

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 4, 2023

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) Tom Jenny, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: Councilperson Cheryl A. Costantino

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

CM 01-01-23 EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER COSTANTINO

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

To excuse Councilmember Cheryl Costantino from tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.

ABSENT: Costantino

MOTION CARRIED

CM 01-02-23 MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 19, 2022 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting November 17, 2022.

ABSENT: Costantino

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 01-03-23

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, 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 126200 through 126302 in the amount of \$572,355.24 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 WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,790.66 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of January 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: Costantino

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Schenburn commented about the Harper Woods school district erecting a new football field and asked if this would affect the resurfacing of Beaconsfield. He then commented on the Lion and Mouse statue.

Mr. Cadotte opined that the City should consider raising the reduction of taxes from 50 to 75% for those residents in hardship and that the Assessor will likely bring this before City Council in the near future.

Ms. LaPratt extended her thanks to all of the residents that donated items for the holiday baskets that were distributed to the seniors.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Williams wished everyone a happy New Year and that she is looking forward to a productive new year.

Councilmember Jenny also wished everyone a happy New Year and shared that he and his kids were glad to help with the senior baskets this holiday season.

Councilmember Sawicki wished everyone a happy New Year and reminded everyone of the special City Council meeting on January 9 to appoint a new councilmember to fill the vacancy made by Veronica Paiz.

Councilmember Toussant wished everyone a happy New Year.

Mayor Kindle offered her good wishes for a good new year and for all to be safe, especially police and fire fighters.

CM 01-04-23

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 7:15 p.m.

ABSENT: Costantino

MOTION CARRIED

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 9, 2023
SPECIAL 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 Vivian Sawicki, Councilperson(s) Cheryl A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, 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.

INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

The City Manager stated that the purpose of tonight's special meeting is to fill the vacancy on City Council, and that in accordance with the City Charter the vacancy would be filled by the City Council appointing an interested person within sixty days of the vacancy. He also advised City Council and the candidates that the term of this appointment would expire on the Monday following the November 2023 election. He then advised how the interview process would work saying that all candidates would draw numbers which would determine the order in which they would address the City Council for five minutes with a single question to be answered by the candidate. After all candidates have an opportunity to speak, the City Council would publicly vote for their top candidate. The voting would continue until one candidate received four votes.

The candidates then addressed City Council in the following order: 1) Lauren Mercer, 2) Gerianne LaPratt, and 3) Ernestine Lyons.

The first vote was as follows:

BALLOT 1

Gerianne LaPratt	3 Votes	Mayor Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Sawicki, Councilmember Jenny
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Ernestine Lyons	3 Votes	Councilmembers Costantino, Toussant and Williams.
Lauren Mercer	0 Votes	

BALLOT 2

Gerianne LaPratt	2 Votes	Mayor Kindle and Councilmember Jenny
Ernestine Lyons	3 Votes	Councilmembers Costantino, Toussant and Williams.
Lauren Mercer	1 Vote	Mayor Pro tem Sawicki

The three candidates were then asked additional questions by each councilmember. After the conclusion of the question and answer session the votes were as follows:

BALLOT 3

Gerianne LaPratt	3 Votes	Mayor Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Sawicki, Councilmember Jenny
Ernestine Lyons	3 Votes	Councilmembers Costantino, Toussant and Williams.
Lauren Mercer	0 Votes	

BALLOT 4

Gerianne LaPratt	3 Votes	Mayor Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Sawicki, Councilmember Jenny
Ernestine Lyons	3 Votes	Councilmembers Costantino, Toussant and Williams.
Lauren Mercer	0 Votes	

BALLOT 5

Gerianne LaPratt	4 Votes	Mayor Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Sawicki, Councilmembers Jenny and Toussant
Ernestine Lyons	2 Votes	Councilmembers Costantino and Williams.
Lauren Mercer	0 Votes	

One Candidate received four votes, Gerianne LaPratt, so no further voting was necessary.

CM 01-05-23

APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO
FILL CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Jenny:
BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Gerianne LaPratt to fill the vacancy on the City Council until the next regularly scheduled City election.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

A resident opined that a proposed use for the Poupard site could be a micro greens facility in order to be a self-sustaining community. She further commented on ordinance violators, too much government control and smart controlled utilities and appliances.

State Representative Paiz congratulated Councilmember LaPratt and shared that she misses being involved with the City Council. Lastly she shared how grateful she was to have Lt. Governor Gilchrist perform her swearing in recently and reminded everyone to call on her if she can assist in any way.

Ms. Kane congratulated Councilmember LaPratt and further stated that she felt all the candidates that stepped up were qualified and that she was happy to hear the comments made about each of them by the Council.

Ms. Mercer thanked the Council for the opportunity and further commented that she would certainly remain a committed citizen to Harper Woods.

Ms. Lyons thanked the Council for the opportunity and stated that she appreciated all of the feedback she received.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember LaPratt thanked everyone for their support and that she hopes to see Ms.

Lyons and Ms. Mercer at future meetings.

Councilmember Williams stated that she supports all members of the community and with her math and science degrees, she doesn't believe everything she reads on the internet as many theories can be just that. She then shared that the applicants tonight were a good group to choose from and that Ms. Lyons showed a lot of courage coming back out to seek reappointment. Lastly she reminded everyone to be respectful of others.

Councilmember Jenny congratulated Councilmember LaPratt.

Councilmember Sawicki congratulated Councilmember LaPratt and said thanks to Lauren and Ernestine for stepping up tonight. She then announced the Ordinance committee would be meeting on Thursday night at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Toussant opined that tonight's decision was a tough one as all candidates were qualified.

Councilmember Costantino congratulated Councilmember LaPratt and said that she has great respect for Lauren and Ernestine for all of their volunteer efforts in the community.

Mayor Kindle acknowledged that she is thankful for Representative Paiz and is looking forward to all that she can continue to do for Harper Woods. Lastly she commented on being able to form relationships, especially with those in politics and hopefully our community can remain on the right track, moving forward and seeking ways to lower taxes for the residents.

CM 01-06-23

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

That the agenda of the Special City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 18, 2023

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 A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Gerianne LaPratt, 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 01-07-23

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Williams:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 4, 2023 and the Special City Council meeting held on January 9, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 01-08-23

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, 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 126303 through 126397 in the amount of \$581,286.68 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 \$41,136.23

for professional services during the month of December 2022 for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; 2022 Misc. Concrete Repair, #180-283; 2022 Sanitary Sewer FCIPP, #180-284; 2021 Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-259; Danbury lane, #180-281; Eastland Center Redevelopment, #180-244; Kelly Rd. Streetscape, #180-306; Johnston Park Basketball Resurfacing, #180-263; City Hall Generator, #180-291; Semcog Pacer Grant, #180-293; Temp Water Operator, #180-303; DNR Spark Grant, #180-305; 8 Mile/Kelly Gas main, #180-294; DPW Yard Analysis, #180-307; Comcast Review, #180-309 and Standard Detail Updates, #180-300.

3. approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$30,950.60 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of December 2022.
4. 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.
5. approve payment in the amount of \$32,473.49 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, 2022.
6. approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$7,400.00 for the removal of several trees.
7. approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$9,346.23 for leaf pickup assistance, tree removal restorations and sidewalk salting and snow removal in various residential and commercial areas of the City.
8. approve payment in the amount of \$27,000.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with three water main breaks, a leaking service line, fire hydrant repairs and stop box repairs.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-09-23 CHANGES IN POVERTY GUIDELINES

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to grant the City Assessor permission to petition the State Tax Commission to permit the Board of Review to grant a 75% reduction exemption in taxes to qualifying poverty applicants.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-10-23 COURT OFFICE FLOOD MITIGATION

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the proposal from Creative Office Interiors in the amount of \$21,610.89 for the replacement of flooring in the Court Office and further to approve the proposal from BDS Environmental in the amount of \$8,750.00 for the removal of asbestos, with the funds being provided by FEMA and the City's insurance carrier, with a final cost to the City in the amount of \$438.16.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-11-23 SALTER PARK PAVILION RENOVATIONS

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
BE IT RESOLVED to accept the bid submitted by Vargo Building Company in the amount of \$6,772.06 for the installation of partitions in the men's and women's restrooms at Salter park with reimbursement from the Wayne County Grant.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-12-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 1 - 2022 SANITARY SEWER
CLEANING AND CCTV INVESTIGATION PROGRAM, #180-285

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Jenny:
BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to Doetsch Environmental Services in the amount of \$15,489.00 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2022 Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Investigation, #180-285.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-13-23 CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 - JOHNSTON AND SALTER PARK
BASKETBALL COURT PROJECT, #180-263.

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED Authorize a change order in the amount of \$28,381.12 to Warren Contractors and Development, Inc. for the Change Order No. 2 - Johnston and Salter Park Basketball Court Improvements, #180-263 and #180-264.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-14-23 MILK RIVER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$353,263.50 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for the period of January 1 through March 31, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-15-23 CITY COUNCIL ORIENTATION PACKET

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

to adopt the attached City Council Orientation Packet.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Cadotte commented that he was pleased that the reduction in taxes limit was adjusted from 50% to 75% tonight in an effort to keep people in their homes.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Toussant commented that he is hoping to see a new City Manager soon and also looking forward to seeing bike traffic signs on Beaconsfield this spring.

Councilmember Sawicki commented that she is still concerned about speeding cars in the community. She also asked about prescriptions take back programs and suggested having one at the City would be helpful to residents.

Councilmember LaPratt commented that she is looking forward to serving the residents.

Councilmember Jenny commended the Public Works department for their hard work with the many main breaks that they have had to repair recently.

Councilmember Williams commented on Dr. Martin Luther King and the various celebrations and activities that have taken place to commemorate him.

Mayor Kindle also commented on Dr. King and that Monday wasn't just a celebration, but also that it is about a day of service and that perhaps the City could have an event to celebrate his life next year. She also commented about the water treatment facility and how the public needs to be educated about not flushing anything down their toilet as it creates quite a mess. Lastly she suggested that a goal setting session be set up in the very near future.

CM 01-16-23

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 7:44 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 6, 2023

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 A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Gerianne LaPratt, 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 02-17-23

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 18, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Beautification meeting held on September 13, 2022, the Charter Review Subcommittee meeting held on January 12, 2023, the Ordinance Committee meeting held on January 12, 2023 and the Cannabis Subcommittee meeting held on January 26, 2023

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 02-18-23

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

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

1. to approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 126398 through 126720 in the amount of \$848,379.35 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 Drive Creative Services LLC in the amount of \$8,134.00 for the printing of the City's annual calendar.
3. to approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$6,526.53 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of January 2023 and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of cables, keyboards and video adapters.
4. to approve payment to BS & A Software in the amount of \$5,118.00 for the online system software for the period February 2023 through February 2024.
5. to approve payment in the amount of \$29,000.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks at various residential locations.
6. to approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$13,150.00 for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs.
7. to approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,790.66 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of February 2023.
8. to approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$7,500.00 for professional services related to the City's financial reporting.
9. to approve payment to Municipal Emergency Services in the amount of \$5,862.84 for the protective turnout gear for two public safety officers.
10. to approve payment to Oakland County in the amount of \$5,502.00 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department.
11. to approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$12,740.13 for professional services during the months of December 2022 and January 2023 for the following projects: Misc. Concrete Repair, #180-283; Sanitary Sewer FCIPP, #180-284; Danbury Lane, #180-281; Eastland Center Redevelopment, #180-244; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Sanitary Sewer CCTV, #180-285; Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-259; Johnston Park Basketball Facility, #180-263 and Temporary Water Operator, #180-303.
12. to approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance in the amount of \$5,399.07 for software support on the district court's computer system.
13. to approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$35,715.00 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of January 2023.
14. 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, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 02-22-23 ADD ITEM TO AGENDA - MML CAPITAL CONFERENCE

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
to add to the agenda a request for authorization to attend the MML Capital Conference (CAPCON).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 02-23-23 MML CAPITAL CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED to authorize any City Council member interested to attend the Michigan Municipal League's Capital Conference held April 18 through April 19, 2023 with the City paying all necessary and related expenses.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Drozd asked where she could view the subcommittee minutes.

Mr. Van commented about city owned trees that need trimming and that recently a large tree branch fell onto his vehicle. Lastly he asked if there is any liability of having a water fountain at the parks, due to COVID.

Mr. Koski commented about the trash that is being left behind by students from Tyrone Elementary and also he requested more police presence to stop violators that fail to stop at stop signs at Severn and Tyrone.

Mr. Maniaci announced the Harper Woods Business Association would be meeting on February 21 from 4pm to 6pm at They Say.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Williams shared that she is glad to see the Charter Review subcommittee

is finally meeting. She then reminded everyone that February is Black History Month and shared that several schools are doing activities to support this.

Councilmember LaPratt shared that she attended the Beautification Commission meeting where activities for Earth Day were discussed, and that there is currently open seats on this commission. She then announced that State Representative Paiz would be hosting time for residents to share their concerns with her at the Library.

Councilmember Sawicki commented about the sad event that happened in Tennessee where officers were found guilty of beating a man to death. She then asked how the Police department trains in these situations and asked more about de-escalation of use of force techniques. She then commented about the actual reads on water meters that the residents will now have and how pleased she was to learn this and also she learned the prescription take-back boxes aren't being used in conjunction with Beaumont any longer however the City could request their hospital administration to reinstitute this. Lastly she asked what KIA car owners can do to protect their vehicles from being stolen.

Councilmember Toussant commented that he isn't in favor of having the prescription take back boxes at City Hall as a matter of privacy.

Councilmember Costantino announced that the Charter Review subcommittee will be meeting this week as well as the Cannabis subcommittee. The Ordinance committee meeting will likely be scheduled for sometime in March.

