and nothing is getting better.

Mr. Calus said that the last meeting was not officially adjourned then the meeting came back on and was then adjourned and comments weren't allowed nor were the minutes on the website. He asked if the City would be giving any official word on the Slater case especially since the officers involved are back. Then he said he was happy about the baseball camp and thanked DPW for the Beaconsfield project and keeping all informed. He said he is also glad for the investors at Eastland then mentioned the flood forms and clean up kits and asked if residents will receive funds from FEMA.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilperson Costantino asked if an Ordinance Committee meeting could be set up soon.

Councilperson Sawicki suggested a community meeting to address DTE issues with residents so they can be informed of steps to fix problems. She then said that MML is promoting the foundation, Servemicity, and she thought it was a great initiative for planning, access to money, service to the community and more. She addressed Mr. Calus's comments on the flood forms saying it is to inform the City of the extent of damage not for FEMA to give direct funds to residents. (The acting City Manager stated the City gave the information to the County and they are working directly with FEMA and 43 cities were affected.) She said she noticed that GLWA provided claim forms to other communities. (The acting City Manager was told that Grosse Pointe Woods had sewage and flood water so the damage is different.

Councilperson Paiz thanked Brenda Lawrence for her attention to Harper Woods and the news media following the recent floods. She commented that our state and senate representatives should have been more involved as well. She next stated that she does not take her voting on any matters lightly, especially regarding the City Manager's contract and she believes Councilperson Lyons social media comments might be libelous.

Councilperson Toussant spoke about Eastland and how the developers plan to create water retention ponds saying that this will alleviate some of the impervious land which causes the City to pay a high fee for Milk River. He then thanked acting City Manager Szymanski for getting the City back into the Torrey Road pumping station or flooding may have been worse and he also thanked the DPW for a large pot hole repair.

Councilperson Lyons stated she is entitled to her opinion and her use of social media to share her feelings. She mentioned the NUMEN basketball event saying it was a great event and it is good that the City is having these camps for the community. She said a resident has shared their concerns with her regarding the burning of debris and leaves creating excessive smoke. She then asked what is the plan for replacing the City Manager and if we are planning to pay severance, especially since the City has opened itself to a potential lawsuit. Next she said the City should give the residents more information when there are flooding events and inform them about our infrastructure. Lastly she thanked representative Lawrence and representative Hollier for reaching out to the community.

Acting City Manager Szymanski stated he never planned on being the permanent City Manager and felt that he is doing a good job in this temporary position and that many talented people will want the job and bring new vision to Harper Woods.

Mayor Kindle thanked Officer Pauley for his heroic actions that saved a life and wanted him to know that the City recognizes his bravery and his service to our public. She stated that DTE has been contacted and that the City has demanded answers about the recent power outages and we expect a response. She also asked them to provide more information to residents and a potentially prepare a presentation for the public in the near future. She further stated the DPW deserves kudos for going above and beyond to aid residents with flooding problems and worked to get things quickly back to normal. She shared that she saw a group of children attempting to go to the library for an activity which was canceled due to flooding and that she wished there was an alternate site available for the kids, especially since they are home for the summer and need activities. She then said that due to the expense of going through MML for the employment of a City Manager, we will only use them to post the advertisement for the position on their website as well as on our own and we will have something very soon. She said next that the basketball event held was a great program with many people involved and that Mr. Smith will bring the same type of enthusiasm and participation with the baseball event.

CM 07-106-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

ABSENT: Williams

MOTION CARRIED

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT
READY COMMUNITIES (RRC) PROGRAM OF THE MICHIGAN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MEDC)

WHEREAS, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) selected the City of Harper Woods as a community to participate in the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program; and

WHEREAS, the MEDC has developed a program for certifying Redevelopment Ready Communities and the City of Harper Woods desires to achieve certification by implementing best practices and recommended strategies for redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Harper Woods includes within its boundaries properties that present opportunities for redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the RRC program includes evaluating strong partnerships with city council and city commissions related to development including the Harper Woods City Council, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, after review of the RRC Report of Findings/Baseline Report, the City of Harper Woods is willing to complete the recommended best practices, to improve our municipal processes, which will involve interaction with the aforementioned City of Harper Woods City Council, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Harper Woods will proceed under the RRC program and will obtain certification as a Redevelopment Ready Community and receive assistance from the RRC Program in promoting sites within the Community.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
JULY 26, 2021

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Special City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams. (All Councilmembers indicated they are attending the meeting virtually from Harper Woods, MI, except Mayor Pro tem who attending virtually from Allen Park, MI)

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 07-107-21 APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL - EASTLAND DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Richard Barr of the Honigman LLP firm as counsel for the proposed brownfield plan and other potential incentives related to the proposed redevelopment of the Eastland Mall property in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the necessary documents.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant and Kindle

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

No comments were made.

CALL TO COUNCIL

No comments were made.

CM 07-108-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 5:25p.m.

ABSENT: Williams

MOTION CARRIED

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 9, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:15 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 08-109-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held July 12, 2021 and the Special City Council meeting held on July 26, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Board of Review meeting held on July 20, 2021 and the Planning Commission meeting held on July 28, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 08-110-21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 122423 through 122613 in the amount of \$683,362.26 as submitted by the acting City Manager

- and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. Approve payment to SAFEbuilt LLC in the amount of \$40,513.20 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of June 2021.
 3. Approve payment to Drive Creative Services, LLC in the amount of \$5,272.31 for the printing, sorting and delivery of the summer newsletter.
 4. Approve payment to BS&A Software in the amount of \$11,284.00 for the various accounting and billing system software for the period August 2021 through August 2022.
 5. Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance Inc. for the contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various area of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, library and the parks, and also for lawn cuttings at various residential homes.
 6. Approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,514.91 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of August 2021.
 7. Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$38,011.96 for professional services during the month of July 2021 for the following projects: 2018 Concrete Pavement repair, #180-204; 2020 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-239; 2021 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-260; Pavement Joint Sealing, #180-258; Storm Sewer repair #180-256; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-231 and 253; Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-259; Kelly Road Pedestrian Crossing, #180-208; Eastland Center Redevelopment, #180-244; Water Svc Material Invest, #180-265; EGLE Grant, #180-250; Everstream GPW Conn, #180-237; AT&T Tower, #180-261; Salter Park Basketball Court, #180-264, Johnston Park Basketball, #180-263 and Newcastle Sewer Backup, #180-269.
 8. Approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance in the amount of \$5,274.07 for software support on the district court's computer system.
 9. Approve payment to Grosse Pointe Woods in the amount of \$14,560.06 for the city's pro-rata portion of the operating and maintenance of the Torrey Road Pump Station for the period January through June 2021.
 10. Approve payment to RKA Petroleum Companies in the amount of \$12,262.10 for the purchase of 5,001 gallons of unleaded fuel.
 11. Approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$5,396.68 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of August and for IT support for all departments and the purchase of two computers and cables.
 12. Approve payment to PAATS and The Helm in the amount of \$20,000.00 for transportation services with Wayne County CDBG reimbursing us.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 08-111-21 2020 AUDIT

MOTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
To receive and file the 2020 Audit/Financial Report as submitted by the City's Auditors, Plante and Moran and also receive and file their management report.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 08-112-21 OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - LOT SPLIT REQUEST

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
To open the Public Hearing on the proposed Lot Split request at 17830 and 17860 E. Eight Mile Road.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 08-113-21 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - LOT SPLIT REQUEST

MOTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
To Close the public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 08-114-21 APPROVAL OF LOT SPLIT - 17830 AND 17860 E. EIGHT MILE

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Paiz:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the lot split request from Derek Kosicki of Michigan Surveying Inc. on behalf of Eastland Center Mall Realty Holding LLC to separate the free standing building and parking lot at 17830 and 17860 E. Eight Mile Road from the Eastland Mall site.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 08-115-21 APPROVAL OF REZONING - 17830 AND 17860 E. EIGHT MILE

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Williams:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the request from applicant Derek Kosicki of Michigan Surveying Inc. on behalf of Eastland Center Mall Realty Holding LLC to rezone Parcel Numbers 42-009-99-0003-008 and 42-009-99-0003-724, commonly known as Jimmy Jazz and Family Dollar from RS-1 to C-1.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Lyons.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 08-116-21 APPROVAL - EASTLAND CENTER; PLANNED
UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD)

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the request from Northpointe Development to rezone the parcel at 18000 Vernier Road, commonly known as Eastland Center, for the development of three industrial buildings, from RS-1 Regional Shopping district to a Planned Unit Development (PUD).

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons and Paiz.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM-08-117-21 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - AN
ORDINANCE REGULATING MARIJUANA BUSINESSES

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to Place for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance No 2021-01 entitled "Recreational Marihuana Establishments Ordinance of the City of Harper Woods Code of Ordinances," and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Kindle, Lyons, Paiz and Sawicki.

NO: Costantino and Williams

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 08-118-21 RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT - CLEMIS

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Paiz:
to approve the five-year agreement with CLEMIS Oakland County for Information Technology Services in the annual amount of \$26,897.00 to be paid in quarterly installments of \$6,724.25, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign this agreement on behalf of the City of Harper Woods.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki and Toussant.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 08-119-21 CONTRACT EXTENSION - SIMPLIFIED BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
to approve the contract extension proposal dated July 28, 2021 submitted by Tim O'Brien of Simplified Business Solutions, LLC with the current rates in effect through September of 2024, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Kindle, Costantino, Lyons, Sawicki, Toussant and Williams.
NO: Paiz

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 08-120-21 MILK RIVER - OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Paiz:
to approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$327,133.50 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for July through September 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 08-121-21 COAM - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

to approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Harper Woods and the Command Officers Association of Michigan providing specific language for interpretation of the method of calculating pension benefits accrued after December 1, 2015 and a method of deduction of employee contributions.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 08-122-21 ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MI MUNICIPAL
LEAGUE WORKER'S COMPENSATION FUND

MOTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

to cast the City's vote for the following persons to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Municipal League Worker's Compensation Fund:

Lois Allen-Richardson, Mayor, Ypsilanti; Brian Boggs, Council, Durand; Maureen Donker, Mayor, Midland; Scott Erickson, Manager, Ironwood and Susan Montenegro, Manager, Leslie.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 08-123-21 DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATES - MICHIGAN
MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

to designate Mayor Kindle as the City's official delegate, and Mayor Pro tem Costantino as the alternate delegate at the Michigan Municipal League's Annual meeting to be held during the September 22 through September 24, 2021 convention, unless another member of City Council is interested and plans to attend.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Calus shared his concern with the Marijuana Ordinance and that the ordinance committee hasn't met. He also commented about the drivers on Beaconsfield that are disobeying the signs and causing disruption in the construction area. He suggested that the police issue tickets. He also asked about the live scanner feeds and why Harper Woods no longer has the ability to send out the feed. Lastly he thanked the Planning Commissioners for their efforts and hard work with the Eastland Project.