Mayor Kindle announced that a Goal Setting session will be held on March 13 at 6:00p.m. Next she shared that she met with the Girl Scouts at Mason Elementary and they would be making an appearance at an upcoming meeting to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. She stated that they are looking to earn their Democracy badges and that she feels that we need to involve our young people and they need to see how important our democracy is and that voting is the most influential part of it, and that without our votes, decisions are made without our input. She then shared that the Wayne County Executive will be in attendance at an upcoming meeting to talk about foreclosure. Lastly she commented on the tragic incident in Tennessee saying that she knows our officers aren't taught this way and certainly are not oppressors in our community.

CM 02-24-23

CLOSED SESSION - COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING - MATTER

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

To adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation settlement.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The City Council adjourned to Closed Session at 8:07 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

CM 02-25-23 ADD ITEM - LITIGATION SETTLEMENT

MOTION by Costantino: SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
to add to the agenda the Litigation Settlement Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 02-26-23 LITIGATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION by Sawicki: SUPPORTED by Jenny:
BE IT RESOLVED to accept the litigation settlement agreement as presented in the case
of John M. Vorgitch v. City of Harper Woods, et.al.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 02-27-23 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 8:37 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 22, 2023

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, Councilperson(s) Tom Jenny, Gerianne LaPratt, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro tem Vivian Sawicki and Cheryl A. Costantino.

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

CM 02-28-23

EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBERS

MOTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
to excuse Mayor Pro tem Sawicki from tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.

ABSENT: Costantino and Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

CM 02-29-23

MINUTES

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Jenny:
To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 6, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Charter Review Subcommittee meeting held on February 9, 2023 and the Cannabis Subcommittee meeting held on February 9, 2023.

ABSENT: Costantino and Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Mr. Hakim asked when the minutes of the subcommittees will be posted online.

CM 02-30-23

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

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

1. to approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 126426 through 126825 in the amount of \$598,775.43 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 in the amount of \$27,390.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks, water shut offs and gate valve repairs at various residential locations.
3. to approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$13,150.00 for the removal of trees.
4. to approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$12,315.00 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 cables in conjunction with the phone installation.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: Costantino and Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 02-31-23

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT - 32A DISTRICT
COURT ADMINISTRATOR

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the "At Will" Employment Agreement between the City of Harper Woods/32A District Court and Tamie Rice to serve as Court Administrator in content and form and further, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: Costantino and Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 02-32-23 EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT MODIFICATION -
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Williams:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Modification to the Employment Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and Stephen Lindley, Assistant Director of Economic Development and further to authorize the acting City Manager and the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Jenny.
NO: None.
ABSENT: Costantino and Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 02-33-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT 3 (FINAL) 2021 SEWER
CLEANING AND CCTV INVESTIGATION PROGRAM, #180-259

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Doetsch Environmental Services in the amount of \$4,758.75 for Progress Payment No. 3 (Final) on the 2021 Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Investigation, #180-259.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny and LaPratt.
NO: None.
ABSENT: Costantino and Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 02-34-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 4 (FINAL) 2020 SANITARY SEWER
CLEANING AND CCTV INVESTIGATION PROGRAM, #180-233

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Doetsch Environmental Services in the amount of \$7,069.20 for Progress Payment No. 4 (Final) on the 2020 Sewer Cleaning & CCTV

Investigation, #180-233.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: Costantino and Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Martin shared her frustration regarding a recent incident involving a court case where she learned that court matters were still being heard on Zoom. She further opined that a person cannot be held accountable from home and not in front of the judge in person.

Mr. Cadotte commented about a recent ordinance enacted in the City of Grosse Pointe regarding registration of vacant homes. (City Attorney DeWaele stated that we have a similar ordinance and ours is stronger and more effective.)

Mr. Hakim commented about a home on his street that had steel plates installed on doors and windows and that he understood this was illegal and asked that someone take a look at this. Lastly he commented that a Planning Commissioner, a member of the Ordinance Committee and the City Attorney should be in attendance at the Cannabis Subcommittee meetings.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Toussant extended his condolences to the families of the MSU students whose lives were taken tragically. He shared that he attended vigils for both students. He also shared his attendance at the Harper Woods Business Association meeting held recently and that he is pleased that this has been ongoing and supported. He also commented on a program through the Harper Woods School district to assist students with a college and career path.

Councilmember Jenny shared his sadness with the tragic killing of students at MSU and encouraged everyone to hug their kids.

Councilmember LaPratt shared some upcoming events that the Beautification Commission is sponsoring, including an Earth Day cleanup on April 22 and the perennial plant exchange on May 20 at Salter Park. She then shared how angry she was to hear about the senseless deaths of students at MSU and stated that everyone should contact their representatives to demand change regarding guns. She offered her condolences and said

that she also attended services for the victims.

Councilmember Williams also offered her heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the families of the MSU students.

Mayor Kindle remarked that this is a very trying time for all of us, as these young people's lives were taken from us in such a devastating and tragic way. She further remarked that the celebration of life for Arielle Anderson had a tremendous turnout, which is a testimony to her life and what her future had held for her. She then thanked the public safety officers for their support during the services and also thanked the Governor and Lt. Governor for attending her celebration of life service. We, as a society, need to do better, and we need to contact our legislators and demand change. Lastly she encouraged everyone to support the small businesses in Harper Woods.

CM 02-35-23

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

ABSENT: Costantino and Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 6, 2023

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 A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Gerianne LaPratt, 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 03-36-23

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 22, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Local Officers Compensation Commission meeting held on February 21, 2023, the Planning Commission meeting held on March 1, 2023 and the Cannabis Subcommittee meeting held on March 2, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 03-37-23

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

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

1. to approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 126826 through 126892 in the amount of \$267,860.52 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 WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,790.66 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of March 2023.
3. to approve payment in the amount of \$11,6500.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with two water main breaks and miscellaneous repairs at various residential locations.
4. to approve payment to The Helm in the amount of \$14,000 for Senior Services and \$6,000 to Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services, Inc. in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the city's proportionate share of expenses relative to the senior transit services for residents of Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes.
5. to approve payment to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms in the amount of \$7,116.14 for Harper Woods' proportionate share of the Intermunicipal Radio System for the period July 1 through December 31, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Father John expressed his concerns over a home near the St. Sabbas Monastery that is occupied by a young driver with a car that has very loud exhaust. This vehicle races up and down the street, revving the engine at all hours of the day and night. He has asked for help with the police department, several tickets have been issued, yet it is still happening. He would like to see immediate resolution of this matter.

A resident on Old Homestead commented that he is aware of the issues that this speeding driver has caused near the Monastery. He further stated that he has tried to help mediate this problem with the driver of the vehicle and that something needs to be done to rectify this.

Mr. Ostravsky also expressed his concerns with this particular driver and that at 2:00 a.m. the vehicle made exceptionally loud noises due to the revving of the engine and woke him.

Mr. Serrano announced that State Representative Paiz will be at the library on March 20 at 6pm if anyone has any matters to share with her.

Mr. Schenburn asked if Roscommon near Lansdowne could get some road repair, not cold patch to address the bad pavement. He then commented about the trash on Kelly road

next to Lifebuilders, the parking configuration at R Gang party store and an issue his neighbor is having with an absent landlord.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Williams stated that she shared Father John's concerns and made suggestions to assist him. She then wished her mother and son a happy birthday this month.

Councilmember LaPratt also commented that she is sorry Father John is dealing with this and was glad to hear at least an attempt to mediate this situation was made. She lastly commented on the power outages during the recent ice storm saying that some homes were without power for almost 10 days.

Councilmember Jenny thanked the DPW for their efforts in getting the streets cleaned up following the recent snow/rain storm.

Councilmember Sawicki stated that she also stands with Father John and that this is an issue that she has brought up several times and also that she doesn't want to see the Monastery leave Harper Woods. She then commented that perhaps surveillance could be set up to catch the speeding car and have it impounded.

Councilmember Toussant suggested that perhaps speed bumps in this area could be beneficial. He also commented that he is attempting to promote small businesses in Harper Woods and encouraged everyone to do the same.

Councilmember Costantino also shared her concerns with speeding vehicles near the Monastery and near her on Peerless, too. She then asked if there was something the Ordinance Committee could do to enforce the noise ordinance, perhaps that repeat offenders could be given more costly fines.

Mayor Kindle commented that she is aware that the Director of Public Safety is working on this issue on Old Homestead and that we are only able to work within the laws of the State. She then shared what the Conference of Eastern Wayne does and that it has been somewhat dormant. In order for us to receive the attention we deserve through the County, we need to get this entity to be more active. She thanked the DPW for their efforts in getting the streets cleaned up, the Tabron's for all their efforts in the past and present keeping our community cleaned up and that everyone should do the same by starting with their own properties as a means to keep up Harper Woods. Lastly she announced that she would be attending the National League of Cities event in Washington D.C. next month. She attends these events so we aren't forgotten and so that we have every opportunity to

apply for all types of grant money with state and federal programs.

CM 03-38-23

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

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
MARCH 16, 2023

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The special City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 6:30 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(6:36), Gerianne LaPratt, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: Councilperson Tom Jenny

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

PRESENTATION

Kyle Seidel and Ryan Kern of Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. were present to discuss the various capital needs in the Public Works department. Specifically, replacing the very old, dilapidated equipment that is in use at the DPW, purchasing a salt dome for the DPW yard and to replace water/sewer mains in various areas of the city. Also discussed were the variety of ways to afford these purchases, including a bond, water rate increases, grants and/or appropriations from the general fund and the vehicle and equipment fund.

CM 03-39-23

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
to support the preparation of a Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Harper Woods.

ABSENT: Jenny

MOTION CARRIED

GOAL SETTING

The Mayor, Council members and acting City Manager reviewed and discussed Goal

Setting items for the year. Among the items discussed were:

- Implementing a sidewalk repair program
- Creation of a recreation center
- Cul-de-sac of streets
- Speed Control
- Art in the Park
- Clean up Kelly Road
- Pocket parks
- Seeking alternative funding sources
- Stronger ordinance enforcement
- CPR/First aid training for employees
- Update the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance

CALL TO AUDIENCE

No comments were made.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Williams shared her preference of where a recreation center should be located.

Councilmember Costantino announced that the Amvets are hosting a St. Patty day event with corned beef dinners on March 17, beginning at 2:00 pm and also the school district will be hosting a grab and go lunch at the CCI center on March 17 from 11:00 until 12:30.

CM 03-40-23

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

That the agenda of the special City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

ABSENT: Jenny

MOTION CARRIED

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 20, 2023

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 A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Gerianne LaPratt, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams.

ABSENT:

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

CM 03-39-23

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 6, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Beautification Commission meeting held on February 22, 2023

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 03-40-23

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

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

1. to approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 126893 through 127001 in the amount of \$399,034.51 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 Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$27,745.28 for professional services during the month of February 2023 for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-260; Misc. Concrete Repair, #180-283; Eastland Center, #180-244; Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-233, #180-259 and #180-285; Tap Grant App. #180-299; Johnston Park Basketball, #180-263; Temp Water Operator, #180-303; GIS Field Data, #180-311; DPW Interviews, #180-304; User Charge, #180-296 and Miss Dig, #180-255.
3. approve payment to Doxim, Inc. in the amount of \$5,986.13 for the printing, folding and mailing of the monthly water bills for Districts 1, 2 and 3.
4. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,790.66 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of April 2023.
5. approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$29,886.72 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of February 2023.
6. approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$9,866.05 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of March 2023 and for fees for the website, the City YouTube channel, IT support services for all departments and the purchase of computers and monitors.
7. approve payment to Wolverine Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$12,094.50 for the removal of main break spoils, ground fill supplies and cold patch for filling potholes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-41-23

MILK RIVER - PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment in the amount of \$1,026,261.94 to Wayne County for the Milk River Drain principal and interest payments; \$878,578.54 principal and interest on the SRF Bond #5446-01 and \$147,683.40 principal and interest on the SRF Bond #5446-02.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-42-23 AWARD OF BID - BEACONSFIELD WATER MAIN
REPLACEMENT, #180-266

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Jenny:
BE IT RESOLVED

to accept the low bid submitted by Fontana Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$176,745.00 to replace the two 8" water mains on Beaconsfield.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-43-23 ADD ITEM - TRUIST GOVERNMENTAL FINANCE

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Williams:

To add to the agenda, payment to Truist Governmental Finance.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-44-23 PAYMENT TO TRUIST GOVERNMENTAL FINANCE

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Truist Governmental Finance in the amount of \$68,980.01 for the principal and interest on the Capitol Improvement bond payment for the city's water meters.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Matthys introduced herself as the president of the NEDC group and offered volunteer assistance to the City stating that she would like to keep a positive relationship between the City and their organization.

Ms. Miller spoke of the broken glass and other random trash that she sees blowing around the community, stating that more enforcement is needed. She also stated she would like to see Harper Woods get the large trash cans like Grosse Pointe Woods has.

Mr. Chapel, a landlord in Harper Woods, questioned the water billing process for one of his properties, as the invoice appeared to be an overcharge.

Mr. Schenburn commented about the garbage behind the businesses on Kelly Road, stating that the dumpsters are overflowing and there are mattresses and tires strewn among the blowing trash as well. He also mentioned that the parking on Kelly Road needs to be addressed as cars are double parking causing an issue.

Ms. Foster commented about several ordinances, including parking on the street overnight, commercial vehicles, travel trailers and boats parking in driveways and she questioned why these violators aren't being ticketed.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilperson Williams agreed about the trash being an issue, and that she is an advocate of the big garbage bins. She stated that the garbage contract won't expire until 2025 and that perhaps the City could consider getting the big bins at that time. She then commented that when she first moved here ordinance enforcement was better and that we need to step it up again.

Councilperson LaPratt commented about enforcing the ordinances as well, especially with violators not picking up garbage. She then announced that the Beautification Commission will be hosting an Earth Day cleanup on Saturday, April 22. She asked for volunteers, stating that they will be meeting at City Hall. She then gave a shout out to all women for Women's History month, especially all of the women that work at City Hall.

Councilperson Jenny commented that he is pleased that the City is being proactive with getting the water main replaced on Beaconsfield and that the contractor chosen has done good work in Grosse Pointe Woods as well.

Councilperson Sawicki mentioned that she has read about a community in Ohio that developed a contest to encourage residents to clean up their neighborhoods and suggested something similar for Harper Woods. She also suggested several ideas to help curb speeders, including allowing parking on both sides of the street and creating bump-outs, similar to those on Danbury Lane.

Councilperson Toussant commented about the event that the Harper Woods CCI hosted recently, a grab and go lunch that was very good. He then commented on the spring cleanup that has been done in the past and that he is looking forward to the event this year too. Lastly he mentioned one of his goals that he brought up at the recent goal setting session, which is to hire a permanent city manager. He acknowledged that Mr. Szymanski is doing a good job, but would like to see someone to assist in relieving all of the administrators who are working hard.

Councilperson Costantino also stated she would like to see a permanent appointment to the city manager position and that Mr. Szymanski be the finance director again as he does a great job. She then expressed her concern about the exceptionally high cost of the Milk River payments, especially since we have no representation on the Milk River Board and no way to reduce these costs. Lastly, she commented about the garbage issues, especially since we have a littering ordinance with a \$500 fine, more enforcement is needed and further that she is concerned that the court is still backed up several months. Perhaps we could have people on probation picking up garbage as a community service.

Mayor Kindle agreed with the comments made tonight about garbage, stating she drives all around the city and sees the trash not being picked up, but that it is the obligation of the homeowner to maintain their own property, not the city's responsibility. Everyone needs to do their part and that too many people choose to not follow the rules. We all need to set a better example, and that if you don't want to follow the rules and keep up your property, then please move. She then thanked Superintendent McGhee and the CCI students with their grab and go lunch event as it was so worth the money and the funds raised will help the school and the students.

CM 03-45-23

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 8:02 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 3, 2023

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 A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Gerianne LaPratt, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: None.

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

CM 04-46-23

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 20, 2023, the special City Council meeting held on March 16, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on February 16, 2023, the Board of Review meeting held on March 13, 2023 and the Planning Commission meeting held on March 22, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Planning Commissioner Larry Hakim shared the annual report prepared by McKenna Associates outlining the projects that the commissioners were involved in for 2022 and the projects that are forthcoming for this year.

CM 04-47-23

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

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

1. to approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 127002 through 127180 in the amount of \$1,684,294.31 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 in the amount of \$5,175.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with a water main break and replacement of a stop box at a residential location.
3. to approve payment to The Helm Life Center, Inc. in the amount of \$14,000.00 for the city's proportionate share of expenses relative to the senior center and senior public services from July 2022 through June 2023.
4. to approve payment to Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services, Inc. in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the city's proportionate share of expenses relative to the senior transit services for July 2022 through June 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 04-48-23 AWARD OF BID - CONCRETE SLAB INSTALLATION
JOHNSTON PARK

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the low bid submitted by SAS Home Services in the amount of \$11,600.00 for the installation of 2 concrete pads for chess tables, 2 concrete pads for cornhole boards and for the installation of 3 picnic tables and a grill, with \$10,979.00 being provided by the Wayne County Park Millage grant, and the remaining balance of \$621.00 to be paid by the City.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 04-49-23 PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE - ANDERSON,
ECKSTEIN & WESTRICK, INC.

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Williams:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Proposal for Professional Services dated January 27, 2023 submitted by Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$16,950.00 for

Mr. Cadotte questioned the credits on the water bills as a result of the recent lawsuit and that he didn't receive his. He also commented on the City of Detroit's noise ordinance, stating that we should consider prohibiting outdoor speakers as they have done in an effort to curb outdoor parties with loud music. Lastly he commented about the refuse charges that are currently being imposed on the water and tax bills stating this should not be lawful.

Ms. Foster asked where she could view the City's Charter.

A resident commented about the high taxes she is currently paying on a property she recently purchased.

Mr. Serraiocco commented that the flag on the City's property is frayed and that it should be replaced.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Costantino offered that the Amvets will perform a flag retirement ceremony if warranted.

Councilmember Toussant shared that the potholes on Beaconsfield are being addressed by the contractor and shouldn't pose any further issues. He then commented about his attendance at the recent Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Lions Club, saying that it was well received and attended.

Councilmember Sawicki wished everyone a happy Easter.

Councilmember LaPratt announced the Earth Day cleanup that is scheduled for April 22 from 9-11:30 at City Hall and asked for volunteers to sign up. She then shared that the Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Recreation department was a success even with the rainy weather. Lastly she mentioned that the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast was a success and that everyone should support this worthy cause.

Councilmember Williams opined that she is glad to see that Tim Horton's is almost finished and that the Beaconsfield resurfacing has begun. She then mentioned that the detour signs need to be addressed as they are confusing for drivers.

Mayor Kindle thanked everyone who participated in the Lions Club breakfast and stated that the Lions Club offers many humanitarian services, including assistance for the blind and those with limited sight, and that they serve Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes. She further stated that Harper Woods once had a lot of residents who served as volunteers for the Lions Club and urged continued support in order to keep this organization providing

their services. She further commented that she recently attended the NLC conference where she spent much of her time speaking with our representatives and others seeking out monetary support for our community and encouraged councilmembers to reach out and send letters to the President, Governor, and our representatives requesting their support for Harper Woods as well.

CM 04-52-23

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 8:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 17, 2023

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 A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Gerianne LaPratt and Ivery Toussant, Jr.

ABSENT: Councilperson Regina Williams

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

CM 04-53-23 EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
To excuse Councilmember Williams from tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.

ABSENT: Williams

MOTION CARRIED

CM 04-54-23 MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held April 3, 2023.

ABSENT: Williams

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Amadeus Roy spoke of the plans underway to hold an art fair again this summer. It will be bigger and include music as well as art vendors and food trucks. There is space enough for at least 40 vendors and that the vendors must have original art to sell. Scheduled date is August 5 from 12 to 8pm and it will be held at Salter Park.

CM 04-55-23 REMOVE ITEM 7 FROM CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
to remove item 7, Reimbursement for Travel - Mayor Kindle from the Consent Agenda and add to New Business 5.

NO: Sawicki
ABSENT: Williams

MOTION CARRIED

CM 04-56-23 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 127181 through 127252 in the amount of \$244,925.92 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 in the amount of \$12,500.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with two water main breaks and repair of a gate valve and a fire hydrant.
3. approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$30,819.88 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of March 2023.
4. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,790.66 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of May 2023.
5. to approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$35,581.57 for professional services during the month of March 2023 for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Beaconsfield Crossing, #180-266; Eastland Redevelopment, #180-244; Sanitary Sewer CCTV, #180-285; Kelly Road Streetscape, #180-306; TAP Grant, #180-299; City Hall Generator, #180-291; Temp. Water Operator, #180-303; GIS Field Data Collection, #180-311; DWSRF and CWSRF, #180-301 and #180-302; User Charge, #180-296 and the WAMC Asset Mgmt Survey, #180-312.
6. approve the proposal submitted by our City Attorney for an increase in professional fees from \$115.00 per hour to \$125.00 per hour effective May 1, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant and Kindle.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Williams

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 04-57-23 OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - CONTINUATION OF A
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

MOTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

To open the Public Hearing on the Continuation of a Special Assessment District.

ABSENT: Williams

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING

The acting City Manager gave an overview of the purpose of this hearing and the need to request the 19.5 mills and answered questions.

Mr. Schenburn commented that each year the taxes have risen and these mills aren't being reduced.

Councilmember Sawicki also commented that she would have liked to see the millage request reduced a bit more. She further stated that she doesn't want to lose police or fire, but would like to see some relief for the taxpayers.

CM 04-58-23 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

To close the Public Hearing.

ABSENT: Williams

MOTION CARRIED

CM 04-59-23 ADOPT RESOLUTIONS - CONTINUATION OF A
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Kindle and Costantino.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Williams

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 04-60-23 OPEN PUBLIC HEARING -
CLEAN WATER SRF PROJECT LOAN PLAN

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
To open Public Hearing on the Clean Water SRF Project Loan Plan.

ABSENT: Williams

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING

Ryan Kern, our engineer from Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., gave an overview of what this project will entail, including the next steps moving forward to obtain the loan.

Acting City Manager Szymanski also provided that approximately eight (8) miles of sewer lines would be slated for repair.

Councilperson Sawicki referenced an error in the report where the estimated miles of sewers in the City is incorrect.

Councilperson Costantino opined that this is an excellent program for the City and something that is in need of being done now as it will only be more expensive if the individual sewer repairs are made as they break as opposed to being proactive.

Mayor Kindle shared that money is being made available from the State for infrastructure repairs and is glad to see we are able to take advantage of this now, especially because

of the the loan forgiveness aspect.

Councilmember Costantino asked where the money would come from for the City's portion of this program. (The acting City Manager stated that we will use the money given to us and there will likely be a loan forgiveness for this project.)

CM 04-61-23 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING -
CLEAN WATER SRF PROJECT LOAN PLAN

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
To Close the Public Hearing.

ABSENT: Williams

MOTION CARRIED

CM 04-62-23 CONTRACT EXTENSION - 2022 MISCELLANEOUS
CONCRETE REPAIR PROGRAM

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Contract Modification in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with L. Anthony Construction of ShelbyTownship for the 2023 Miscellaneous Concrete Pavement Repair Program, #180-315.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Kindle, Costantino and Jenny.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Williams

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 04-63-23 REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL - MAYOR KINDLE

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the reimbursement to Mayor Kindle in the amount of \$1,220.88 for the expenses incurred at the National League of Cities (NLC) convention held in March 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Kindle, Jenny and LaPratt.

NO: Costantino and Toussant.

ABSENT: Williams

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

A resident commented that during the discussion of the travel reimbursement for the Mayor a request was made to hear what the Mayor did during the NLC conference and not just who she spoke to and she asked the Mayor to elaborate. (The Mayor provided information on all of the seminars she attended, including one on education, workforce solutions, and mental health.)

Roy Edmunds introduced himself as a trustee of the Wayne County Community College District and shared the benefits that WCCCD provides to the community and his role as trustee.

Mr. Wagner stated that he was saddened to see the Mayor admonished tonight over a \$1200 travel reimbursement, whether protocol was followed or not. He then shared his experiences that would require him to provide reports following his attendance at a conference and this would save any questions or criticisms.

Mr. Cadotte commented that there are residents that are incinerating their garbage on their property and perhaps an article in the newsletter alerting them that this is a violation of our ordinances would be helpful. He also commented on the 5G infrastructure that will cause high frequency issues to residents and further that while the state mandates this, it should be up to the individual communities where the transmitters and receivers are located.

A resident also spoke of the 5G infrastructure and her research on the potential issues it can cause to communities and their residents. She also spoke of farming some of the vacant land we have in Harper Woods to help feed the community.

Mr. Schenburn commented about the halls on Kelly Road and the issues they are causing, including parking difficulties. He also commented on the construction on Beaconsfield, and if there would be a water credit provided if Highland Park has to pay their debt to EGLE. Lastly he commented on the ratings of the Harper Woods school system.

Ryan Kern of Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, gave an update on the progress of the Beaconsfield project.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember LaPratt reminded everyone about the Earth Day event this Saturday and applauded the Tabron's for their consistent efforts to clean up the City and stated that if only more residents did as they did, the City would be a better place for all. Lastly she thanked the Director of Public Safety and his department and cited a recent incident where a young man was hit while riding his bicycle and the response by the police department was incredibly quick.

Councilmember Jenny thanked the engineers for assisting us with the SRF plan and getting the process moving forward.

Councilmember Sawicki commented about the State passing gun safety legislation that puts the onus on the homeowner for gun and its safe keeping. She then suggested that the Police Department might still have gun locks available for the community.

Councilmember Toussant shared he is glad to see the contractors on Beaconsfield working diligently, even in the rain to complete the project. Also he gave kudos to WCCCD for all they do and to the Stempfle center.

Councilmember Costantino commented on the MML Conference and the attendance of most of the Council and that they would all provide reports at the next meeting. She also mentioned that she received a gun lock and was provided with some gun safety information from a police officer. Lastly she shared that property values in Harper Woods are increasing and that it is a good thing for all.

Mayor Kindle reminded everyone that the City will host a Memorial Day service at Johnston Park, May 29 at 10:15 am to honor Veterans. She further stated that we owe a debt of gratitude to all veterans for their service as the United States is still the best country. She commented on the upcoming Art fair, the Juneteenth event and the Prayer Breakfast on May 4.

CM 04-64-23

CLOSED SESSION - LITIGATION SETTLEMENT

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

To adjourn to closed session for the purpose of litigation settlement.

ABSENT: Williams

MOTION CARRIED

The City Council adjourned to Closed Session at 8:48 p.m. and reconvened at 9:03 p.m.

CM 04-65-23 ADD ITEM TO AGENDA - LITIGATION SETTLEMENT

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
To add to the agenda Acceptance of Litigation Settlement

ABSENT: Williams

MOTION CARRIED

CM 04-66-23 ACCEPTANCE OF LITIGATION SETTLEMENT

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
To accept the settlement agreement as recommended by the City Attorney.

ABSENT: Williams

MOTION CARRIED

CM 04-67-23 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 9:04 p.m.

ABSENT: Williams

MOTION CARRIED

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
MAY 1, 2023

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 A. Costantino, Gerianne LaPratt, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: Councilperson Tom Jenny

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

CM 05-68-23

EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER JENNY

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
To excuse Councilmember Jenny from tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.