Mr. Smith spoke of the recent Baseball camp that was sponsored by the City, the school district and NUMEN. He shared that it was well attended, successful and that it will be back next year, even better.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilwoman Costantino commented on the COAM agreement and that when it was first proposed several years ago the City was in financial distress and now our finances are looking better, but asked if this can be afforded. (The acting City Manager stated that this agreement was more of a housekeeping issue and the city is in a position to fund this.)

Councilwoman Williams commented about the summer baseball camp and suggested that with more advertising, more kids would sign up. She then offered condolences to Mr. Calus on the passing of his father.

Councilwoman Lyons also commented on the baseball camp saying that it was a success and that it is beneficial to the kids in the community and offered her thanks for everyone involved and that she is looking forward to next year. She then asked about the power outages as of late in the community and that residents are concerned as well and curious why it is happening so often. Lastly she offered her condolences to Mr. Calus.

Councilwoman Sawicki offered her condolences to Mr. Calus and echoed his comments about the traffic on Beaconsfield. She stated that drivers have been moving the signs and barricades to get through the construction. She suggested that the street may need to be closed to deter this. She spoke of the explanation from DTE that the outages are caused by residents not allowing DTE to cut their trees that are in the way of the power lines and offered that the residents could be fined in order to gain compliance. She then asked if DTE could provide us with a generator since ours is currently not working. She then asked about getting an update about the upgrades at Salter Park. Lastly she thanked the volunteers for thier cleanup efforts on Kelly Road and that they will be having a last

cleanup this weekend and all are welcome to join in and help.

Mayor Kindle commented that she is troubled about the lack of cohesiveness within the City Council members and the issues that are being spoke of on social media. The council shouldn't be tearing each other apart, and that everyone should do what is needed for their political gain, but we need to be kind to one another as this doesn't look good to the public. The residents deserve better and that we are all here as servants of the City and the City can't operate with everyone not getting along.

CM 08-124-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 09-125-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held August 9, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board held on June 17, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Mr. Calus asked when an Ordinance Committee meeting will be scheduled. He also commented about the SAFEbuilt invoice.

CM 09-126-21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 122614 through 122791 in the amount of \$895,864.98 as submitted by the Acting City

- Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. approve payment to LandUse/USA, LLC in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the final payment for the Target Market Analysis.
 3. approve payment to SAS Services Inc. in the amount of \$20,900.00 for the renovations and repair work at 19892 Cedar Ct. as part of the CDBG rehab loan project.
 4. approve payment to Cynergy Products in the amount of \$12,186.31 for the outfitting of vehicle #611 as part of the 2019 vehicle lease.
 5. approve payment to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms in the amount of \$10,938.34 for Harper Woods' proportionate share of the Intermunicipal Radio System for the period January 1 through June 30, 2021.
 6. approve payment to SAFEbuilt LLC in the amount of \$36,954.00 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of July 2021.
 7. approve payment to Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of \$6,724.25 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department.
 8. approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$7,776.20 for lawn cuttings at various residential homes, storm damage cleanup and restorations following tree removals.
 9. approve payment in the amount of \$5,600.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with a sewer line repair and a water service line repair at two residential locations.
 10. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,514.91 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of September 2021.
 11. approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$59,441.03 for professional services during the month of July 2020 for the following projects: 2021 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-260; Pavement Joint Seal, #180-258; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-256; Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-259; 2020 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-239; Eastland Center Redev. #180-244; Water Svc Material Invest, #180-265; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-231 and 253; Vernier Comcast, #180-272; Verizon Tower, #180-270; AT&T Cell Tower, #180-268; 20234 Fleetwood, #180-271 and Newcastle Sewer, #180-269.
 12. approve payment to MDL Tree Service in the amount of \$6,200.00 for the emergency removal of trees due to storm damage.
 13. approve payment to Budget Electric Generators in the amount of \$6,525.00 for the purchase of a generator for City Hall.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-127-21 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT -
2020 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED to accept the Regional Grant for SCBA Devices awarded through FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security in the shared amount of \$555,100.00 with the City of Wyandotte being the lead agency and further to approve the cost share distribution in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-128-21 PURCHASE OF LIVSCAN AND PICTURE LINK
COMPUTER UPGRADE - CLEMIS

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the purchase of the Live Scan system (fingerprinting) and Picture Link (booking room computer) equipment in the amount of \$17,456.22 to allow for the CLEMIS upgrade to Windows 10 and to remain in compliance with CLEMIS equipment.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Lyons.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-129-21 LIBRARY RESTORATION - JARVIS PROPERTY RESTORATION

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Lyons:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Jarvis Property Restoration in the amount of \$119,765.19 for the restoration at the library following severe water damage due to flooding, and further that the funds received from our insurance carrier be used for this purpose.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons and Paiz.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-130-21 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 1 - 2021 STORM
 SEWER REPAIR, #180-256

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$55,702.69 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2021 Storm Sewer Repair Project, #180-256.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons, Paiz and Sawicki.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-131-21 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 1 - 2021 PAVEMENT
 JOINT AND CRACK SEALING, #180-258.

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Michigan Joint Sealing, Inc. in the amount of \$40,168.37 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2021 Pavement Joint and Crack Sealing Project, #180-256.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki and Toussant.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-132-21 AMEND FEE SCHEDULE

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the amended fee schedule to incorporate the fee increases from the Department of Public Works relative to costs and fees associated with water meters and special pickups.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Kindle, Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant and Williams.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-133-21

ADOPT BUDGET SCHEDULE

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

To approve the 2022 Budget Meeting Schedule with workshops to be held at regular meetings on October 4, and October 18, and, if necessary to hold special meetings on October 11 and October 25 and further to hold a public hearing on the 2022 Budget on November 1, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Wilson shared her concerns about the continuous litter, rats, and threats from her neighbors and that she can't have family or friends over due to these concerns. She commented that she has reported this to the police department and hasn't seen any results.

Mr. Krass commented on the crime in his neighborhood. He offered a suggestion from an episode of "Caught in Providence" that utilizes cameras to take photos of license plates and issue tickets in an effort to stop speeders and other types of vehicular crime. Lastly he commented that the current acting City Manager should remain in that position as he lives in Harper Woods and has a vested interest in the community that the previous City Manager didn't.

Mr. Binder commented that the City did a great job handling the COVID vaccinations and that he had recommended that the news media do a story on the Mayor for all her efforts. He then commented about the crime in the community and that the Director needs to do a better job and the officers should notice the ordinance violators and address them while they are out patrolling.

Ms. Kafkas asked when the City would bring the recycling program back.

Mr. Van Pouker asked about installing a bike lane on Beaconsfield. He then commented that the former City Manager did a good job and should be brought back. Lastly he shared

a letter he received from SAFEbuilt regarding high grass.

Mr. Cadotte shared his concerns with quality of life and that it is not being met due to the noise of loud radios from cars and house parties. He also commented that houses are now being used as short term rentals and loud parties are being held with those renting not caring about the community and following the ordinances.

Mr. Jarvis shared that he is a candidate for City Council and that he has heard the negative comments about the police and he disagrees, it is the management of the city that is the problem, including the Council, the former and new Mayor as well as the former City Manager and the current one. He also asked what the plan is to address the library basement flood so that it doesn't happen again. Lastly he commented that he is currently running to serve and not to be served and he will serve this community.

Mr. Calus stated that he has asked for transparency from the City and that it is not happening. He continued by asking why the swearing in for a new officer earlier this summer was done with a photo op at the park and the same was not done for a recently hired officer. Also, why Officer Pauley hasn't been publicly recognized for his heroic actions saving a man caught in a vehicle on the freeway. He commented that the residents have not been told that the officers who were terminated last year were recently brought back and that Grosse Pointe Woods has pulled Harper Woods from their running card. With that happening and the development at Eastland happening, how would we respond to a large fire there, and that we should have a ladder truck. He further thanked two council members for sharing additional information regarding the PA33 issue with residents. Kudos were given to the Superintendent of Public Works and the great job he does and that he is very involved and works hard. Lastly he asked when the contractors would return to Beaconsfield to restore driveway approaches.

Mr. Ervin commented that he is running for City Council and that he had an opportunity to talk with his neighbors about how they feel about the current City Council and from his conversations, he decided to run to represent their concerns. He then stated that the City Council needs to work together in order to accomplish what is needed and respond to the issues brought up. With regard to the Eastland Project he asked what the owners plan to do for the community and that he wants to see them giving back and that this could be addressed in contracts with the owner and developers.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilwoman Costantino responded to Ms. Wilson and suggested that she contact the landlord with her concerns and that they could possibly evict them. She agreed that the police department has been spread thin and that the City is not receiving any interest in filling positions. She mentioned the crime prevention group that meets at the NEDC on

Kelly road and that could address the crime concerns with them.

Councilman Toussant shared that he reached out to the developers of Eastland regarding hiring residents for this project.

Councilwoman Lyons asked about the search for a new City Manager. She said that she like to have all of Council review the applicants. Lastly she asked when an Ordinance Committee meeting would be scheduled.

Councilwoman Paiz responded to residents' concerns regarding the library flooding, bike lanes, and the recycling program. She also commented that she is working with the MML to address the issue with PA33. With regard to a question she was recently asked about the former City Manager planning to outsource the DPW and the Recreation, she stated that was true and he did plan to do that. She then commented on the development at Eastland and that during the Planning Commission meeting jobs were addressed and that the fees for the Milk River drain will be reduced due to the detention ponds that the developers plan to install and that would be a great benefit for the tax payers. Also they plan to put in a wide sidewalk from Beaconsfield to Kelly for people to walk and ride.

Councilwoman Sawicki congratulated Anna Jochim and her Girl Scout troop for their efforts on the walking trail at Salter Park. She shared where the appropriate placement of candidate signs are according to the ordinance and commented about the use of cameras to ticket drivers is illegal in Michigan. She stated that there is a need to educate the residents about the ordinances, including the noise ordinance. The noise ordinance can only be enforced if a complaint is made and that the complainant must show up in court to testify. Additionally she commented on the recycling program and that Harper Woods was once known for the large volume of recycling that we did.

Councilwoman Williams responded to Ms. Wilson saying that she is pleased that this has been brought to their attention and that no resident should have to put up with this type of neighbor and that she should continue to speak with the Director. She followed up with the need to have more community involvement, attend the Ordinance committee meetings, volunteer with the crime reduction task force. To be involved means that change can happen. She then commented on the shortage of police officer applicants and her agreement about having a plan to address the library basement flooding. She then shared that she believes that a large amount of residents do care about the community they live in and those that don't follow the ordinance are merely uniformed about them. She then shared that one of the Grosse Pointe community's shares their crime information on their website and thought we should too. (The Harper Woods website recently added a crime dashboard.)

Mayor Kindle commented to Ms. Wilson that she too didn't receive the letter she sent to

all of the Council. She shared the issue with PA33 and addressed concerns stating that we are nowhere near laying off employees and that we are in a much better financial position than we have been in for several years. There is a plan and a plan B if necessary to address the police/fire millage. The need to work together is very important right now and she suggested that residents work to resolve issues with their neighbors if possible. Quality of life should not be ignored and that all residents need to be comfortable in their own homes. Lastly she mentioned the resolution regarding redistricting that was prepared similarly to that of our neighboring communities. She also stressed the importance of being in a similar district to that of the Grosse Pointe communities and part of Detroit as we share many services and collaborate with them, inclusive of the radio system, mutual aid and service contracts.

CM 09-134-21 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

To adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing an attorney opinion on an Employee Matter and EEOC Litigation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The City Council adjourned to Closed Session at 9:36 p.m. and reconvened at 10:47 p.m.

CM 09-135-21 ADD ITEM TO AGENDA - SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

To add to the Agenda an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Settlement Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-136-21 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
COMMISSION(EEOC) SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the Settlement Agreement with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: Lyons

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 09-137 -21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 09-138-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held September 8, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Beautification Commission held September 9, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 09-139 -21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Williams:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 122792 through 122916 in the amount of \$972,702.81 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance

Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.

2. approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$8,053.20 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks and also for lawn cuttings at various residential homes

3. approve payment to G2 Consulting Group LLC in the amount of \$7,092.75 for their environmental observation and testing services in conjunction with the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project

4. approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$5,396.68 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of August, IT support services for all departments and the purchase of two computers and accessories.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Dick commented about his respect for the current City Council and administration as well as the former Mayor and Judge. He then expressed concern about noise violations saying it is a real problem.

Mr. Williams asked at what point are the plans for a commission for charter revision.

Mr. Robert Good stated that there is trash and an overflowing dumpster at the Eastwood Kelly gas station which blows all over when it's windy. He also mentioned that sidewalks are hard to navigate due to overgrown trees and bushes.

Mr. Cadotte said that short term rentals are a problem and the Ordinance Committee should move forward to prohibit them. He then asked about the process to replace lead water lines as mandated by the State. Next he said taxes are high in Harper Woods which hurt home values and he is anxious to see if taxes from Eastland help to alleviate taxes on homeowners.

Mr. Gerald Ervin mentioned the Kelly Rd. traffic light is not functioning at the cross walk and street lights are out. He also said the Charter revision needs to be addressed.

Public Safety Director Smith said there will be a crime reduction workshop overview on October 7 and he would like to form a committee to oversee this workshop.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilperson Williams stated that she has brought up the need for the charter revision commission several times and nothing has been done up to this point.

Councilperson Sawicki explained the difference between ordinances and the charter. She then shared that she received information regarding narcan training and suicide prevention to be held at WCCCD on September 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilperson Paiz mentioned that the MML website outlines a process for Charter amendment/revision. She next said that many communities are having difficulty with officer recruitment and that Senate Bill 483 will be addressing this issue. An analysis should be done to determine the factors that are causing recruitment issues. She said that she has heard that classrooms in Harper Woods School district are very overcrowded and explained that the City and the School District are separate entities and this issue should be addressed to the school superintendent and school board. She commented that the school resource officer is back on road duty. She then said she has heard of a fire/ambulance combination being discussed and while she has always supported the fire department, the City does not have the money for purchases and CARES money is for Covid purposes not salaries etc. She stated that the City has contracted with MedStar and they are the ones to address any issues and they handle the billing of those that use the ambulance service.

Councilperson Lyons stated that there is an MML convention next week and many members plan on attending. She next said that the Beautiful Neighborhood group has become a 501c3 and she hopes they will continue their clean up efforts. She then said that she felt the comment made by acting City Manager Szymanski implying immaturity about her previous motion was not fair or appropriate.

Councilperson Toussant expressed his thanks to the neighborhood picnic attendees.

Councilperson Costantino announced that there will be an October 7 workshop for fire safety week which is open to 40 people in our Fire Department. She then mentioned the committee should have been working on the charter revision for 2 years and that they have dropped the ball on this issue. She said further there is a number of ridiculous things in the charter that could be addressed for example, the clarification of electing the Mayor Pro tem and redefining public safety. She then commented that the City needs to find a way to reward commission members and encourage volunteers in their efforts. She stated that she felt the acting City Manager's comments were unnecessary and biased towards some Council members.

Mayor Kindle stated that a City Manager is accountable to all Council members and that includes the former City Manager as well who circumvented both the Charter and Council with the creation of the NEDC group and noted that many other groups have participated in clean-up efforts. She said further that it is time to put aside the past and that all residents want what is best for Harper Woods and we should move on from the former City manager who does not live in this community.

CM 09-140-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The special City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 6:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS - CITY MANAGER POSITION

The three Candidates, Jubbar Hill, Colin Mays and Monique Owens were given a brief period of time to introduce themselves and give a brief overview of their background, education and experience. Council was then given the opportunity to ask appropriate questions and gain insight to what each candidate could offer our community.

City Council then voted for candidates as follows:

VOTE NO. 1

Monique Owens	4 votes	Councilperson Williams, Councilperson Costantino, Councilperson Paiz and Mayor Kindle
Colin Mays	3 votes	Councilperson Sawicki, Councilperson Toussant and Councilperson Lyons

CM 09-141-21 OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT- CITY MANAGER POSITION

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

BE IT RESOLVED to extend a conditional offer of employment to Monique Owens for the position of City Manager for the City of Harper Woods, and further that the standard employment agreement be prepared and necessary background information be performed, and further that said employment agreement be accepted at the next Regular City Council meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Paiz, Williams and Kindle.

NO: Lyons, Sawicki and Toussant.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Jenny said the Council hired a self promoter and did not listen to the public.

Mr. Jarvis said the candidates were an impressive group. He then said that visions of Harper Woods were discussed by these candidates and that his vision of Harper Woods is we need to stop riding the coattails of other communities. He said Mr. Mays would have been the better choice because he knows how to separate his personal life and his work and that he is a man of integrity and he should have been chosen since it is his desire to be a City Manager. He said Harper Woods needs to stand on its own and Ms. Owens will be moving through here on to something bigger. He stated his vision is for the City to have at least \$5 million in reserve and Grosse Pointe should be calling and copying Harper Woods. He then said Ms. Owens must make sure that she benefits our residents and what works for Eastpointe may not work for Harper Woods.

A resident stated that Mr. Mays has the gravitas for the City Manager position and that the Council should state in the agreement with Ms. Owens that Harper Woods comes first.

A resident said they were disappointed in the choice made.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilperson Costantino said if one looks at the resumes, the overall picture would show that Ms. Owens is the best choice at this time because she will be able to update our master plan, our recreation plan and other things without any learning curve. She said she

is organized and the right choice for right now.

Councilperson Williams said she understands the concerns and was also on the fence but had to do what was best for Harper Woods. She said she didn't think Mr. Mays had enough experience and had not done enough research prior to tonight.

Councilperson Sawicki stated there is no need to justify her vote.

Councilperson Paiz questioned the no votes and asked for an explanation of their idea of a learning curve.

CM 09-142-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Williams:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 4, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 10-143-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held September 20, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held August 19, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Mr. Calus asked about making the workbooks available to the public for the budget workshop.

Mr. Schenburn asked why the City employs SafeBuilt when they don't do their job and said the City would make more money with a full time employee.

DPW Superintendent William Snyder spoke about the payment to G2 Consulting saying he was not satisfied with the invoice and asked that it be removed.

CM 10-144-21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda, Numbers 1-4 and 6-9:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 122904 through 123010 in the amount of \$267,947.67 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. approve payment to BB&T Governmental Finance in the amount of \$21,900.01 for the interest payment on the Capital Improvement Bond.
3. approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$59,374.48 for professional services during the month of August for the following projects: 2021 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-260; Pavement Joint Seal, #180-258; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-256; Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-259; Water Svc Material Invest, #180-265; Eastland Center Redev. #180-244; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-231 and 253; Beaconsfield WM Crossing, #180-266; Verizon Tower, #180-270; Drinking Water Asset Mgmt, #180-246; Miss Digs, #180-255 and Newcastle Sewer, #180-269.
4. approve payment in the amount of \$11,500.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with a water main repair and replacement of lead service lines at various residential locations.
5. Removed for further review.
6. to approve payment to RKA Petroleum Companies in the amount of \$11,366.15 for the purchase of 5,000 gallons of unleaded fuel.
7. approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$5,660.00 for removing diseased trees in various parts of the City and for necessary tree trimming.
8. approve payment to SAFEbuilt LLC in the amount of \$43,816.80 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of August 2021.
9. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,514.91 for the contractual assessing services for the month of October 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 10-145-21 EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT - CITY MANAGER

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

To resume the process of seeking candidates for the position of City Manager for the City of Harper Woods.

NO: Lyons and Toussant

MOTION CARRIED

CM 10-146-21 SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARINGS - 17890 AND 18000 VERNIER

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

to schedule three separate public hearings to be held at the October 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of 1) Establishing a Commercial Redevelopment District, 2) Approval of a Commercial Facilities Exemption Certificate and 3) Approval of a Brownfield plan, and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of these hearings in accordance with the City Charter.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 10-147-21 AWARD OF BID - 20010 KELLY ROAD PARKING LOT REPAIR

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Costantino :

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the bid submitted by L. Anthony in the amount of \$18,960.00 for the removal of asphalt and replacement of 8" of concrete in the parking lot of the city owned building at 20010 Kelly Road.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Costantino, Kindle and Lyons.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 10-148-21 BEACONSFIELD RESURFACING PROJECT

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$63,556.23 for the city's proportionate share of the Beaconsfield

Resurfacing Project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Costantino, Kindle, Lyons and Paiz.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 10-149-21 ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MICHIGAN
MUNICIPAL LEAGUE LIABILITY AND PROPERTY POOL

MOTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To cast the City's vote for the following persons to serve on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool: Robert Clark, Mayor of Monroe, Thad Beard, Manager of Rockford and Dan Swallow, Manager of Tecumseh.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Krass read an excerpt of a Supreme Court law from 1964 with regard to public comment and then asked if there was a reason why Mr. Szymanski isn't made the permanent City Manager.