ABSENT: Jenny

MOTION CARRIED

CM 05-69-23

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held April 17, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on March 16, 2023, the Beautification Commission meeting held on March 20, 2023, Charter Review Subcommittee meeting held on April 20, 2023, Cannabis Subcommittee meetings held on April 20, Planning Commission meeting held on April 26, 2023, and the Cannabis Subcommittee meetings held on April 27, 2023.

ABSENT: Jenny

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 05-70-23

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, 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 127253 through 127348 in the amount of \$692,910.13 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 McKenna Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$7,974.07 for the professional services provided on the marijuana zoning amendments, the Poupard redevelopment project and the updated Master Plan project.
3. approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$8,500.00 for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs and for stump grinding at several locations.
4. approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance in the amount of \$5,399.07 for software support on the district court's computer system.
5. approve payment to Oakland County in the amount of \$6,147.00 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department.
6. approve payment to CBIZ Retirement Plan Services in the amount of \$14,013.20 for actuarial services.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: Costantino

ABSENT: Jenny

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-71-23

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - 19.5 MILL LEVY TO
DEFRAY THE COSTS TO CONTINUE THE MAINTENANCE
OF POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To open the Public Hearing on the levying of a 19.5 mill assessment to defray the costs to continue the maintenance of police and fire protection.

ABSENT: Jenny

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING 19.5 MILL LEVY TO
DEFRAY THE COSTS TO CONTINUE THE MAINTENANCE
OF POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION

Councilmember Sawicki asked if these mills will generate the same amount of money as it did last year.

Councilmember Williams stated that again this year we have reduced the mills by .25

Councilmember Costantino asked how will this be offset from the 5% increase in taxes. (The acting City Manager stated that Headlee rollbacks are expected)

CM 05-72-23

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

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

ABSENT: Jenny

MOTION CARRIED

CM 05-73-23

LEVY OF THE 19.5 MILL ASSESSMENT

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

BE IT RESOLVED to direct the City Assessor to spread the assessment levy of 19.5 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 (9.75 mills for police and 9.75 for fire).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: Jenny

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-74-23 RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT PLAN - CLEAN WATER
SRF REVOLVING LOAN PROJECT

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to designate the acting City Manager as the authorized project representative on the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Project Plan and further to adopt the attached resolution “Adopting a Final Project Planning Document for Wastewater System Improvements and Designating an Authorized Project Representative.”

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: Jenny

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-75-23 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - JOB CLASSIFICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Harper Woods and the Technical and Professional Officeworkers of Michigan (TPOAM) DPW Unit that outlines the new job classifications for Public Works employees, and further authorize the Mayor and acting City Manager to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: Jenny

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-76-23 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT - FRATERNAL
ORDER OF POLICE (FOP)

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the new Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Patrol Officers, Dispatchers and Detectives Unit covering the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, and further to authorize the Mayor and the City

Manager to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: Jenny

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-77-23 EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT - DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Employment Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and Heather Toutant for the position of Director of Public Works, effective the next full pay period following Council approval and further to authorize the Mayor and acting City Manager to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: Jenny

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-78-23 MILK RIVER - OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$353,263.50 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: Jenny

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-79-23 RESOLUTION - GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
to adopt the Resolution in Support of Declaring the First Friday in June, June 2, 2023 to
be National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: Jenny

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Perry commented on the home inspection that was done by SAFEbuilt on a recently
purchased home.

Ms. Toutant thanked the City Council for approving her contract and for their support.

Ms. Drozd invited everyone to attend a League of Women Voters event on May 17 at
Grosse Pointe Memorial Church where a "Mom's Demand Action" speaker will be in
attendance.

Mr. Schenburn commented on the concrete replacement on Lansdowne.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Williams shared her attendance at the MML Capital Conference and some
of the sessions she attended. She further said that she would prepare a full report to be
given at the next meeting.

Councilmember LaPratt thanked everyone that attended the Earth Day event. She then
announced the Beautification Commission will be holding their annual Perennial Plant
Exchange on May 20 from 10 until 12 p.m. at Salter Park. Lastly she commented on the
Capital Conference and how she enjoyed being with members of other communities and
that many complained of speeding cars too.

Councilmember Sawicki suggested that each member of Council that attended the
conference prepare a written report to be included in the next agenda packet.

Councilmember Toussant shared that he attended a session at the Capital Conference regarding pensions. He also mentioned that he and the Mayor received recognition for achieving education levels 1 and 3 with the Michigan Municipal League. He then remarked about attending the Earth Day event. Lastly he reiterated that he was not in support of the travel reimbursement for the Mayor attending the NLC conference.

Councilmember Costantino shared the sessions she attended at the conference, including grant money that is available for transportation and the changes that are happening in the housing market.

Mayor Kindle commented that she would like to move forward with renaming the public works building in honor of former Superintendent Bill Snyder. Further, she thanked the labor attorney for all his hard work handling negotiations with the police and public works' unions and finalizing their agreements. Lastly she commented on the travel reimbursement matter and stated that she felt disrespected and that her integrity was questioned when her travel was called out as possibly unscrupulous. She challenged the members to share what they have done or brought forward to the community as she has.

CM 05-80-23

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ABSENT: Jenny

MOTION CARRIED

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
MAY 15, 2023

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, Councilperson(s) Cheryl A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Gerianne LaPratt, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro tem Vivian Sawicki

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

CM 05-81-23

EXCUSE MAYOR PRO TEM SAWICKI

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
To excuse Mayor Pro tem Sawicki from tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.

ABSENT: Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION - THE HELM

Prudence Cole, Board member from the Helm was present to share what the Helm has to offer and asked for support for a senior services millage next year. Ms. Carlson also shared her experiences and involvement with the Helm.

CM 05-82-23

MINUTES

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held May 1, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Beautification Commission

meeting held on April 17, 2023.

ABSENT: Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No Comments were made.

CM 05-83-23

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, 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 127349 through 127426 in the amount of \$334,244.58 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 \$33,520.00 for the professional services performed in conjunction with the 2022 audit.
3. approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$35,570.44 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of April 2023.
4. approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$60,602.46 for professional services during the month of April 2023 for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Beaconsfield Crossing, #180-266; Eastland Center Redevelopment, #180-244; Danbury Lane, #180-281; 2023 Joint/Crack Sealing, #180-318; 2023 Misc. Concrete Repair, #180-315; Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-285 and #180-317; Sanitary Sewer FCIPP, #180-318; 2022 and 2023 Storm Sewer Repair, #180-282 and #180-314; Temp. Water Operator, #180-303; DWSRF, #180-302; CWSRF, #180-301; User Charge, #180-296 and FDCVT Grant App, #180-310.
5. approve payment to Pointe Alarm in the amount of \$8,887.06 for the pump station alarms for March, April and May and also for the security system at City Hall for April and June.
6. approve payment in the amount of \$ 15,600.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with a water main break, repair to storm lines, fire hydrants and a stop box and water shut off at various residential locations.
7. appoint Ms. Malika Williams to the Library Board of Trustees for an unexpired five year term ending January 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.
ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-84-23 PUBLIC HEARING - DRINKING WATER STATE
REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) LOAN PROJECT

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
to open the Public Hearing on the Drinking Water SRF Project Loan Program.

ABSENT: Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING

Ryan Kern of Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, gave an overview of the project.

Councilmember Williams asked if the loan was to be forgiven, when would the City be notified. Mr. Kern explained that the loan and whether it is forgiven, is determined with a scoring system and if we are given the loan without the loan forgiveness, the scope of the project can be scaled back so as not to be a monetary burden on the City.

CM 05-85-23 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

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

ABSENT: Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

CM 05-86-23 RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT PLAN - DRINKING WATER
SRF REVOLVING LOAN PROJECT

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
BE IT RESOLVED to designate the acting City Manager as the authorized project representative on the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Project Plan and further

to adopt the attached resolution "Adopting a Final Project Planning Document for Water Distribution System Improvements and Designating an Authorized Project Representative."

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, LaPratt, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-87-23 PROPOSED UPDATE - 2023 MASTER PLAN

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

To receive and file the Proposed Update - 2023 Master Plan prepared by the City Planning Consultant and direct that copies of it be forwarded to adjoining communities, SEMCOG, Wayne County and other entities in accordance and compliance with Public Act 265 of 2001.

ABSENT: Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

CM 05-88-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 3 - DANBURY LANE, #180-281D

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to L. Anthony Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$57,456.85 for Progress Payment No. 3 on the Danbury Lane Improvements, #180-281D.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: LaPratt, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Jenny.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-89-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 3 - 2022 CONCRETE
PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECT, #180-283

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to L. Anthony Construction Inc., in the amount of \$34,788.34 for Progress Payment No. 3 on the 2022 Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-283.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny and LaPratt.

NO: None

ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-90-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 2 - 2023 CONCRETE
PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECT, #180-315

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to L. Anthony Construction Inc., in the amount of \$50,217.10 for Progress Payment No. 2 on the 2023 Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-315.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt and Toussant.

NO: None

ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-91-23 CONTRACT EXTENSION - PAVEMENT JOINT AND
CRACK SEALING PROJECT

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Contract Modification in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 with Michigan Joint Sealing, Inc. of Farmington Hills for the 2023 Pavement Joint Sealing Program, #180-318.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Toussant and Williams.

NO: None

ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-92-23 CONTRACT EXTENSION - SANITARY SEWER CLEANING
AND CCTV INSPECTION

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Jenny:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Contract Modification in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with Doetsch Environmental Services of Warren for the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and CCTV Investigation Project, #180-317.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.
NO: None.
ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-93-23 CONTRACT EXTENSION - SANITARY SEWER
REHABILITATION PROJECT

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Contract Modification in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with Insituform Technologies USA, LLC for the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by FCIPP Project, #180-316.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, LaPratt, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.
NO: None.
ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-94-23 CONTRACT EXTENSION - STORM SEWER AND
CATCH BASIN REPAIR PROJECT

RESOLUTION by Costantino SUPPORTED by Toussant:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Contract Modification in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC of Waterford for the 2023 Storm Sewer Repair Program #180-314.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: LaPratt, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Jenny.

NO: None.
ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-95-23 MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE - WORKERS'
COMPENSATION FUND RENEWAL

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Michigan Municipal League Worker's Compensation Fund in the amount of \$86,905.00 for workers' compensation insurance from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and further in that this is self insurance pooled funds, that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny and LaPratt.
NO: None
ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-96-23 CITY HALL AIR CONDITIONING PUMP REPLACEMENT

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the quote submitted by K & S Ventures in the amount of \$27,955.00 for the replacement of the City Hall Air Conditioning Chiller Pump and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the proposal.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, and Toussant.
NO: None
ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-97-23 PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT - REPEAL
RETIREMENT SYSTEM SECTION 5.16 (A) THROUGH (H)

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt and submit the following Statement of Purpose and Ballot Question and the proposed amended text to the City Charter, and further to send this information to the Michigan Attorney General for review and approval so that this question can appear on the ballot at the election to be held on November 7, 2023:

The purpose of Proposal No. 1 is to repeal the Retirement System, Employee Welfare, Section 5.16 (a) through (h) of the City Charter where it is not longer necessary because the City has been and is currently enrolled in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan.

Shall the Retirement System, Employee Welfare, Section 5.16 (a) through (h) of the City Charter be repealed?

_____ Yes
_____ No

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Toussant and Williams.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-98-23 PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT - ELECTION OF
MAYOR PRO TEM

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt and submit the following Statement of Purpose and Ballot Question and the proposed amended text to the City Charter, and send this information to the Michigan Attorney General for review and approval so that this question can appear on the ballot at the election to be held on November 7, 2023:

The purpose of Proposal No. 2 is to amend and clarify the process for determining the councilperson who will fill the position of Mayor Pro tem on City Council. Section 4.3 will state that the Councilperson who receives the highest number of votes in a regular election for a four (4) year term as Councilperson shall serve as Mayor Pro tem until the next regular election to fill a four (4) year Councilperson position.

Should the City Charter, Section 4.3, be amended to provide for, effective with the next election to be held on November 7, 2023, that the Councilperson who receives the highest number of votes in a regular election

for a four (4) year term as Councilperson shall serve as Mayor Pro tem until the next regular election to fill a four (4) year Councilperson position?

_____ Yes
_____ No

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 05-99-23

ADD ITEM TO AGENDA - RESOLUTION

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

to add to the agenda a Resolution to apply for the Protecting Michigan Pension Grant Program.

ABSENT: Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

CM 05-100-23

RESOLUTION - PROTECTION OF MICHIGAN
PENSIONS GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the acting City Manager to file a claim for a grant award and further to certify the implementation of the necessary practices upon the receipt of a grant award as required by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, LaPratt, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Saad commented that there is a lack of ordinance enforcement in the City and that he sees many violators of many of the ordinances. Lastly he commented that there should never be anything in front of the American flag, referencing the flags in Council Chambers.

Mr. Binder also shared his concerns of the lack of ordinance enforcement.

Mr. Krass commented about a credit on his water bill and that Harper Woods pays more for their water than other communities. He then commented about the cars that speed down his block and the enormity of the newly constructed buildings at Eastland.

Mr. DeWaele shared his concerns about the lack of ordinance enforcement. He also commented that the Helm is too far from Harper Woods and that is likely why no one from Harper Woods participates and lastly that the City doesn't need any more millage increases.

Mr. Cadotte commented about the loud parties with loud music and that it is detrimental to the mental health of the community, stating that the City of Detroit outright banned outdoor parties with loud music.