Mr. Dick thanked Mayor Kindle for addressing the PA 33 issue in the recent issue of the Insider. He also asked that the Sunoco station at Kelly and Eastwood be given a violation, he recently saw them blowing their garbage onto the neighboring properties and in the street.

Ms. Kafkas asked for information regarding the Eastland development and if the money that the City will likely receive from this development would bring back the recycling program. She then commented on the bin at Beacon Elementary that collects paper is overfull and needs to be picked up. She then inquired if there was a list of snow removal companies that the City recommends for homeowners.

Mr. Calus commented on the parking lot repair at 20010 Kelly road saying it is long overdue, his driveway that needs attention following the Beaconsfield resurface project, and his concerns about a possible misunderstanding with a motion that failed at the last City Council meeting regarding the City Manager position. He also commented about the Charter amendments and the Code of Ethics as it pertains to the City Manager.

He then mentioned that a workshop is going to be held October 7 for Fire Safety.

Mr. Selburn stated his disappointment that the Mayor commented on a political issue in a taxpayer paid newsletter, the Insider. He then commented on the PA33 issue and said he felt that the 20 mills for the Police and Fire is just a shell game by the City and it is unfortunate that the City didn't see the potential rise in population sooner in an effort to get in front of this.

Mr. McBride commented on seeing rats in his neighborhood and that a Dodge Charger continually speeds down his block.

Mr. Schenburn commented about an Airbnb on Roscommon that is being rented out for parties and they are a nuisance. He suggested cameras be placed on these short term rental properties. He then commented about the home he recently sold where upgrades were made and no permits were pulled, he went on to say that SAFEbuilt isn't doing their job and the City needs to let them go and hire a full time building inspector and staff.

A resident on Lennon commented about the new water meters and that he had a high bill at one point of \$600 and hasn't since and feels he was overcharged mistakenly.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilwoman Costantino mentioned her solutions for keeping rats away, including picking up after dogs, not putting out bird feed, picking up brush and checking for holes under porches and decks where they live and putting in traps. She then commented on the Fire Safety workshop planned for October 7.

Councilwoman Lyons also commented on the Fire Safety workshop scheduled for October 7. She then gave an overview of the workshops that were provided by MML at their recent conference.

Councilwoman Paiz shared that GPAAS will be having a drive thru spaghetti dinner fundraiser on October 21 at the Amvets. She then commented that the Mayor, the acting City Manager and the Public Safety Director went to Lansing to advocate for the population adjustment for PA33. She also attended the MML conference where she was a moderator on a diversity panel. With regard to the complaint about the Sunoco gas station she asked if something more can be done to address this issue as it has come up many times in the past. In response to a resident, she commented that the City did address the population threshold issue with regard to PA33 last year and never received a response from our representatives.

Councilwoman Sawicki shared that the reason the City does not provide a listing of preferred snow removal companies is that if a homeowner is dissatisfied with the company on the list or there are legal issues, it could cause the City to be held liable for the recommendation. She also spoke of the rat issues residents are having and suggested that if rat bait is purchased, that it be pet friendly so as not to harm pets.

Councilwoman Williams commented that a listing of companies sounded like a good idea to be posted somewhere. She then commented about recent inquiries about the usage of the CCI building on Kelly that belongs to the school district, saying that the usage is up to the school district and the City has nothing to do with it.

Councilman Toussant shared that he thought the matter of the CCI building has been addressed by the school district.

Mayor Kindle commented about PA33 stating that even if the matter fails in Lansing, the City has a Plan B and that the City will continue obtaining the necessary mills to keep the departments running.

CM 10-150-21

2022 BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION

MOTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
To adjourn to the Budget workshop session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

City Council recessed at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9:04 p.m.

2022 BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION

The acting City Manager gave an overview of each of the current funds and answered questions.

The public was given an opportunity to ask questions regarding the draft of the 2022 Budget.

CM 10-151-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting

is hereby adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 18, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 10-152-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held October 4, 2021, special City Council meeting held September 30, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Election Commission meeting held on October 6, 2021 and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority meeting held on October 8, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Mr. Schenburn commented about the amount of money that is paid to SAFEbuilt and asked why we can't hire two people and a secretary to run the building department.

Mr. Calus also commented about the recent SAFEbuilt invoice.

CM 10-153-21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 123011 through 123103 in the amount of \$401,672.22 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. approve payment to SAFEbuilt LLC in the amount of \$37,842.80 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of September 2021.
3. approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$8000.66 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of October 2021 and for IT support services for all departments and various purchases.
4. approve payment to City Insight in the amount of \$7,125.00 for an installment payment for the enhancement to the water application portal.
5. approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$8,526.60 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks and also for lawn cuttings at various residential homes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 10-154 -21 PUBLIC HEARING - ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMERCIAL
REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED
AT 17890 AND 18000 VERNIER ROAD.

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

to open the Public Hearing on the Commercial Redevelopment District Designation Request from NP Eastland Commerce Center Industrial LLC.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING

Tim Conder of Northpoint explained the details of the redevelopment project and answered questions.

Mr. Williams shared his concerns about diesel fumes and the potential for hazardous material spills and asked if there was a plan in place to remediate these issues.

Mr. Krass also shared his concerns about diesel trucks idling in the lots and their fumes that can cause cancer.

Councilwoman Paiz remarked that the questions and concerns being expressed have been addressed at the Planning Commission meetings prior to these hearings tonight.

Mr. Dick asked what the length of time the tax abatement will be.

Mr. Hakim shared that as a planning commissioner, the issues being raised were addressed by Northpoint at Planning Commission meetings and that the process needs to move forward.

Mr. Buscemi, a Planning Commissioner, commented that this is a great development and it will help pick up the City. He further stated that he didn't want to see it fall apart at this point over issues already addressed.

Mr. McBride thanked Mr. Conder for his presentation and commented that the investors and developers are bringing significant revenue and improvements to the City and is confident that if any issues do arise, that he trusts our City officials will do the right thing for the community.

Mr. Schenburn asked if the developers were required to hire a percentage of Harper Woods residents for the project.

Councilwoman Williams suggested that if anyone had additional questions of the developer they could be asked after the meeting also.

Councilwoman Costantino opined that these developers are professional and not their first project and that they have responded to the concerns raised at the Planning Commission meeting and also at a City Council meeting. She further stated that this will be a great improvement to the City.

Councilwoman Paiz shared the history of the previous owner of the mall site and how it was left to erode away without any improvements and that the new owners paid the back taxes and utilities. She then commented that they have bent over backwards to appease the City on this project.

Councilman Toussant commented how the developers changed the design of the buildings and the appearance of them when they were asked to do so.

Councilwoman Sawicki asked when the next Planning Commission meeting will be held to review the site plans (The Planning Commission meeting has been scheduled for November 3, at 7:00 p.m.)

CM 10-155-21 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
to close the Public Hearing.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 10-156-21 ESTABLISH THE COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
BE IT RESOLVED to Adopt the attached Resolution Establishing a Commercial Redevelopment District within the City of Harper Woods as described pursuant to the provisions of PA255 of 1978 to be known as Eastland Center Commercial Redevelopment District No. 1.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 10-157 -21 PUBLIC HEARING - APPROVAL OF A COMMERCIAL
FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR THE PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 17890 AND 18000 VERNIER ROAD.

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Lyons:
to open the Public Hearing on the Approval of a Commercial Facilities Exemption Certificate from NP Eastland Commerce Center Industrial LLC.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING

Councilwoman Sawicki asked that the acting City Manager give additional clarification and

information on this item.

Mr. Barr, attorney on this project stated that this exemption is an important part of the project. He then commented that the tax abatement will allow the developers to defray some of their expenses in order to retain funding for demolition of the current structure, lead and asbestos abatement and construction of three buildings to be used for light industrial, a parking lot and storm water management. This will be for a period of 13 years.

CM 10-158-21 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
to close the Public Hearing

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 10-159-21 APPROVAL OF THE COMMERCIAL FACILITIES
EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Lyons:
BE IT RESOLVED to Adopt the attached Resolution approving a Commercial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the real property located in Eastland Center Commercial Redevelopment District No. 1 at 17890 and 18000 Vernier for a period ending twelve (12) years after the expected completion of construction, beginning December 31, 2021 and ending December 30, 2034 pursuant to the provisions of PA 255 of 1978, as amended, subject to the execution of the Essential Services Agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Lyons.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 10-160-21 PUBLIC HEARING - APPROVAL OF A BROWNFIELD
PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT
17890 AND 18000 VERNIER ROAD

MOTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
to open the Public Hearing on the Approval of a Brownfield Plan for the property located at 17890 and 18000 Vernier Road.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING

Councilwoman Williams asked when the abatement process would begin and how long it would take. (Abatement will begin very soon and will likely have most of the process finished by the end of this year.)

Councilwoman Costantino commented that the Brownfield Plan is basically put in place to clean up toxic or hazardous areas of a community.

Mr. Krass asked if this abatement process would be similar to when Queen of Peace was taken down. (All Michigan regulations will be followed during the entire process and all protocols will be followed.)

Councilwoman Lyons asked if all of the hazardous areas have been located within the property.

Mr. Schenburn asked if the tunnel would be included in the abatement.

CM 10-161-21 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
to close the Public Hearing

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 10-162-21 APPROVE THE BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 17890 AND 18000 VERNIER ROAD

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Paiz:
BE IT RESOLVED to Adopt the attached Resolution Approving the Brownfield Plan of the City of Harper Woods Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the Eastland Center Redevelopment Project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons and Paiz.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 10-163-21 ESSENTIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - NP EASTLAND
COMMERCE ENTER INDUSTRIAL LLC

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Essential Services Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and NP Eastland Commerce Center Industrial LLC in connection with its proposed redevelopment of the former Eastland Mall property located at 17890 and 18000 Vernier Road, NP Eastland Commerce Center Industrial LLC, a Missouri limited liability company has offered to enter into an Essential Services Agreement with the City of Harper Woods to assist the City in providing various City Services typically funded through ad valorem real property taxes and further, to authorize the Mayor, acting City Manager and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons, Paiz and Sawicki.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 10-164 -21 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 2 - 2021 STORM SEWER
REPAIR, #180-256

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$2,420.92 for Progress Payment No. 2 on the 2021 Storm Sewer Repair Project, #180-256.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki and Toussant.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 10-165-21 CONTRACT EXTENSION - 2021 STORM SEWER
REPAIR, #180-256

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

BE IT RESOLVED approve the Contract Modification in the approximate amount of \$40,649.00 with Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC of Waterford for the 2021 Storm Sewer Repair Program #180-256.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Kindle, Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant and Williams.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Hakim thanked the developers for their attendance at this meeting. He also mentioned that all of the Planning Commission members have completed the Citizen Planner course offered through the MSU extension program and they all take their jobs as members of this commission very seriously. He then commented about the flooding that took place in June and that while he was able to claim some damages with his insurance company for a basement backup, he is unable to purchase flood insurance due to Harper Woods not being in a flood zone. He then followed this with his understanding that the City hasn't met all of FEMA's requirements to allow Harper Woods to declare as a Flood Plain area and asked for this to be looked into.

A resident on Lennon asked why the City chose to cancel the recycling program.

Mr. Schenburn commented on the short term rentals on his block and shared what Ferndale does to monitor these rentals. He then asked what could be done about the rental hall on Kelly as it is becoming a problem with noise and ordinance violations. He suggested that instead of speed bumps as a traffic slowing device that we move to traffic humps instead as Detroit has. Lastly he opined that SAFEbuilt is not doing their job as he is aware that the house across from him has been making improvements and hasn't pulled any permits.

Mr. Krass complained about cars speeding down his street and he shared an incident where a child was almost hit near his home. He then stated that the National Guard will come in order to get this under control.

Mr. Calus stated that Northpoint has a good reputation and he thanked them for accommodating the community with their redevelopment project.

Mr. Dick commented about the trash and noise issues in his neighborhood and how he and

his neighbors try to work together to curb these issues and he thanked the police department for their help with this as well. Lastly he thanked the DPW superintendent for his efforts and dedication to the community.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilwoman Costantino remarked that the recently held Fire Safety workshop was a success and that all those that participated had a good time and learned a lot. She then shared some upcoming events including the Budget adoption on November 1, the Beautification Awards on November 15, the Planning Commission meeting on November 3, the Tree Lighting on November 17 and the Ordinance Committee meeting scheduled for December 6.

Councilman Toussant mentioned that the parking lot behind the Kelly Rd building is just about complete and looks great so far. He said that the sessions during the fire safety workshop were great and that he is currently working with the Judge and the High School to educate students about the Court system. Lastly he shared that while he is excited about the redevelopment, he will certainly miss the stores and services that are within the mall.

Councilwoman Lyons thanked the DPW superintendent for his dedication and hard work, even during his own time. She also commented on the Fire Safety workshops, saying that the 'stop the bleed' session was informative. She then suggested that residents write to their Representatives to ask that more be done to require companies to use more recycled content in their products, so the need to recycle returns.

Councilwoman Williams asked if there was a coalition of any type between the City and the School District. She then shared that even though we may not agree with the audience or one another, it doesn't mean that we should not listen and that we need to be respectful when we provide answers as well.

Councilwoman Sawicki reminded everyone that November 2 is election day and to get out and vote. She also shared that the reason the school and city do not share committees is that it would involve having too much power within the two entities.

Councilwoman Paiz commented about the upcoming K9 fundraiser that GPAAS is sponsoring on November 21 with a drive-thru spaghetti dinner at the Amvets. She then stated that GPAAS raises about \$10,000 a year that provides a lot of resources for our K9 unit. She then commented about the concerns raised about SAFEbuilt and shared a court case out of the City of Troy with regard to their building department.

Mayor Kindle thanked Northpoint for their overview of the project and that she is looking forward to the development especially where taxes are concerned, as this development will raise property taxes for everyone. She further said that it was a great experience working with them and she can't wait to see the results. She then commented that speeding is definitely an issue and that it needs to be addressed. She will work with the Director to find solutions to this. She apologized for missing the Fire Safety workshops as she was attending a meeting to discuss the development at Poupard school. Lastly she invited everyone to attend the Lion's Club Pasta Dinner on November 6 at the Amvets from 5pm to 10pm.

CM 10-166-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 1, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Ivery Toussant and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: Councilperson Vivian Sawicki.

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 11-167-21 EXCUSE COUNCILPERSON SAWICKI

MOTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
To excuse Councilperson Sawicki from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.

ABSENT: Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

CM 11-168-21 MINUTES

MOTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Lyons:
To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held October 18, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Ordinance Committee meeting held October 13, 2021 and the Library Board meeting held September 16, 2021.

ABSENT: Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Mr. Calus asked about the recent budget workshops and then he asked for the workbook contents that Council received.

CM 11-169-21 CM 07-98-21 - SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - AN
ORDINANCE TO REGULATE SHORT TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES

MOTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

Remove item CM 07-98-21 - Second Reading and Adoption - An Ordinance to Regulate Short Term Rental Properties from Tabled and Pending Items and place under Old Business 1.

ABSENT: Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

CM 11-170-21 CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Lyons:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 123104 through 123289 in the amount of \$550,832.79 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. approve payment to G2 Consulting Group LLC in the amount of \$5,618.00 for their quality control observation and product evaluation services in conjunction with our Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project.
3. approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$22,757.15 for professional services during the month of September 2021 for the following projects: 2021 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-260; 2021 Pavement Joint Seal, #180-258; 2020 Pavement Joint Seal, #180-226; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-256; Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-259; Water Svc Material Invest, #180-265; Storm Water Ord, #180-265; Eastland Center Redev. #180-244; Johnston park Basketball, #180-263; Salter Park Basketball court, #180-264; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-231 and 253; Kelly Rd Ped Crossing, #180-208; AT&T Tower, #180-268; Crown Castle, #180-252; 19601 Vernier/Comcast, #180-272; MRIDDD Sensor, #180-273 and Risk and Resilience Assessment, #180-262.

4. approve payment to MI Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Resource Management (EGLE) in the amount of \$5,863.16 for the city's annual water supply fee.
5. approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$6025.00 for removing diseased trees in various parts of the City and for necessary tree trimming.
6. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,514.91 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of November 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 11-171-21 CM 07-98-21 - SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - AN
ORDINANCE TO REGULATE SHORT TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to Place for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance No. 2021-02 entitled, "The Short Term Rental Ordinance," and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Lyons, Paiz, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, and Costantino.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 11-172-21 OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - 2022 BUDGET

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Williams:
to open the Public Hearing on the 2022 Budget.

ABSENT: Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING

The acting City Manager gave an overview of the budget and its contents including each fund and their balances.

Mr. Cadotte said he was concerned about property taxes for 2022 because the rate of inflation is high and they will probably go up 5%. Taxes already high and with the millage it may be a hardship for some. He asked if the City will receive any money from the ARPA plan and said that high taxes are causing property values to remain low.

CM 11-173-21 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - 2022 BUDGET

MOTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
to close the Public Hearing on the 2022 Budget.

ABSENT: Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

CM 11-174-21 ADOPTION OF TAX LEVY RESOLUTION - 2022 BUDGET

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Lyons:
BE IT RESOLVED adopt the Tax Levy Resolution set forth on page 1 of the budget document hereby establishing the following tax rate for 2022.

General	19.7091
General (P.A. 359)	.2179
Refuse	2.5144
Library	1.8888
Debt	1.0000
TOTAL	<u>25.3302</u>

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, and Lyons.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 11-175-21 ADOPTION OF BUDGET ADOPTION AND
APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION - 2022 BUDGET

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
BE IT RESOLVED approve the Budget Adoption and Appropriation Resolution found on
Page 2 of the budget document, thereby adopting the 2022 Budget as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons, Paiz and Sawicki
NO: None
ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 11-176-21 2022 STORM WATER UTILITY RATE RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION by Lyons, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED that a rate of \$210.00 per residential equivalent unit will continue and
is hereby established for the storm water utility charge to be billed December 1, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Lyons, Paiz , and Toussant.
NO: None.
ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 11-177-21 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 2/FINAL 2021
JOINT/CRACK SEALING PROJECT, #180-258

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Lyons:
BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to Michigan Joint Sealing, Inc. in the amount of
\$2,500.00 for Progress Payment No. 2, Final on the 2021 Pavement Joint/Crack Sealing
Project, #180-258.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Kindle, Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Toussant and Williams.
NO: None.
ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 11-178-21 BEACONSFIELD RESURFACING PROJECT - PROGRESS PAYMENT

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$7,325.75 for the city's proportionate share of the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Lyons, Paiz, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Cadotte said that DTE is again charging Harper Woods residents a transitional recovery mechanism (TRM) fee. He said they are underwriting the cost of DTE taking over Detroit public lighting and we should complain to the MPSC because citizens shouldn't have to pay for this and we should protest.

Ms. Campbell asked who requested that the holiday decorations at the City sign be taken down and that it was disrespectful to the Tabron's who were responsible for putting them up.

Ms. Tabron said that she was disappointed that the decorations were taken down and that they should have been returned to them. She stated she has been volunteering since they moved here and that she and her husband take pride in the community.

Mr. Calus said that there are several Facebook pages that showed the decorations being put up, and that several city officials are on those pages, so the City shouldn't say they didn't know who put the decorations up, they should have known and asked to have them removed or returned. He said that the volunteers have been putting up decorations for years and that they are also candidates who are not well liked. He said in all his years of voting he has not seen hatred like this before.

A resident stated that when he moved here in 2005, the City was a dream and he was amazed how clean it was. He has always loved this community and his motto for volunteering is "just do it" and he does not see the point of punishing someone who just wants to do just that.

Mr. Williams asked about the charter commission. He said he hasn't heard anything about this commission planning to meet.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilperson Williams mentioned it is election day tomorrow and that the League of Woman Voters recently held a forum that all the Council and Mayor candidates were present. The video of this can be found on Youtube and she suggested that everyone watch it before voting.