Mr. Schenburn commented about ordinance enforcement also and that he would like to see the call to audience portion of the agenda be for five minutes instead of three for the public to speak.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilperson Costantino commented that the grass on Vernier is very long and that we shouldn't expect the residents to keep up their lawns if we can't get Vernier cut more regularly. She then responded to the ordinance violation concerns stating that residents should document the violations they see so that the proper department can act on them. She then mentioned that the ordinance committee needs to have a meeting soon to address outdoor music, and the smell of marijuana that comes from people's homes.

Councilperson Toussant shared that he was pleased to see the Minutes corrected. He also mentioned the lunch that the Mayor organized for the City Hall employees to celebrate Administrative Professionals day.

Councilperson Jenny invited everyone to attend the Memorial Day service at Johnston Park at 10:15 and the services being held at the Amvets afterward.

Councilperson LaPratt remarked that the Beautification Commission will be holding their annual Perennial Plant Exchange on May 20 at Salter Park from 10-12. She then reminded everyone to wear orange the first weekend in June in support of Gun Violence Awareness.

Councilperson Williams stated that she is pleased that the charter amendments have been brought forward in order that they may be voted on this November. She then wished everyone a happy belated Mother's Day and a happy birthday to her husband Gregory.

Mayor Kindle commented on the buildings at Eastland saying that the property is owned by a private entity and they are building what was planned for and approved some time ago. She then commented that she is still trying to work with MSP, the City of Detroit and Wayne County to curb the speeders and that it is not a Harper Woods issue, it is happening in every community. Lastly, she hoped that every service person attends the Memorial Day ceremony in order to be honored and publicly appreciated.

CM 05-101-23

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 8:50 p.m.

ABSENT: Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 12, 2023

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 A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Gerianne LaPratt, 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 06-102-23 AMEND AGENDA - NEW BUSINESS ITEM NO. 2

MOTION by, Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To amend the agenda amending New Business Item 2 to "Schedule a Public Hearing for July 10, 2023 to hear public comment on amending the Zoning Ordinance."

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATION - WAYNE METRO

Hiba Haidous, a representative of Wayne Metro provided information on the types of assistance they provide to households with low income, including past due mortgage, utility and tax payments and tax preparation services. The application process can be completed online and is simple and streamlined. These programs can be viewed at www.waynemetro.org/programs. They can be contacted also at 313-388-9799.

CM 06-103-23

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held May 15,

2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Cannabis subcommittee held on May 11, and June 1, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

A resident on Beaufait commented about the Wayne Metro presentation and the grants they likely receive and those that the city receives.

CM 06-104-23

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, 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 127349 through 127602 in the amount of \$1,073,587.86 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 Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$17,172.45 for the purchase of new 5/8" Orion automatic read water meters.
3. to approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$12,700.00 for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs.
4. to approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$95,244.85 for professional services during the month of May 2023 for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Beaconsfield Crossing, #180-266; Danbury Lane, #180-281; 2023 Joint/Crack Sealing, #180-318; Misc. Concrete Repair, #180-283 and #180-315; Eastland Redevelopment, #180-244; Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-285 and #180-317; San. Sewer FCIPP proj., #180-284 and #180-316; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-314; Temp Water Operator, #180-303; Van Antwerp Development, #180-313; SRF Loan Projects, #180-301; City Hall Generator, #180-291; Gas Station Redevelopment, #180-292 and HWHS Fiber Install, #180-320.
5. approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$16,681.00 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.
6. to approve payment in the amount of \$ 14,900.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks and repair/replacement of service lines and stop boxes at various residential locations.
7. approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$34,367.14 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of May 2023.
8. approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$6,343.56 for the

email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of May and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of computer accessories.

9. approve payment to Alter Collision in the amount of \$7,503.19 for the repair of one of our scout cars.

10. approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$9,800.00 for professional services related to the City's financial reporting and preparation of the 2022 financial statements.

11. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,790.66 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of June 2023.

12. approve payment to Target Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$5,355.00 for the department's online training platform.

13. to appoint Ms. Melissa Henry to the Library Board of Trustees for an unexpired five year term ending January 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 06-105-23 INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RECREATIONAL MARIHUANA
ESTABLISHMENTS ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

BE IT RESOLVED to Introduce and Place for First Reading an Ordinance entitled "Amended Recreational Marihuana Establishments Ordinance" and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 06-106-23 SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT TO THE
ZONING ORDINANCE

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

to Schedule a Public Hearing for July 10, 2023 to hear public comment on amending the

Zoning Ordinance.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 06-107-23 REQUEST FOR AMENDED MILLAGE BALLOT PROPOSAL
HARPER WOODS LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to place the attached amended ballot proposal on the November 7, 2023 General Election ballot requesting voter approval for an additional .9630 mill for seven years for library operations.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 06-108-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT - BEACONSFIELD RESURFACING PROJECT

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$22,643.05 for the city's proportionate share of the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project, Phase II.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 06-109-23 AWARD OF BID - DEMOLITION OF 20665 OLD HOMESTEAD

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the low bid submitted by Blue Star, Inc. for the demolition of City-Owned property at 20665 Old Homestead in the amount of \$18,800.00 with the grant money provided by the Wayne County Land Bank.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Jenny, LaPratt and Sawicki.
NO: Costantino.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 06-110-23 LIBRARY - PROPERTY RESTORATION PROJECT

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve a lump sum draw in the amount of \$100,000 to be furnished to BMS CAT/Jarvis for the continued renovations in the lower level of the library.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki and Toussant.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 06-111-23 CONTRACT RENEWAL - CITY INSIGHT WATER BILLING
AND TAX PAYMENT PORTAL

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Jenny:
to approve the sixty (60) month contract renewal between the City of Harper Woods and City Insight, LLC for the Water Bill Technology App in the amount of \$15,000.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant and Williams.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Kelly commented on the Marijuana Ordinance and suggested that instead of specifically stating that three locations will be allowed, that the language state that up to three locations will be allowed. She also commented on the proposed late fee.

Ms. Saffore commented about a dispute she is having with a neighbor who has placed large signs in the backyard and she feels they are terrible to look at from her yard.

Ms. Szolach commented that the police presence in her neighborhood is lacking and there are young people throwing bricks at cars. She also mentioned that a store on Kelly is currently selling marijuana and that by passing this ordinance tonight, it promotes more individuals smoking it.

A resident on Lochmoor complained that while putting a fire out recently on her block, the water from the fire hydrant was rusty and it left rust marks on the street. She offered that the hydrants should be flushed to prevent this and painted in order to keep them up.

Mr. Lutfy commented on the marijuana ordinance and the first come, first served process isn't going to work and the fee schedule is all wrong, stating the subcommittee should have done a better job.

Mr. Cadotte commented on the outdoor parties that play loud music and stated residents should not have to be subjected to this and perhaps the City could adopt an ordinance similar to Detroit's that prohibit loud music at parties.

A resident on Hollywood complained of rats on her block and suggested that the city provide the large cans with lids to prevent them.

Mr. Binder shared some recent interactions with police officers who failed to enforce violations of the city's ordinances.

A resident on Beaufait commented about the proposed project at Poupard and also about police not patrolling enough. She also remarked upon the proposed marijuana ordinance, saying that once this approved it will encourage more people to get high and be unproductive. She also asked why the City doesn't have camp out/movie nights like our neighboring communities.

Ms. Ross commented on the proposed Poupard project and that she is against the removal of the cul-de-sac where she lives. She mentioned that the homes will be very small, without basements, yards, storage and not enough parking and will detract from the current housing.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Toussant shared his attendance at a Father's Day lunch the high school prepared. He also mentioned that the baseball program has registered approximately a hundred kids and he was happy to hear of that. He also shared his experiences with rats in his neighborhood and lastly shared an award he received for completing elected official training through the Michigan Municipal League.

Councilmember Sawicki commented that anything that is proposed for the Poupard site will likely not come before City Council for approvals.

Councilmember Jenny wished everyone a happy Father's Day.

Councilmember Williams commented about the Wayne Metro presentation, her experiences with rat issues and her attendance at the Memorial Day event saying that it was well attended and that it is an important event for the community. Lastly she wished everyone a happy Father's Day.

Mayor Kindle thanked the recreation department for putting together the Memorial Day event, and shared her attendance at the Amvets event for motorcycle riders. She then invited everyone to the Juneteenth event on Monday, from 1-4pm at the WCCCD University center. She further commented that the theme will be "the wild, wild west" due to many enslaved people escaping to the west and becoming cowboys and cowgirls and that this is not just black history, but American history and encouraged all to attend. Lastly she thanked all the fathers and wished them a happy Father's Day.

CM 06-112-23

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 9:07 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
JULY 10, 2023

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, Councilperson(s) Cheryl A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Gerianne LaPratt and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro tem Sawicki and Councilmember Ivery Toussant, Jr.

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

CM 07-113-23

EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBERS

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Williams:

To excuse Mayor Pro tem Vivian Sawicki and Councilmember Ivery Toussant, Jr. from tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.

ABSENT: Sawicki and Toussant

MOTION CARRIED

CM07-114-23

MINUTES

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held June 12, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on May 18, 2023 and the Special Library Board meeting held on June 7, 2023.

ABSENT: Sawicki and Toussant

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 07-115-23

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

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

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 127603 through 127785 in the amount of \$962,026.56 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 WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,080.16 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of July 2023.
3. approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$6,711.96 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 monitors and computer accessories.
4. 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.
5. approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$65,069.96 for professional services during the month of June for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Beaconsfield Crossing, #180-266; Danbury Lane, #180-281; 2023 Joint/Crack Sealing, #180-318; Misc. Concrete Repair, #180-283 and #180-315; Eastland Center Redevelopment, #180-244; Sanitary Sewer Cleaning, #180-285 and #180-317; Sanitary Sewer FCIPP, #180-284 and #180-316; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-314; Temporary Water Operator, #180-303; DWSRF Loan Projects, #180-302; Paser Ratings, #180-297; Fiber Install and Conceptual Planning of Recreation Center, #180-319.
6. approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$25,900.00 for professional services related to the City's financial reporting and preparation of the 2022 financial statements.
7. approve payment to G2 Consulting Group LLC in the amount of \$12,412.00 for their quality control observation and product evaluation services in conjunction with our Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project.
8. approve payment in the amount of \$15,100.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks and replacement of stop boxes and leaking service lines at various residential locations.
9. approve payment to George's Collision in the amount of \$5,158.55 for the repair of a DPW vehicle.
10. approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$10,472.50 for Kelly Road island cleanup and also for lawn cuttings at various residential homes.
11. approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$34,939.72 for the contractual

building department services performed during the month of June 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki and Toussant

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 07-116-23

2022 AUDIT PRESENTATION

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

to Receive and File the 2022 Audit/Financial Report as submitted by the City's Auditors, Plante & Moran and also receive and file their management report.

ABSENT: Sawicki and Toussant

MOTION CARRIED

CM 07-117-23 PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

MOTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Williams:

to open the Public Hearing on the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

ABSENT: Sawicki and Toussant

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Maul asked how many retail locations will be in the City and asked what plans are in place to ensure safety to the residents.

Mr. Hakim asked how many applications the City plans to accept.

Mr. Wagner shared his concerns with retail facilities being on Kelly and so close to Detroit and that there are more stores than buyers.

A gentleman asked for clarification of school locations and how the City will decide who will

receive a license for a retail location.

CM 07-118-23 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
to close the Public Hearing.

ABSENT: Sawicki and Toussant

MOTION CARRIED

CM 07-119-23 ADOPT ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Williams:
BE IT RESOLVED to Adopt the Zoning Ordinance Amendment, entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Zoning Ordinance, Sections 10-240 and 10-643 and Add Section 10-264; 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: Jenny, LaPratt, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.
NO: None.
ABSENT: Sawicki and Toussant

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 07-120-23 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01;
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA
ESTABLISHMENTS

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
BE IT RESOLVED to Place for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance No. 2023-01, entitled "An Ordinance to Amend 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: LaPratt, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Jenny.
NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki and Toussant

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 07-121-23 INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING - AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING THE REFUSE COLLECTION ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

BE IT RESOLVED to introduce and place for first reading an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 9, Section 9-5 - Precollection Regulations 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: Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny and LaPratt.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki and Toussant

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 07-122-23 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - ANDERSON,
ECKSTEIN & WESTRICK, INC.

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the 5% Hourly Charge Rate increase proposal dated June 20, 2023 from engineering firm Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. effective July 1, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt and Williams.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki and Toussant

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 07-123-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT - BEACONSFIELD
RESURFACING PROJECT

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation

CM 07-126-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 3 (FINAL) - 2022 STORM SEWER
OPEN CUT REPAIRS, #180-282

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$5,581.90 for Progress Payment No. 3 (Final) on the 2022 Storm Sewer Open Cut Repairs, #180-282.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny and LaPratt.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki and Toussant

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 07-127-23 CITY INSIGHT - DEVELOPMENT FEE

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the one-time development fee to City Insight LLC in the amount of \$45,000.00 for the new services that will be included on the City's water app.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt and Williams.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki and Toussant

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 07-128-23 WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT - CITY HALL

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
BE IT RESOLVED to accept the bid provided by Park Residential and Commercial Services in the amount of \$244,650.00 for the window replacement project at City Hall and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement, and further to approve the initial deposit of \$114,263.00 to be paid to the contractor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki and Toussant

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 07-129-23 ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
to add to the agenda the following three items:

- 1) Resolution to Withdraw Resolution for Proposed Charter Amendment No. 1
- 2) Resolution to Revise a Prior Approved Resolution for Proposed Charter Amendment No. 2, and
- 3) Payment to Doxim in the amount of \$5,742.21.

ABSENT: Sawicki and Toussant

MOTION CARRIED

CM 07-130-23 RESOLUTION TO WITHDRAW RESOLUTION FOR
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the attached resolution to Withdraw the Resolution for Proposed Charter Amendment No. 1 as adopted on May 15, 2023; Repeal the Retirement System, Employee Welfare, Section 5.16 (a) through (h) of the City Charter.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, LaPratt, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki and Toussant

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 07-131-23 RESOLUTION TO REVISE A PRIOR APPROVED
RESOLUTION FOR PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the attached resolution to Revise a Prior Approved Resolution for Proposed Charter Amendment No. 2 as adopted on May 15, 2023; Section 4.3 Mayor, Mayor Pro tem Election, Procedure.

Council for the City of Harper Woods shall consist of six (6) elected Councilpersons who shall serve four (4) year terms and one (1) elected Mayor who shall serve a two (2) year term. The Councilperson who receives the highest number of votes in a regular election to fill a four (4) year term shall serve as Mayor Pro tem until the next regular election.

Councilpersons elected to serve less than a four (4) year term created by a vacancy are ineligible to serve as Mayor Pro tem.

In the event of absence or disability of both the Mayor and Mayor Pro tem, the Council may designate another of its members to serve as acting Mayor during such absence or disability.

It is proposed that the Charter be amended to state that (1) the Councilperson who received the highest number of votes in a regular election to fill a four (4) year term shall serve as Mayor Pro tem until the next regular election, and (2) those councilpersons elected to serve less than a four (4) year term created by a vacancy are ineligible to serve as Mayor Pro tem.

Shall the Amendment as proposed be adopted?

Yes
 No

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: LaPratt, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Jenny.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki and Toussant

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 07-132-23

PAYMENT TO DOXIM

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Doxim in the amount of \$5,742.21 for the preparation and distribution of the summer property tax bills.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny and LaPratt.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki and Toussant

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Krass commented about the crack sealing project and that due to a large volume of traffic and speeding cars, the contractors were unable to complete their work. He also inquired about the milk river fees on the tax bill.

Ms. Szolach commented about her rising taxes and no amenities to show for it, including police protection for the community.

A resident asked about getting a speed bump on her street.

Ms. Maul asked about the status of Poupard and clarification of when the City Council has meetings.

Mr. Schenburn commented about the plans for a sports center at the High School and the issues it may cause. He then asked for relief with parking on Kelly Road.

Ms. Leverage shared her concerns with the potential building project at Poupard and other concerns she has with the state of the state and country.

Mr. Wagner asked for clarification of the milk river fees.

A resident asked for clarification about whether or not residents can use bags for garbage or if they need to be in a lidded container.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Williams thanked everyone that was present for coming to voice their concerns. She then commented on her attendance at an open house she attended for a new business in Harper Woods. She then asked if and when the sidewalk repair project would begin. Lastly she opined that bringing in more students to a district does not increase the crime and violence and that any improvements to a school are a positive to the community.

Councilmember LaPratt offered condolences to Mayor Pro tem Sawicki on the passing of her mom.

Councilmember Costantino announced that the National Night Out will be August 1 at 5:00 p.m. at Johnston Park. She then commented on her attendance at the Heartland Summit and the guest speakers that attended.

CM 07-133-23

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

ABSENT: Sawicki and Toussant

MOTION CARRIED

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 14, 2023

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) Tom Jenny, Gerianne LaPratt, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: Councilperson Cheryl A. Costantino

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

PRESENTATIONS

State Representative Paiz gave a legislative update. Then she provided information on the bills that she is working on and her involvement with several committees.

CM 08-134-23

EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER COSTANTINO

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

To excuse Councilmember Costantino from tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.

ABSENT: Costantino

MOTION CARRIED

CM 08-135-23

MINUTES

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held July 10, 2023, and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Board of Review meetings held

on July 18, 2023 and the Planning Commission meeting on July 26, 2023.

ABSENT: Costantino

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Lt. Melnyk shared his opposition and concerns with a potential merger with the City of Detroit fire department.

A retired member of the Roseville Fire department also shared his opposition and concerns with the potential merger.

The following residents shared concerns about eliminating the 1500' buffer and having marijuana retail stores in Harper Woods:

Ms. Sullivan-O'linn

Mr. Waldo

Ms. Sheridan

Ms. Koeplin

Ms. Coolman

Ms. Jolly

Mr. Kirkman

Ms. Martin

A resident commented about her concerns about the merger with the Detroit Fire department.

A resident asked what the payment to Dominion Voting was for.

CM 08-136-23

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, 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 127786 through 128053 in the amount of \$1,824,414.86 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 Dominion Voting Systems in the amount of \$5,085.00 for the annual maintenance of the voting equipment and software license renewal.
3. approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance in the amount of \$5,399.07 for software support on the district court's computer system.

4. approve payment to BS & A Software in the amount of \$12,576.00 for the various accounting and billing system software for the period August 2023 through August 2024.
5. approve payment in the amount of \$36,544.61 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 January 1 through June 30, 2023.
6. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,080.16 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of August, 2023.
7. approve payment to Oakland County in the amount of \$6,147.00 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department.
8. approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$52,263.25 for professional services during the month of July 2023 for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, Danbury Lane, Joint/Crack Sealing, Misc. Concrete Repair, Eastland Center Redevelopment, Sanitary Sewer FCIPP, Storm Sewer Repair, Temporary Water Operator, Spark Grant App, Gas Station Redevelopment and GIS Field Data Collection project.
9. approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$41,467.42 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of July 2023.
10. approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$10,632.86 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of July and for IT support services for all departments and the website development for the 32A District Court.
11. approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$17,366.00 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: Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Costantino

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 08-137-23 PUBLIC HEARING - AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

To open the public hearing on the zoning ordinance amendment.

ABSENT: Costantino

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Wagner commented that with or without the buffer, market forces will be very indicative of how many retail stores will be successful in Harper Woods and also that the City will likely get a cut of the money that the state receives and it might assist with hiring additional police officers.

Ms. Hummel commented that she did not want any marijuana on Harper near her street and that she lives just two houses away from a potential establishment.

Mayor Kindle provided information on why the City began the process of adopting an ordinance to allow for recreational marijuana stores here.

Mr. Luis asked that the 1500' buffer remain in place.

Ms. Szolach shared her concerns about having a marijuana retail store, stating it will invite crime and it sets an example for young people that drugs are okay.

Mr. Modlin opined that crime is associated with marijuana stores on 8 mile and that is what we will have here. He then stated that we may get money from the state, but we would be spending it on crime increase and property values will decrease.

A resident asked about the petition that was circulated two years ago and who circulated it.

Attorney DeWaele commented about the state law in Michigan that governs the marijuana industry.

Mr. Eustif remarked that there are several vacant buildings on Kelly and these stores will likely occupy them.

Ms. Coolman asked why Vernier wasn't included as a consideration for marijuana stores.

CM 08-138-23

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
To close the public hearing.

ABSENT: Costantino

MOTION CARRIED

CM 08-139-23 EXPLORATION OF MERGER - DETROIT FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Williams:

BE IT RESOLVED to require the Acting City Manager to engage in discussions with the following communities to explore the possibility of merging fire services or creating a fire authority, City of St. Clair Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Shores, Eastpointe, and the City of Detroit and further to provide the City Council with a full account of the potential to do so.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: Costantino

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 08-140-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT - BEACONSFIELD RESURFACING

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$110,532.83 for the city's proportionate share of the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project, Phase II.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: Costantino

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 08-141-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 1 - BEACONSFIELD WATER MAIN
REPLACEMENT, #180-266.

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to Fontana Construction Inc., in the amount of \$162,699.46 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the Beaconsfield Water Main Replacement project, #180-266.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Williams, Kindle, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki and Toussant.

NO: None.

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the Wayne County Parks Millage Fund Grant in the amount of \$42,013.00 for Improvements at Danbury Park, Johnston Park and Salter Park and further, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Wayne and the City of Harper Woods.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Jenny.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Costantino

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 08-145-23 FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL - TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTIES

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the acting City Manager to accept the 2023 First Right of Refusal on three (3) residential tax foreclosed properties in an amount not to exceed \$40,710.90 and further to authorize him to sign any necessary documents pertaining to the sale.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Jenny and LaPratt.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Costantino

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 08-146-23 DETROIT AREA AGENCY ON AGING
ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

MOTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

to acknowledge receipt of and approve the Detroit Area Agency on Aging Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year 2023.

ABSENT: Costantino

MOTION CARRIED

CM 08-147-23 MILK RIVER - OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$356,130.75 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for first quarter FY 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Jenny, LaPratt and Sawicki
NO: None.
ABSENT: Costantino

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 08-148-23 MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE - ANNUAL CONVENTION

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
BE IT RESOLVED authorize those Council members interested to attend the Michigan Municipal League's Annual Convention October 18-20, 2023 with the City paying all necessary and related expenses.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Williams, Kindle, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki and Toussant.
NO: None.
ABSENT: Costantino

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 08-149-23 DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATES - MI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED Sawicki:
to designate Mayor Kindle as the City's official delegate, and Mayor Pro tem Sawicki as the alternate delegate at the Michigan Municipal League's Annual Meeting to be held during the October 18 - 20, 2023 convention, unless another member of City Council is interested and plans to attend.

ABSENT: Costantino

MOTION CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Szolach commented about the lack of police on Beaconsfield and the vehicles that speed up and down it.

An IAFF member stated his support of the resolution that included more cities and not just the City of Detroit in potential merging of departments.

Mr. Scott asked for clarification on the decision of the zoning ordinance amendment.

Mr. Cadotte asked when the grass on the Vernier islands would be cut, and how does Grosse Pointe Woods get theirs cut more often. He also questioned the legality of the companies that provide address painting services on the curbs of homeowners.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Williams asked when the Beaconsfield project would be completed as school starts soon. She then commented about the grant money we received for park improvements, and that a lot of great things are happening at all the city's parks. Lastly, she remarked that she is listening to the residents that are unhappy about the potential marijuana stores.

Councilmember LaPratt stated that she is glad to hear from the residents and that prior to this meeting, no one has come forward to share their concerns and that Council is listening to all of their comments. She then commented on her attendance at the National Night Out event and the Lost in the Woods event, saying both were well attended and had great turnout.

Councilmember Jenny also thanked everyone for coming out and having their voices heard and that Council is listening.

Councilmember Sawicki commented that this isn't the Council's community, it's everyone's community. She thanked everyone for the sympathies they offered after her mom's passing and lastly, she pointed out that the City hosts great community events and encouraged everyone to attend them so that we can keep providing them.

Councilmember Toussant remarked upon his attendance at the Lost in the Woods event and that it was well attended and a great event. He then reminded everyone that pickleball games are still being held at Johnston Park Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am to 1pm. Further, he commented that he was a part of the cannabis subcommittee and everyone worked hard to get it right and that there was never an intention to have retail stores

anywhere but in commercial districts and that even though there might be 8 applicants, not all of them will obtain a license.

Mayor Kindle reminded everyone about the Town Hall meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 16 at Salter Park to discuss the potential community center development.

CM 08-150-23

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 9:03 p.m.

ABSENT: Costantino

MOTION CARRIED

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 17, 2023
SPECIAL 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 Vivian Sawicki, Councilperson(s) Cheryl A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Gerianne LaPratt, 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 08-151-23

ADOPT ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

MOTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

To amend the Zoning Ordinance Section 10-264; Locations, eliminating the Marijuana Establishments Buffer, and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with the City Charter requirements.

Ayes: Toussant, Williams and Kindle

Nays: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt and Sawicki

MOTION FAILED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Sheridan questioned the outcome of this item from the last City Council meeting agenda. She further stated that she understands that recreation marijuana is legal now and that she appreciates the meetings are open for input.

Ms. Sullivan admitted her lack of involvement on this issue, but also admonished the City Council for not making this more known to the public as the bare minimum was provided to the community. She then stated that there is a lot of traffic concerns already and this would make them worse. Lastly she asked if this is the City we want to promote to visitors.

Mr. Dornbrook thanked those that voted against this change as Country Club is already a busy street and also security lighting on a building near his house would cause issue. He further stated that businesses like Pointe Alarm and Speedy Printing are what is best for our community and the City should look at alternative businesses to occupy the vacant buildings.

Mr. Sheridan stated that he understood that no traffic studies were done for these establishments and that he would like to see 3500' between retail locations, not 1500', and that there should be a 200' feet buffer to the nearest residential home. Lastly he said that there should be a citizen committee to determine the appearance of these buildings.

Ms. Kane shared that she has attended the meetings where recreational marijuana was the topic and she is glad to know the City Council has been on top of things to keep local control on this issue and her opinion is that information has been sent out to the public in a variety of forms.

Mr. Modlin opined that with cash only businesses such as these see an increase in crime and that 117 dispensaries have been broken into throughout the state.

Mr. Rosowski commented that many residents are against having eight dispensaries in the community and that marijuana is worse than alcohol. Lastly he asked why it was so difficult to learn about these meetings.

Mr. Wagner commented on his experiences with dispensaries and that many have great security, high caliber clientele and professionalism and further that he would rather see these retail stores and not fast food, event halls, etc. He then stated that market forces will not support eight dispensaries, with or without the 1500' buffer.

Mr. Kalogerakos commented that the public notices should be posted on the home page and he further asked for crime statistics of current businesses.

A resident commented that crime is increased where there are marijuana businesses.

Mr. Coolman opined that the City is short sighted and thinking only of the revenue we will see, not the lowering of property values. Cleaning up the City should be the priority as there is so much trash and we should look to Grosse Pointe Park and their business district as a good example.

Ms. Pappas shared her concern that many school children will be walking past these retail stores and that more crime and traffic will be a result of having the stores in the area.

Ms. Kelly remarked that she is glad the Council voted against the buffer elimination. She

then shared her history of working in the marijuana industry. She then commented that she agrees that young people shouldn't have access and that is why security is a top priority at a retail store. Also she mentioned that by filling the vacant storefronts and having great security and lighting is a crime deterrent.