Councilperson Paiz shared that the GPAAS fundraiser raised \$3,500 in donations. She said that Mr. Calus mentioned that Councilwoman Lyons was part of the group that decorated and wondered why she did not seek out direction from the City. She mentioned that in regards to the Charter Commission she is friends with a Dearborn Councilmember who mentioned to her that they are also looking to rewrite their charter and plan to elect commission members for this. She will keep us updated as they go through the process.

Councilperson Lyons stated that DPW was informed last year about the decorations so they were just done again this year. She said that she must be seen as the rebel here, and that she didn't understand the role of the Beautification Commission's and stated that they do not get along with the NEDC beautiful neighborhoods group. She then reminded all to vote and said it has been an honor to serve on Council.

Councilperson Toussant spoke about a field trip on November 18 that will give Harper Woods students an opportunity to attend court and this should be a good experience. He then said it should be a good Halloween this year with good weather. He mentioned the League of Womans voter forum and said the the NAACP also hosted a forum. He then said he has learned the Charter is important but that Unions supercede some of the charter and he said we should develop a business plan as well.

Councilperson Costantino said that people have been planting and decorating the City signs for years. She said that she has served on the Beautification Commission and this has not been a problem until recently. She said she feels that this issue is political and we should stop beating down our volunteers but treat them with respect. Next she shared that the Beautification Awards will be presented on November 15 and the Ordinance Commission will meet on December 6. Lastly she stated the election was tomorrow.

Councilperson Paiz asked the City Attorney's opinion regarding possible liability with volunteer groups.

Mayor Kindle said that all the volunteers have to do is follow proper procedures and that

we have rules to follow and this is what happens when the rules are not followed, letting people's feelings be hurt. She said she is sorry people are upset. She then said she is happy the election is tomorrow and that all of the nastiness, craziness, rudeness etc. will end and that a house divided is a house that fails. She shared that the Lions Club pasta dinner is on November 6 and we should support this group. She said that the City will look into the TRM fee on the DTE billing again with the MPSC. She mentioned that a group of people under the police chaplain patrolled the community for Halloween and offered traffic assistance so trick or treaters could be safe. She lastly said the Trunk or Treat event at Salter Park was great for a number of families.

CM 11-179-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

ABSENT: Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 8, 2021

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 8:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Councilperson(s) Ernestine Lyons, Veronica Paiz, Vivian Sawicki, Ivery Toussant and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino.

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

OATH OF OFFICE - MAYOR

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to the newly elected Mayor, Valerie Kindle.

OATH OF OFFICE - CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to the following newly elected Council Members: Vivian M. Sawicki, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Tom Jenny.

CM 11-180-21

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

WHEREAS, Section 4.3 of the City Charter, as amended, requires the City Council to elect the Council member receiving the highest number of votes at the most recent City election to serve as Mayor Pro tem, and

WHEREAS, Vivian Sawicki is the Council member receiving the highest number of votes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council does hereby elect Vivian Sawicki to the Office of Mayor Pro tem for the term expiring at the first Council meeting following the next regular City election.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle

NO: None.

ABSENT: Costantino

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 11-181-17

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Williams:

That the agenda of the special City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 15, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Vivian Sawicki, Councilperson(s) Cheryl Costantino, Tom Jenny, Veronica Paiz, Ivery Toussant and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

PRESENTATION

The Mayor and members of the Beautification Commission presented the annual Beautification Awards to Laura Sanger, Nicholas Derra, Tammy Woodbury, Donald and Sarah Rypkowski, Don and Kashandra Miesik, John and Dawn Drozd, Kathy and Jerry McCartney and the business winner Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. The award winners were presented with a commemorative plaque.

CM 11-180-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held November 1, 2021, the Special Council meeting held November 8, 2021 and receive and file the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held November 3, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 11-181-21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 123290 through 123392 in the amount of \$228,150.57 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. approve payment to Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of \$6,782.25 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department.
3. approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$6,265.20 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of November and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of two computers and accessories.
4. approve payment to SAFEbuilt LLC in the amount of \$35,824.00 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of October 2021.
5. approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$11,318.50 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks and also for lawn restorations at various residential homes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-182-21

SITE PLAN - NP EASTLAND CENTER DEVELOPMENT

MOTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

To receive and file the updated site plan submitted by Northpoint Development for the redevelopment of Eastland Center at 18000 Vernier Road.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-183-21

PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 2 - 2021
CONCRETE PAVEMENT REPAIR, #180-260

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Jenny:
BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to L. Anthony Construction Inc., in the amount of \$23,067.38 for Progress Payment No. 2 on the 2021 Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-260.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, and Costantino.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-184-21 TRANSFER TO 2021 WINTER TAX ROLE DELINQUENT
CITY SERVICES, SPECIAL PICKUPS AND METER REPLACEMENT

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
BE IT RESOLVED Approve the transfer of \$51,050.84 for Miscellaneous City Services, \$24,955.00 for Special Pickups and \$2,267.00 for Meter Replacements (total of \$78,272.84) to the 2021 Winter Tax Roll as proposed and submitted by the acting Treasurer.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Costantino, Kindle and Jenny.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-185-21 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT -
TECHNICAL PROFESSIONAL AND OFFICE WORKERS
ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN - DPW UNIT

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Jenny:
BE IT RESOLVED approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and the Technical, Professional and Officeworkers Association of Michigan (TPOAM), DPW Unit covering the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024, and further to authorize the Mayor and the City Manager to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Costantino, Kindle, Jenny and Paiz.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-186-21 WAGE ADJUSTMENT - EXEMPT/ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the wage adjustments in accordance with the TPOAM - DPW Unit collective bargaining agreement for all Exempt/Administrative employees.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Costantino, Kindle, Jenny, Paiz and Sawicki

NO: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-187-21 REDESIGN AND REMODEL OF FINANCE/TREASURER OFFICE

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the bid submitted by Creative Office Interiors in the amount of \$23,366.29 for the redesign and remodel of the Finance/Treasurers' area and further, that due to only receiving one bid, that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Williams, Costantino, Kindle, Jenny, Paiz, Sawicki and Toussant.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-188-21 ADD ITEM TO AGENDA - CROSS CONNECTION
CONTROL PROGRAM CONTRACT RENEWAL

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

To add to the agenda the Cross Connection Control Program Contract Renewal.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-189-21 HYDRO CORP - CONTRACT RENEWAL

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the contract renewal dated November 11, 2021 from HydroCorp for their professional inspection services of backflow preventative devices for three years, in the amount of \$19,224.00, payable monthly (\$534.00) for the 36 month period.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant and Williams.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Hakim asked if there was any followup to FEMA and the flood plain for flood insurance. He then offered to pay for the first 1000 dog baggies if the City will put up dog waste stations at Salter Park.

Ms. Montgomery questioned parking permits saying that several cars that are parking in front of her house do not have permits.

Mr. Rochelle said that Harper Woods is a great place to live but is lax on code enforcement especially with parking permits and that leaf pick up is hindered when cars are parked on the street. Ordinances that are mentioned in the Insider as reminders to residents are not even followed nor are the homeowners ticketed. He questioned what good an ordinance is if not followed. He said many people don't cut their lawns and asked what happened to the car that drove through the community and issued warnings. He said further that speeding is an issue and speed bumps are necessary and garbage cans without lids cause rat issues.

Mr. Cadotte said the TRM fee from DTE is supported by the MPSC which is a bail out for Detroit, placing the burden on Harper Woods and other communities. He mentioned that lead service lines have been in the news lately and that Harper Woods needs to identify and replace these lines and that passing out water filters may not be enough. He asked if the City could install backflow preventers with the cost to home and business owners.

Mr. Derra asked about a recycling program saying he takes his recyclables to St. Clair Shores.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilperson Costantino said Harper Woods should have a 5 year tech plan and even though the City did convert to LED for cost saving we should convert to solar energy to operate our building. She then announced the Tree Lighting November 17 at 6:30 p.m. Next she said that during COVID we were softer on ordinance enforcement but now it is time to crack down on violators. She then said the next Ordinance Committee meeting will be on December 6, at 6:00 p.m. and she wished all a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilperson Toussant pointed out that the Police are also short staffed and can't see all overnight parking violations.

Mayor Pro tem Sawicki wished all a happy Thanksgiving. She spoke of several items at Eastland that would be great to have like the large stone garbage containers. She mentioned that she has shared information regarding doggy waste stations with the City Manager. Next, she shared an incident where she observed a black Charger with a young person hanging out the window racing through the City and doing donuts in front of her home. She was unable to get the license plate as it was obscured. Lastly, she stated how much she loves Harper Woods and those who disrespect the community must be stopped.

Councilperson Paiz said she liked that one of the candidates was present and still showing interest in the Community. She then gave an overview of the recycling program and why it ended. She commented about doggy waste stations and thanked Mr. Hakim for volunteering to donate. Next she commented on a bill regarding short term rentals and how it can effect our community. In regard to code enforcement she suggested that the ordinances that are most often violated could be printed on water bills or maybe a mass mailing of these ordinances could be done. Lastly she said that prior to the last meeting she was unhappy to see a resident yelling at the City Clerk and she feels that as an elected official she can stand to be yelled at, however the acting City Manager, City Attorney and Clerk should be off limits and shouldn't be yelled at and she would like to see a Police Officer at meetings.

Councilperson Williams stated she is in agreement with residents tonight especially regarding FEMA and requirements for obtaining flood insurance. She commented about using City funds to fix sidewalks when a City tree causes a problem and she mentioned the Infrastructure bill which will give cities funds to replace lead lines in the community. She spoke about the speed bumps we have in Harper Woods, which allow snow plows to go over them and then saying that we need more to stop speeders especially in the dark early morning hours. She said prior to COVID there were frequent police patrols and she would like to see that again and she agrees that more code enforcement is needed. Lastly, she said it appears that when she sees City employees out, they are working hard to keep the City up.

Mayor Kindle stated she is grateful for the support she received and she will be enforcing the codes and ordinances, making sure everyone follows the rules or they can leave the City. She further said that we all moved here because we liked the community, enjoyed the peace and upkeep and those who don't follow the rules should be ticketed. She said all should be on notice now and that she is proud of our city and we all have a responsibility to put Harper Woods back on track and keep it beautiful. She then mentioned that of concern to her is the issue of parking on the grass and why anyone would do this as she finds it unacceptable. She urged residents to call the City and report this and other violations. Lastly, she announced that on November 17 McDonalds will be giving away turkeys from 9:00 a.m. until they run out.

CM 11-190-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 6, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Vivian Sawicki, Councilperson(s) Cheryl A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Veronica Paiz, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams. (All Councilmembers indicated they are attending the meeting virtually from Harper Woods, MI)

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 12-191-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held November 15, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 12-192-21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 123279 through 123545 in the amount of \$427,502.48 as submitted by the City Manager and

Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.

2) to approve payment to RKA Petroleum Companies in the amount of \$24,714.36 for the purchase of 10,000 gallons of regular and diesel fuel.

3) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,514.91 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of December 2021.

4) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$38,011.96 for professional services during the month of October 2021 for the following projects: 2021 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-204; 2020 Pavement Joint Seal, #180-226; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-256; Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-259; Water Svc Material Invest, #180-265; GLWA, #180-275; Eastland Center Redevelopment, #180-244; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-231 and 253; Kelly Rd Pedestrian Crossing, #180-208; Everstream Fiber, #180-274 and Everstream Metro Act, #180-275.

5) approve payment in the amount of \$18,450.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with backflow preventer installation in the library basement, water main repairs, repair of a service line and a fire hydrant.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 12-193-21

PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 3 - 2021
STORM SEWER REPAIR PROGRAM, #180-256

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$20,493.64 for Progress Payment No. 3 on the 2021 Storm Sewer Repair Project, #180-256.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Hakim commented that since there wasn't a quorum at the Ordinance Committee earlier today, will it be rescheduled.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilwoman Williams asked for an update regarding the flood plan information from FEMA that was raised at a previous meeting. She then mentioned her attendance at a meeting for new and local businesses and suggested that the City get involved to help out these local businesses.

Councilman Toussant asked about the FEMA flood insurance and stated that his homeowner policy includes water/sewer backups and asked if this was something different.

Councilwoman Sawicki shared that she is grateful that we have resumed our meetings on Zoom as the cases of COVID are on the rise and shared her recent experience with her husband who contracted it. She then commented that people need to take this seriously and get vaccinated.

Councilman Jenny thanked those who participated and those involved with the dinner for 10, and further that it's a great thing to do, so maybe another one can be scheduled after the first of the year or in between the holidays.

Councilwoman Paiz said that she was disappointed that the Ordinance meeting had to be cancelled due to a lack of a quorum and suggested that when this meeting is rescheduled that the committee could look into a revision of the animal ordinance to address pets that are left outside in the cold weather. She then commented on the vacancy that will take place next summer as the current Harper Woods representative is unable to continue on the Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees and asked for a volunteer for this position.

Councilwoman Costantino apologized for her absence at the Ordinance meeting and asked that it be rescheduled for later this month. She then commented on the vacancies that are on various boards and committees and said she would like to see new people volunteer.

Mayor Kindle expressed that it is the intent of the City to continue to educate ordinance violators and that they will be held accountable for violations such as parking on the grass, putting out their rubbish too early and not bringing in their cans after it is picked up, having RV's, boats and commercial vehicles in driveways. Lastly she commented on a new business she visited, The Taco Bar on Kelly and said that the food was great.

Councilwoman Sawicki asked if anything has been done about providing the waste bags for the dog friendly park and then asked if the annual calendar will contain ordinance information for the residents.

Councilwoman Williams also suggested that a new committee for the Charter be created soon to address possible updates.

CM 12-194-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 20, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Vivian Sawicki, Councilperson(s) Cheryl A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Veronica Paiz, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams. (All Councilmembers indicated they are attending the meeting virtually from Harper Woods, MI)

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 12-195-21

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 6, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Board of Review meeting held on December 14, 2021 and the Planning Commission meeting held on December 15, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 12-196-21

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- 1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers through in the amount of \$123456.00 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
- 2) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$14,444.47 for professional services during the month of November for the following projects: 2021 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-260; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-256; Emergency Storm Sewer Repair, #180-229; 2020 Sanitary Sewer CCTV, #180-233; 2021 Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-259; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253 and #180-231; Water Svc. Material Invest, #180-265; Miss Digs, #180-255; Kelly Road Pedestrian Cross, #180-208; Everstream Fiber, #180-274, #180-277 and #180-275.
- 3) approve payment to Uni-Dig, Inc. in the amount of \$8,700.00 for leaf disposal in conjunction with the curbside leaf pickup program.
- 4) approve payments to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$7,953.70 for assistance with leaf pickup, fall maintenance and snow plowing and salting in various areas of the City.
- 5) approve payment to SAFEbuilt LLC in the amount of \$28,672.00 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of November 2021.
- 6) approve payment in the amount of \$6,734.00 to the Michigan Municipal League for membership dues covering the period February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023.
- 7) approve payment to Master Maintenance National in the amount of \$5,225.00 for the renovations and repair work at 21226 Brierstone and \$9,007.09 for the repair work at 21101 Kenmore as part of the CDBG rehab loan project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 12-197-21

MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE - LIABILITY
AND PROPERTY INSURANCE RENEWAL

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

BE IT RESOLVED to renew the City's participation in the Michigan Municipal League's Liability and Property Pool for 2022 in the amount of \$257,299.00 for coverage as stated in their renewal proposal and, further that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 12-198-21 KELLY ROAD CORRIDOR PLAN

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Jenny:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Kelly Road Corridor Plan as required in the process of the City becoming Redevelopment Ready.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Jenny.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 12-199-21 CITY COUNCIL MEETING CHANGES - 2022

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Williams:
To approve the changes to the City Council meeting dates as listed for 2022; January 3 to January 5, 2022 for the New Year Holiday; January 17 to January 19, 2022 for the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr; February 21 to February 23, 2022 for the observance of President's Day and September 5 to September 7, 2022 in observance of Labor Day, and further that the City will meet on June 13, July 11 and August 6, 2022, the second Mondays only of the summer months.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Lyons commented about a letter written by the acting City Manager in the recent edition of The Insider and that she took offense as it was more accusatory than congratulatory in its tone. She advised that the acting City Manager should remain neutral on local city politics.

Director Smith introduced our newest officer, Larence McClendon and shared some of his background.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilwoman Paiz commented on HB 5351 that passed in the House stating that this

bill will offer personal property tax breaks for small businesses. Further she explained that while this helps small businesses, it also means less revenue for local cities. Lastly she wished everyone happy holidays.

Councilman Jenny wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and then thanked Marybeth for all her hard work on the last drive to help the underprivileged in our area.

Councilwoman Williams wished everyone happy holidays and cautioned everyone to be safe out there, especially with the Omicron strain of the COVID virus.

Councilwoman Sawicki wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy New Year and then shared the recent COVID statistics and the need for everyone to get vaccinated. She also reminded everyone to wear a mask, wash hands frequently, social distance and be safe.

Councilman Toussant wished everyone happy holidays and said that he has enjoyed being a part of City Council so far and is looking forward to a prosperous 2022 and to get more things accomplished.

Councilwoman Costantino wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy New Year and asked when the Ordinance meeting will be scheduled.

Mayor Kindle commented about ordinance violators and that notices will be placed on future water bills reminding everyone about the ordinances that are most violated. She further commented that we all must be prideful of our community and keep it clean by doing our part and following the ordinances. Lastly she wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy New Year and Season's Greetings to those that don't say merry Christmas.

CM 12-200-21

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 5, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Vivian Sawicki, Councilperson(s) Cheryl A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Veronica Paiz, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams. (All Councilmembers indicated they are attending the meeting virtually from Harper Woods, MI)

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 01-01-22

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 20, 2021, and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on November 18, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 01-02-22

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 123654 through 123742 in the amount of \$191,904.82 as submitted by the City Manager

- and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. approve payment in the amount of \$13,122.00 to Drive Creative Services, LLC, \$6,150.00 for the printing of the Jan/Mar Newsletter and \$6,972.00 for the printing of the 2022 calendar.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-03-22 CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 - 2021 EMERGENCY CONCRETE REPAIR

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Jenny:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the change order to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$38,198.58 for the pavement replacement resulting from water main repairs and water valve boxes and for the poured concrete pads at Johnston and Salter Parks.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-04-22 PROGRESS PAYMENT - BEACONSFIELD RESURFACING PROJECT

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$8,711.92 for the city's proportionate share of the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Jenny.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-05-22 STATUS OF FEBRUARY 23, 2022 MEETING

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
that the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2022 be conducted by the City Clerk due to the absence of the acting City Manager.

NO: Williams

MOTION CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Drozd of the League of Women Voters introduced herself and commented that she will be observing our meetings. She then inquired if the transcripts that accompany the City Council Zoom meetings could be available when the meetings are uploaded to YouTube.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin inquired about speed bumps on their street and also asked if they could meet with City Officials and the Assessor to discuss an issue they are having with their mortgage and title companies with regard to their taxes.

Mr. Maniaci commented that he would like to assist in instituting a Business Association in Harper Woods, as a means to collaborate with the current businesses and future businesses.

Mr. Lopes, Wayne County Ombudsman, mentioned the assistance that Wayne County offers, including rental assistance for back and future rent payments, utility payment assistance and relocation services. His contact information is klopes@waynecounty.com for anyone in need of these services.

Ms. McRae commented on the dogs on Anita street and the conditions that they allegedly were in asking if the ordinance committee would address living condition concerns for pets.

Ms. Martin of GPAAS commented on the living condition of the dogs, stating that much misinformation was put onto social media and not all facts were mentioned. The animals were not being abused and the owners were not in violation of any local or state laws.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilwoman Paiz read a statement regarding the issue with the dogs and their owners on Anita street mentioning several items, including the agreement the City has with GPAAS

and their authorization to provide assistance on such matters and further that the Detroit Dog Rescue (DDR) did not appear to want to work with the police department or GPAAS and only sought removal of the dogs. She further commented that she was upset that DDR advised many to 'jam' the phone lines of the dispatch center in Harper Woods and demand the police department do something about the living conditions of the dogs, thwarting the ability for residents to call in any emergencies. Finally she commented that there was significant reckless activity on social media sites where posters were suggesting 'blowing up GPAAS and the Police Department' and that she has not taken this situation lightly and that it has hurt a lot of people.

Deputy Chief Stager also commented on the animal's living conditions, stating that this was grossly exaggerated, and that the dogs had areas of dry ground, food and shelter. There were no violations of city ordinances or state law and the situation was closely monitored.

Councilwoman Williams commented that she liked the idea of a business association and that she would like to see this happen here.

Councilman Jenny thanked the Police Department for all they do and the Public Works department for their efforts to remove the snow after a recent storm.