Ms. Hummel is concerned about the lighting that might be an issue and traffic up until 10 pm every night. She stated that her quality of life will be affected with the increase in traffic, loud music of cars in these parking lots and crime.

A resident commented that he has seen the traffic issues with dispensaries in other communities and he doesn't want to see his insurance raised if crime increases.

Mr. Lopazi stated that the City Council should consider the mission statement and vision for the City and if this type of establishment fits that vision.

Ms. Vicari asked why these places can't be in a more industrial area.

Ms. Benson shared that she is concerned about vehicle traffic as well as foot traffic near these stores, especially in the late hours they are allowed to be open.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Costantino thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight and that she is reminded that she works for the residents and that is why she voted as she did.

Councilmember Sawicki remarked that it is important to have the community come out and have input on important issues.

Councilmember Jenny also thanked everyone for their presence and that he didn't vote at the meeting on Monday as he wanted more information first.

Councilmember LaPratt also thanked everyone in attendance tonight and remarked that some members of the Planning Commission are here and they are part of the process as well.

Councilmember Williams too thanked everyone in attendance for their input as she listens to everyone's concerns and appreciates all of the feedback. She further stated that while she isn't in favor of cannabis in Harper Woods, people voted for it and everyone is trying to make the best decisions for the community.

Mayor Kindle said that she appreciates the input, but wished that everyone had been involved when the process began and perhaps residents could volunteer to be a part of a board or commission to know what is going on in the City. The City Council works for the

quality and betterment of the entire city and invited residents to be more involved moving forward.

CM 08-152-23

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

That the agenda of the Special City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

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 A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Gerianne LaPratt, 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 09-153-23

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held August 14, 2023 and the Special City Council meeting held on August 17, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on June 16, 2023 and the Planning Commission meeting held on August 23, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Ms. Lovrinco commented about the Poupard project and opined that there is no benefit for the community and demolishing the building isn't a benefit to the community either. The building on the property should remain possibly to be used as a hydroponic grow house/greenhouse to provide food to everyone. Lastly she commented that most of these projects fail mid build and she isn't in favor of it.

Mr. Sheridan he shared his concerns about the Poupard properties becoming rental properties.

CM 09-154-23

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, 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 128054 through 128172 in the amount of \$721,361.76 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 Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$40,520.88 for professional services during the month of August 2023 for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Beaconsfield Crossing, #180-266; Danbury Lane, #180-281; 2023 Concrete Repair, #180-283; 2023 Joint/Crack Sealing, #180-318; Community Center grant, #180-323; Kelly Rd. Planning Grant, #180-322; DPW Yard Analysis, #180-307; Comcast Review, #180-321; Eastland Center, #180-244; Sanitary Sewer FCIPP, #180-284 and #180-316; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-282 and #180-314; Sanitary Sewer Cleaning, #180-285 and #180-317; Temporary Water Operator, #180-303 and DWSRF Loan, #180-302.
3. approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$10,436.63 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of August and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of Watchdog Security device and renewal fees.
4. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,080.16 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of September 2023.
5. approve payment to Intrado Life and Safety Solutions Corporation in the amount of \$11,955.70 for the renewal of an extended maintenance plan for the Viper dispatch call-taking console.
6. approve payment in the amount of \$33,250.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks, replacement of stop boxes at various residential locations and repair to leaking service lines.
7. approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$11,350.00 for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs.
8. approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$11,117.00 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, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-155-23 REQUEST TO REZONE - 20655 LENNON
FORMER POUPARD ELEMENTARY

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the request from applicant Tim Loughrin, of Renovare Robertson Harper Woods LLC to rezone Parcel #42-010-07-0066-305, R1-B, One-Family Residential District, to a PUD, Planned Unit Development District.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-156-23 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
HARPER WOODS FIREFIGHTERS IAFF LOCAL 1188

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Harper Woods Fire Fighter's Association Local 1188 for the contract term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, and further authorize the Mayor and acting City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Harper Woods.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Jenny.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-157-23 WINBOURNE CONSULTING LLC - FIRE DEPARTMENT MERGER

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
BE IT RESOLVED to engage in an analysis for alternative fire services to be conducted by Winbourne Consulting LLC in the amount of \$63,375.00, with American Rescue Plan funds (ARPA) being utilized.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny and LaPratt.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-158-23 SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the acting City Manager to sell tax foreclosed properties at a price of \$51,130.29 to the interested buyers as outlined, including all monies owed to the City; and further to authorize the acting City Manager and the Mayor to sign all necessary documents to complete the transactions.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Jenny, LaPratt and Sawicki.

NO: Costantino

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 09-159-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 1 - 2023 STORM SEWER
OPEN CUT REPAIR PROJECT, #180-314

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$80,227.19 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2023 Storm Sewer Open Cut Repairs, #180-314.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-160-23 CONTRACT MODIFICATION - BEACONSFIELD WATER
MAIN CROSSING, #180-266.

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

BE IT RESOLVED approve the contract modification in the amount of \$24,750.00 to Fontana Construction for the emergency repair of a 10" sanitary sewer pipe.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant and Williams.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-161 -23 MILK RIVER - SRF PROJECT INTEREST

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$198,295.08 for the City's proportionate share of the SRF Project interest.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-162 -23 PROGRESS PAYMENT - BEACONSFIELD RESURFACING

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Jenny:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$10,926.69 for the city's proportionate share of the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project, Phase II.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Lovrinco shared her dissatisfaction with the vote to rezone the property at the former Poupard site, stating the City Council didn't require or provide sufficient information on this proposed plan.

Ms. Brown commented that she wasn't notified of the proposed marijuana retail stores near her and asked what determines which residents get notified.

A resident on Kelly complained about the two event halls on Kelly road citing a big trash problem that overflows into her yard.

The NEDC group thanked everyone who attended their first annual Walk-a-thon and that the proceeds will be donated to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society (GPAAS).

Ms. Miller commented about a cyclist that was injured recently and that no one was able to tell her if the person was ok. She then commented that there should be speed limit signs on Harper. Lastly she commented about creating a 'ghost bike' type memorial where the cyclist was injured.

Mr. Kirkman asked for information about the tax abatement that will be in place with the Poupard development.

Ms. Maul voiced her concerns about the Poupard re-development, including the potential on street parking on Duprey, the A/C units and garbage bins that will be in direct view of her home across the street. She then remarked that during the construction phase, there will be heavy equipment and noise and that will be problematic for those that live in that immediate area.

Lt. Melnyk thanked the Council for their adoption of the IAFF collective bargaining agreement.

Ms. Herman commented that it appears the City Council didn't want to hear from the residents about the Poupard re-development.

Ms. Ross said she is disheartened that City Council asked residents to wait to comment about the redevelopment until this time and now the developers have left and that there are still many concerns.

Mr. Maul shared his concerns with the redevelopment and stated that parking will be a problem and cited several occasions when the school hosted events that he was unable to park near his home.

Mr. Schenburn commented that he would like to see the ordinance changed to allow for metal roofs on homes. He also commented that the company that picks up garbage throws the empty cans into the street and they should be told not to.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Costantino remarked that she hears the concerns from the residents and

that she would like to see more involvement and encouraged people to fill the vacancies on the boards and commissions.

Councilmember Toussant commented that he is excited about the redevelopment at the Poupard site and wished the residents felt the same way as it will be much needed tax revenue on a property that has always been tax exempt. Next he noted he attended the walk-a-thon and that it was a fun time.

Councilmember Sawicki spoke of the confusion with the public comment tonight and that a public hearing was not part of the voting process tonight with regard to the Poupard redevelopment. She then commented about a post on Facebook that alluded that the City would be paying for the asbestos abatement at the former Eastland site and asked the acting City Manager to clarify if this was true (The acting City Manager stated that Northpointe would be incurring these costs, not the City).

Councilmember LaPratt shared that the Beautification Commission is hosting a perennial plant and seed exchange at Salter Park on Saturday, September 16 from 10am to 12pm and invited everyone to attend. She also encouraged residents to get involved and join a board or commission.

Councilmember Williams commented on her attendance at the Walk-a-thon and that it was enjoyable and a great event. She mentioned the IAFF contract and was pleased to have that adopted. She then shared an incident involving a speeding car and the appearance that the police department did nothing to stop it. Lastly she mentioned the back to school fair that provided donated items to students and then welcomed back to a new school year all the teachers, the students and administrators.

Mayor Kindle stated that she is pleased that everyone came here tonight to get the correct information from the City Council on all matters. Additionally, she offered that a public hearing wasn't required tonight regarding the Poupard redevelopment, but suggested that perhaps another meeting can be scheduled with the developers to have more information provided to cover any other concerns the neighbors have. She thanked Northpointe for their donations to the back to school event and said that they will be a great community partner for the City. Lastly she mentioned that she spoke with Superintendent McGhee about the possibility of high school students running a news station to keep all residents informed of what is going on in the community.

CM 09-163-23

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 9:12 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

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 A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Gerianne LaPratt, 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 09-164-23

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held September 06, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Beautification Commission meeting held on August 14, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 09-165-23

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:
approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 128173 through

128264 in the amount of \$748,659.34 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 Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$47,570.49 for professional services during the month of September for the following projects: Eastland Center, #180-244; Sanitary Sewer FCIPP, #180-316; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-314; Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-317; Temp Water Operator, #180-303; User Charge, #180-296; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Beaconsfield Crossing, #180-266; Joint/Crack Sealing, #180-288; Danbury Lane, #180-281; Misc. Concrete Repair, #180-283 and #180-315; Community Center Grant, #180-323; Recreation Center Concept, #180-319; Miss Dig, #180-255 and Harper/ Van Antwerp Dev. #180-313.

3. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,080.16 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of October 2023.

4. approve the payment to Kennedy Industries in the amount of \$5,120.00 for the repairs to the Balfour and Vernier pump stations.

5. approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$38,690.04 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of August 2023.

6. approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$6,492.50 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-166-23

PURCHASE - NEW PATROL VEHICLES

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the purchase of two (2) Ford Interceptor Utility vehicles in the amount of \$103,517.04 to be paid in three (3) annual payments of \$34,505.68 through the Macomb County Extended Purchasing Agreement, and further to approve the payments to the various vendors required to outfit each of these vehicles in the amount of \$88,366.00 and further, in that these vehicles were competitively bid by Macomb County that the City's formal competitive bidding process be waived.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-167-23 DASH CAMERA PURCHASE

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the purchase of seven (7) Axon 3 Dash Cameras, from Axon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$67,485.60, with five (5) annual payments of \$13,497.12.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Jenny.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-168-23 RENEWAL AGREEMENT - CITIZEN LAB

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Williams:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the annual renewal of the agreement between the City of Harper Woods and CitizenLab in the amount of \$6,000.00, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny and LaPratt.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-169 -23 GRANT PURCHASE - LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR
32A DISTRICT COURT

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the purchase of ten (10) Dell Latitude laptops with docking stations and one (1) MacBook Pro laptop with docking stations in the amount of \$20,000.00 with funding being provided by the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Grant (CESF) Grant.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt and Sawicki.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-170 -23 GRANT PURCHASE - WEBSITE REDEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED accept the proposal submitted by Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$8,500.00 for the development of a website using the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Grant (CESF) funds and further that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-171 -23 HEALTH, HUNGER AND NUTRITION TASK FORCE

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Sawicki :

BE IT RESOLVED to support the Mayor's Alliance with the City's participation in the Health, Hunger and Nutrition Task Force and by creating a local task force to develop a mission, goal and rules that align with the organization's national strategy.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 09-172-23 ADOPT 2024 BUDGET SCHEDULE

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To approve the 2024 Budget Meeting Schedule with workshops to be held at regular meetings on October 2 and October 16 and, only if necessary, to hold special meetings on October 9 and October 30 and further to hold a public hearing on the 2024 Budget on November 6, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Sullivan asked for more explanation of what Citizen Lab is.

Ms. Hamly shared her concerns about the assisted living home on Woodmont. She further shared that she takes pride in her home and many kids have to walk past this place and see residents hanging out, smoking and drinking outside. She would like to see this be addressed.

A resident stated there is a lot of debris on the service drive and would like to see this cleaned up.

Ms. Rouchelieu commented that she has been on a waiting list to get the lead pipes in her home replaced and it keeps getting put off and asked what can be done to get this resolved.

Ms. Tabron asked about the potential community center plans and then mentioned that in addition to the pantry that the Mayor is involved with, the Living Rock Church gives out food to residents in need too.

Mr. Schenburn opined that residents are present at the meetings and it appears that City Council isn't doing anything about the issues they raise. He further asked why the foreclosed homes couldn't be sold to the high school to rehabilitate. Lastly he stated that he doesn't agree with the public comment part of meetings being only three minutes.

Mr. Cadotte commented about short term rentals and suggested they could be in high demand next year for the NFL draft and perhaps a town hall meeting could be held about this in order to get ahead of it. He further stated that Grosse Pointe Park has taken an initiative to draft regulations about short term rentals.

Mr. Tabron said \$450.00 was raised with the recent Walk-a-thon and the money was donated to GPAAS. He then commented that the residents that play pickle ball are always looking for more players.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Williams shared her attendance of the Harper Woods ribbon cutting for the track and football field. She then asked if the Council could receive email updates about residents' complaints made at Council meetings as a means of following up. Lastly, she commented about the DPW Superintendent and her hard work toward getting her water certifications.

Councilmember LaPratt remarked about the Beautification Commission vacancy and the application that was received to fill it. She then commented about the high school football game and the parking issues.

Councilmember Sawicki agrees that it would be great to hear the outcomes of the residents' concerns. She then remarked that the City already has a short term rental ordinance.

Councilmember Toussant announced that Pickle Ball is still being held on Wednesdays and Saturdays and will go until it gets cold out. He shared his attendance at the Perennial Plant event that was held this past weekend. He then opined that the parking concerns from the football game don't require police involvement when patrons are only at the school for a short time.

Councilmember Costantino stated that all of the litter blowing around makes the City look bad. The trash ordinance has been updated and the fine for littering is \$500.00. She then shared an incident where she witnessed a driver throw garbage out of a car window and she turned the license plate over to the police department. She further opined that we need to be tough on this so the message gets out. Garbage brings rodents, smell and looks bad.

Mayor Kindle is glad in seeing more people in attendance at meetings and getting involved. She then shared the reason the City engaged with CitizenLab was to deter negative and incorrect information being shared on Facebook about the many projects going on in the City. Next, she shared that she attended the football game and the new field was state of the art. Also, she remarked the school will be building field houses on the property, using train car containers. Lastly she announced that the Lions club will be holding a pasta dinner on October 6 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. This is the 75th year that the Lions' Club has been in Harper Woods.

CM 09-173-23

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 8:08 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 02, 2023

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 A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Gerianne LaPratt, 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 10-174-23

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held September 18, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on August 17, 2023 and Planning Commission meeting held on September 27, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 10-175-23

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

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

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 128265 through 128369 in the amount of \$398,436.55 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 McKenna Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$10,343.66 for the professional services provided on the site plan and special land use reviews for the potential marijuana retail businesses.
3. approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$7,517.79 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of September and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of MS Office and keyboard/mouse bundles.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 10-176-23 PROPOSAL - UPDATE RECREATION MASTER PLAN

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
BE IT RESOLVED to accept the proposal submitted by McKenna Associates for the preparation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan in the amount of \$7,750.00 and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the proposal.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 10-177-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 2 -
CONCRETE PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECT, #180-315

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to L. Anthony Construction Inc., in the amount of \$18,891.05 for Progress Payment No. 2 on the 2023 Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-315.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Jenny.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 10-178-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT - BEACONSFIELD
RESURFACING PROJECT

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$14,870.16 for the city's proportionate share of the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project, Phase II.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny and LaPratt.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 10-179-23 RESOLUTION - ALTERNATE MEETING DATES
FOR BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
to adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Board of Review to schedule an alternate meeting date during the week of the third Monday in July and during the week of the second Monday in December.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 10-180-23 RESOLUTION - EARLY VOTING

MOTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
to adopt the resolution designating City Hall as the early voting site for the City of Harper Woods.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Olinn-Sullivan asked if there were other ways to inform the public about the upcoming Recreation Master Plan surveys, and suggested Nixle or Facebook.

Mr. Cadotte shared his concerns about large parties and loud music, stating they should be banned.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Williams commented on the recent meet and greet with the Mayor and City Council.

Councilmember Jenny commented on the recent DPW building dedication and that it was a great turnout.

Councilmember Sawicki encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Family Fun Day on October 21, from 1-4pm and then inquired when the next Charter subcommittee will be meeting and if she could join this subcommittee. Lastly she asked about the current process for cannabis businesses and the timeline for submitting applications.

Councilmember Toussant commented about the many noises that summer brings, not just loud music and parties.

Councilmember Costantino encouraged everyone to attend the Lions Club Pasta dinner event on October 6 from 4pm to 6pm at the Amvets.

Mayor Kindle thanked the NEDC group for the cleanup they did at the Kelly road building and thanked the Tabron's for their ongoing dedication and support of the community. She then asked for more participation and attendance at the Lions Club Pasta Dinner event and to show the Lions Club the support that they show to our community. She also encouraged everyone to attend the Family Fun Day event and that last year was a lot of fun.

CM 10-181-23 BUDGET SESSION - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
To adjourn to Budget session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The City Council adjourned to Budget Session at 7:39 p.m.

CM 10-182-23

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

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
OCTOBER 16, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Councilperson(s) Cheryl A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Gerianne LaPratt, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro tem Vivian Sawicki

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

CM 10-183-23 EXCUSE MAYOR PRO TEM SAWICKI

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Jenny:
to excuse Mayor Pro tem Sawicki from tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.

ABSENT: Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

CM 10-184-23 MINUTES

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held October 2, 2023.

ABSENT: Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 10-185-23

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 128370 through 128454 in the amount of \$259,311.26 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 \$24,850.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks and replacement of stop boxes at various residential locations.
3. approve payment to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$9,812.00 for the purchase of new 2" Orion compound read water meters.
4. approve payment to G2 Consulting Group LLC in the amount of \$5,302.25 for their quality control observation and product evaluation services in conjunction with our Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project.
5. approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$9,166.50 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks.
6. approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$27,182.82 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of September 2023.
7. appoint Mr. Rodd Monts to the Planning Commission for an unexpired year term ending January 2027.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 10-186-23 ASBESTOS ABATEMENT - WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the proposal dated October 6, 2023, from BDS Environmental in the amount of \$33,800.00 for the asbestos abatement in conjunction with the window replacement project at City Hall.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, LaPratt, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Valyi-hax, Harper Woods Library Director, commented on the millage renewal for the library and shared the many services that they provide to the residents and encouraged everyone to support the renewal by voting yes on the November ballot.

Ms. McKeever commented about a landscape truck that is constantly parked in front of her house and asked what could be done to have it removed.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Costantino commented on her attendance at the Lions Club spaghetti dinner event.

Councilmember Toussant commented on his attendance at the Lions Club spaghetti dinner event and also that the last pickle ball game will be this Wednesday, provided the weather cooperates.

Councilmember Jenny reminded everyone that leaf pickup begins this week.

Councilmember LaPratt reminded everyone of the Fall Family Fest event that will be held October 21 from 1-4pm at Salter Park.

Councilmember Williams commented on her attendance at the Lions Club spaghetti dinner event. Next she commented about her and other councilmembers attending the MML conference later this week and that she is looking forward to going.

Mayor Kindle provided information about a new bill that is being sponsored by State Representative Rheingans for universal healthcare for Michigan residents. She then commented about a program through Wayne County that will safeguard homeowners from being victims of quit claim deed fraud. Lastly, she thanked everyone that attended the spaghetti dinner and for their support of the Lions Club.

CM 10-187-23

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 7:22 p.m.

ABSENT: Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 6, 2023

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 A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Gerianne LaPratt, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: None

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

CM 11-188-23

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held October 16, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on September 21, 2023, and the Planning Commission meeting held on October 25, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 11-189-23

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

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

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 128455 through 128650 in the amount of \$865,806.57 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 WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,080.16 for the contractual

assessing services to be performed during the month of November 2023.

3. approve payment to Oakland County in the amount of \$6,195.00 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department.
4. approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$13,100.00 for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs.
5. approve payment to the State of Michigan - EGLE in the amount of \$7,078.43 for the city's annual water supply fee.
6. approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$40,034.20 for professional services during the month of October 2023 for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Kelly Road Planning, #180-322; Beaconsfield Crossing, #180-266; Joint Crack Sealing Project, #180-288; Danbury Lane, #180-281; Concrete Repair, #180-315; Community Center Grant, #180-323; Recreation Center Concept, #180-319; Eastland Center, #180-244; San. Sewer FCIPP, #180-316; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-314; Stormwater Pump Improvements, #180-326; San. Sewer Cleaning, #180-317; Temp Water Operator, #180-303 and the 2023 User Charge, #180-296.
7. approve payment to Adams Group Inc. in the amount of \$20,388.00 for the demolition of 20950 Lancaster.
8. approve the appointment of DamarQio Williams as an alternate to the Board of Review with his term expiring in January 2027.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-190-23 ADD ITEM TO AGENDA

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Jenny:
to add to the agenda the Delinquent Transfers to the 2023 Winter Tax Roll.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-191-23 PUBLIC HEARING - 2024 BUDGET

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
to open the Public Hearing on the 2024 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Miller asked about the status of the cannabis businesses.

Mr. Dornbrook asked about overdue water payments and shut offs.

Mr. English asked for assistance with his high water bill.

CM 11-192-23 PUBLIC HEARING - 2024 BUDGET

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-193-23 ADOPTION OF TAX LEVY RESOLUTION - 2024 BUDGET

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Williams:
BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the Tax Levy Resolution set forth on page 1 of the budget document hereby establishing the following tax rate for 2024.

General	19.2617
PA 359	.1925
Refuse	2.4573
Milk River Drain	11.8750
Library	1.8458
Debt	<u>.3750</u>
Total	36.0073

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-194-23 ADOPTION OF BUDGET ADOPTION AND
APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION - 2024 BUDGET

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Budget Adoption and Appropriation Resolution found on

Page 2 of the budget document, thereby adopting the 2024 Budget as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Jenny.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-195-23 ESTABLISH MILK RIVER DRAIN ASSESSMENT

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

BE IT RESOLVED in accordance with Milk River Intercounty Drain Assessments, Chap. 21, 1956 PA 40, as amended and its obligations under the Michigan Drain Code, Harper Woods City is mandated to levy 11.875 mills on all taxable properties in the City to fund the Milk River Intercounty Drain Assessments on its tax bills dated December 1, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny and LaPratt.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-196-23 WATER RATE ANALYSIS

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Commodity Charge of \$30.99/MCF for water and \$36.09/MCF for sewer, to approve the Fixed Service Charge of \$11.58/month for water and \$20.41/month for sewer and to approve the Fixed Debt Service Charge of \$2.50/month for sewer for all water/sewer billed on or after January 1, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt and Sawicki.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-197-23 SMART MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY CREDITS CONTRACT

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Williams:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the contract between the City of Harper Woods and SMART for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and further to authorize the Mayor to sign this on behalf of the City.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-198-23 MILK RIVER - OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$356,130.75 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-199-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT - BEACONSFIELD RESURFACING

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$66,054.04 for the city's proportionate share of the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project, Phase II.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-200-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT 1 - 2023 SEWER REHABILITATION
BY FULL LENGTH CIPP LINING, #180-316

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Insituform Technologies USA in the amount of \$85,832.55 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2023 Sewer Rehabilitation by Full Length CIPP Lining, #180-316.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-201-23 ANNUAL PERMIT TO WORK ON COUNTY ROADS

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

to adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution authorizing the City to make necessary repairs to county roads and sidewalks, and further to adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution authorizing the City to take any necessary restorative corrections to county roads and sidewalks, and further to adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution authorizing the City to temporarily close county roads and/or place temporary banners within the right-of-way.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-202-23 DELINQUENT TRANSFERS TO THE 2023 WINTER TAX ROLL

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the transfer of \$45,558.49 for Miscellaneous City Services, \$17,970.00 for Special Pickups and \$543.08 for Meter Replacements (total of \$64,071.57) to the 2023 Winter Tax Roll as proposed and submitted by the acting Treasurer.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Rocheleau commented about the lead service lines in her house and asked when they would be replaced.

Mr. Cadotte raised his concerns about short term rental properties and encouraged the city to enact an ordinance prohibiting them as there is no state law preventing the city to do so.

Ms. Harris asked about the new development at Eastland, asking what types of light assembly would be allowed there and what the zoning requirements are.

Ms. Hakim commented about the charter amendment proposal and that it wasn't properly published according to election law.

Ms. Szolach commented about the lead pipes in several homes in Harper Woods and asked how long the City knew about this issue and when will it be addressed and fixed.

Mr. Schenburn shared his concerns about residents putting their garbage cans in the street and that he wants to see more code enforcement on this issue.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Williams commented about her attendance at the MML conference and the sessions she attended. She then thanked all Veterans for their service, adding that they gave up a lot in order to keep our country safe, so thank a Veteran.

Councilmember LaPratt shared that she too has a home with lead service lines and she is awaiting replacement. She then invited everyone to the Tree Lighting event scheduled for Wednesday, November 15 at 6:30pm. Lastly she thanked all Veterans and announced that the City will be closed on Friday for Veterans Day.

Councilmember Jenny wished good luck to all candidates running for election tomorrow.

Councilmember Sawicki commented about several items, including the survey on CitizenLab regarding the Park's Master Plan and a bike audit tool issued by AARP. She then spoke of initiating a conflict of interest policy for administration, council and members of our commissions, especially with the potential cannabis businesses that will be coming to the City.

Councilmember Toussant encouraged everyone to get out and vote tomorrow and thanked all Veterans for their service. He then mentioned his attendance at the Family Fun Day that the City sponsored saying the turnout and the weather was great. Lastly he commented on his attendance at the MML conference and a Narcan event as well.

Councilmember Costantino shared that the trunk or treat event she attended recently was

a great time. She then provided information about a Veterans breakfast being held at the War Memorial, free of charge to Veterans. Lastly she commented about having an ordinance meeting to address the short term rental properties.

Mayor Kindle congratulated the high school football team for their District 4 championship. She then remarked about the short term rental ordinance and that it should be addressed. Lastly she commented about a movie that was shown at the MML conference and that it might be shown in the near future at WCCCD. The premise of the film was people and community and their interactions and working together.

CM 11-203-23

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 8:34 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 13, 2023

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Special City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 8:00 p.m. with a moment of silence, 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, Gerianne LaPratt, Ivery Toussant, Jr. and Regina Williams.

ABSENT: None

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

OATH OF OFFICE - MAYOR

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

OATH OF OFFICE - CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to the following newly re-elected Council Members:

CM 11-204-23

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

RESOLUTION by Costantino, 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, Regina Williams is the Council member receiving the highest number of votes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council does hereby elect Regina Williams 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: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-205-23

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 4, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silence, 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, Gerianne LaPratt, 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 12-213-23

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held November 20, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 12-214-23

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, 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 128792 through 128894 in the amount of \$369,574.98 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 Detroit Salt Company in the amount of \$8,538.80 for 115.11 tons of rock salt.
3. approve payment to Uni-Dig, Inc. in the amount