Councilman Toussant said that he is glad that the dog issue was resolved and that he is looking forward to a prosperous new year.

Councilwoman Costantino said that she supports Mr. Maniaci and instituting a business association. She then mentioned that the Ordinance Committee meeting has been scheduled for January 18 at 7pm.

Councilwoman Sawicki commented on the dog issue and stated that she was appalled that posters on social media suggested tying up phones lines at City Hall and GPAAS and noted that the animals weren't being abused. Next she mentioned that if all of the stores are closed at Eastland, then the signs should be removed. She then asked when the demolition would begin and lastly shared the COVID stats for Harper Woods.

Mayor Kindle commented about the end of Eastland Mall and shared that many items from the mall have been retained for historical purposes and that the stores that are still open will close for good on January 15. Once the stores are closed, the asbestos abatement will begin and the demolition will take place in February. She then commented on Council appointments to various committees and that it is her intent to revisit these appointments and perhaps give newer members a chance to be on these committees. Lastly she commented on the speed bumps around the City stating that during snow removal, several were lost and that we need to come up with alternatives to slow down speeders.

CM 01-06-22

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 19, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Vivian Sawicki, Councilperson(s) Cheryl A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Veronica Paiz, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams. (All Councilmembers indicated they are attending the meeting virtually from Harper Woods, MI)

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 01-07-22

MINUTES

MOTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 19, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 01-08-22

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 123744

- through 123830 in the amount of \$960,469.69 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance in the amount of \$5,399.07 for software support on the district court's computer system and SOS/Lein fees.
 3. approve payment to Doxim in the amount of \$5,126.20 for the printing and mailing of the January water bills for Districts 1, 2 and 3.
 4. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,514.91 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of January 2022.
 5. approve payment to SAFEbuilt LLC in the amount of \$31,127.00 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of December 2021.
 6. approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$7779.10 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of January and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of a computer, monitor, cables and a hard drive.
 7. approve payment to City Insight LLC in the amount of \$7,500.00 for the annual licensing, maintenance, hosting and technical support for the mobile water application.
 8. approve payment in the amount of \$10,925.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several watermain breaks, a hydrant repair and a stop box replacement.
 9. approve payment to Vector Solutions in the amount of \$5,355.00 for the renewal of the department's online training platform.
 10. approve the reappointments to the various boards and commissions as listed on the attached memorandum from the City Clerk.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-09-22 AWARD OF BID - WATER SERVICE MATERIAL
INVESTIGATION PROGRAM

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Williams:
BE IT RESOLVED to accept the lowest bid submitted by ML Chartier Excavating in the amount of \$329,655.00 for the Water Service Material Investigation Program and further that the grant received by EGLE in the amount of \$322,970.00 assist with the cost of this project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-10-22 PROGRESS PAYMENT - BEACONSFIELD RESURFACING PROJECT

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$21,625.54 for the city's proportionate share of the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Jenny.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-11-22 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 4 - 2021 STORM SEWER
REPAIR PROJECT, #180-256

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$10,523.00 for Progress Payment No. 4 on the 2021 Storm Sewer Repair Project, #180-256.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny and Paiz.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-12-22 PROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENT - FIRST RESPONDER SERVICES

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the proposal submitted by Winbourne Consulting LLC in the amount of \$33,580.00 for a complete analysis of our first responder services and further that the cost will be made with American Rescue Plan funds.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, Paiz and Sawicki.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-13-22 MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE - CAPITAL CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED authorize those Council members interested to attend the Michigan Municipal League's Annual Legislative Conference March 15-16, 2022 with the City paying all necessary and related expenses.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, Paiz, Sawicki and Toussant.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-14-22 ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT - DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept, with regret, the letter from Vince Smith regarding his intent to retire as the Director of Public Safety, effective January 28, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Kindle, Jenny, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant and Williams.
NO: Costantino

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 01-15-22 ADD ITEM TO AGENDA - FORM SUBCOMMITTEE

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

to add to the agenda creating a subcommittee for the purpose of implementing specific rules and regulations for cannabis establishments.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-16-22 FORMATION OF A SUBCOMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CANNABIS BUSINESSES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
to form a City Council subcommittee to establish the necessary rules and regulations for potential cannabis businesses in the City.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Jarvis asked about the status of hiring a new City Manager.

Mr. Hakim wished Director Smith good luck as he retires.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilwoman Williams commented about the recent Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and shared that as a teacher she has her students do research on his life and accomplishments as a means to keep his history alive. She then read a quote of his.

Councilman Jenny thanked Director Smith for his years of service and wished him well. He also thanked the Public Works Director for his initiative to address the lead pipes in the community and for all the hard work his staff does.

Councilman Toussant asked if there was a replacement for the Director of Public Safety position.

Councilwoman Costantino gave an overview of the Ordinance Committee meeting that was recently held and mentioned that the next one would likely be the beginning of March. The topic that will be discussed is the ordinance that involves animals/pets. Lastly she commented about the CDBG monies that the Helm has requested be given to them for our senior services.

Councilwoman Paiz commented that she has been researching ordinances regarding animals/pets and that she intends to work with the City Attorney to prepare an updated draft ordinance for the City Council. She then commented about the City's website being down and explained the issue. Lastly she commented that perhaps the reason we are lacking in qualified candidates for the City Manager position is due to the lack of interest in public service.

Mayor Pro tem Sawicki asked about the renovations in City Hall and if they were completed. She then spoke of the various committees that members of City Council are appointed to and encouraged those that have been on a committee for some time to offer their spot to the newer elected members.

Councilwoman Paiz announced to everyone that Wayne County has provided us with vouchers for disposing of hazardous waste items and they can be picked up at City Hall.

Mayor Kindle thanked everyone for their hard work, and extended appreciation all around. She then wished Mayor Pro tem Sawicki a Happy Birthday.

CM 01-17-22

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Paiz:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 7, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Vivian Sawicki, Councilperson(s) Cheryl A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Veronica Paiz, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams. (All Councilmembers indicated they are attending the meeting virtually from Harper Woods, MI)

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM 02-18-22

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 19, 2022 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Ordinance Committee meeting held on January 18, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

Kolby Miller was present to share statistics on the City's emergency / non-emergency transports, response times, satisfaction of patients and their ongoing improvements to equipment and services.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 02-19-22

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 123831 through 123962 in the amount of \$434,861.83 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$18,246.67 for professional services during the months of December 2021 and January 2022 for the following projects: Storm Sewer Repair, #180-256; 2021 Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-259; 2021 Joint/Crack Sealing, #180-258; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Eastland Center Redevelopment, #180-244; Kelly Road Pedestrian Cross, #180-208; Risk and Resilience Assess, #180-262; Johnston Park Basketball, #180-263; Miss Digs, #180-255 and FDCVT Grant App, #180-278.
3. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,514.91 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of February 2022.
4. approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$6,310.00 for professional services related to the City's financial reporting and with professional assistance with the stormwater charges, Milk River Drain and fire assessment.
5. approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$7,400.00 for the removal of dead/dangerous trees.
6. approve payment in the amount of \$21,720.24 to Grosse Pointe Woods for the City's pro-rata portion of the operating and maintenance of the Torrey Road Pump Station for the period July 31 through December 31, 2021.
7. approve payment to Midwest Property Maintenance in the amount of \$7,688.80 for the renovations and repair work at 21226 Brierstone as part of the CDBG rehab loan project.
8. approve payment to Ekstrom Contracting LLC in the amount of \$26,000.00 for the renovations and repair work at 20950 Lancaster as part of the CDBG rehab loan project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 02-20-22

CONFIRM APPOINTMENT - DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

BE IT RESOLVED to confirm the appointment of Jason Hammerle as Public Safety Director for the City of Harper Woods and further, to approve the employment agreement between the City of Harper Woods and Director Hammerle and further to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 02-21-22 ALLARD AVENUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve a joint road replacement project with the City of Grosse Pointe Woods for the portion of Allard Avenue that lies within the Harper Woods city limits in the amount of \$16,320.00, if funding is available.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Paiz, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Jenny.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 02-22-22 PROPOSAL - RFQ FOR POUPARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RESOLUTION by Paiz, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the proposal from McKenna dated January 24, 2022 for their professional services to prepare a "Request for Qualification" RFQ for the Poupard Elementary School site in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the proposal.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny and Paiz.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Hakim asked about the Poupard school property and if, once built, will residents be given the opportunity to choose which school district their children will attend. He then congratulated Director Hammerle. Lastly he commented on the conversations on FaceBook regarding homes that have unshoveled walks and stated that those that haven't shoveled are the same as those that don't cut their lawns. Something needs to be done to fix this issue.

Mr. Williams commented about the presentation from Medstar and asked several questions.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilwoman Costantino inquired if the next Ordinance Committee meeting has been scheduled and complimented the DPW for their snow removal efforts during the last storm.

Councilwoman Williams shared the rodent issue she and her neighbors are still facing and that the City needs to get this under control especially with the Beaconsfield resurfacing project and the Eastland project.

Councilman Toussant about Great Lakes Pest Control and their possible involvement with the rodent issue.

Councilman Jenny congratulated Director Hammerle and also thanked the DPW for their snow removal, especially since they were also working on several water main breaks in the cold weather during the same time.

Councilwoman Sawicki asked if there would be a public event when Eastland is razed. She then congratulated Director Hammerle and shared that she knows this will be a tough job as so many people are reckless in their disregard to the traffic laws. She further commented about several instances of drivers running lights and stop signs. She and the good members of this community stand behind the department for the job they do. She then shared the recent COVID numbers asking if a memorial would be appropriate for those that lost their lives in this pandemic. Lastly she asked when the Council will be given their new assignments for boards/committees.

Councilwoman Paiz welcomed Director Hammerle and said that she is glad that he is stepping up, knowing he has support from the officers and from the community. She then gave an update on her work so far with the animal ordinance.

Councilwoman Williams congratulated Director Hammerle and asked if anyone was doing anything specific for Black History month.

Mayor Kindle announced that she is in the process of creating a resolution to honor Black History month, even though it isn't just for the month of February and not just for black people, but for all as our American History. She commented on the emailed surveyed that have been sent out by Ms. King with regard to qualifications for our Boards and Commissions and reminded everyone to complete them soon. Lastly she congratulated Director Hammerle and continued by saying that they will make a difference in the city with regard to drivers that speed and disobey traffic signs and also implementing a no-nonsense policy for residents that don't shovel their walks and/or cut their lawns.

CM 02-23-22

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK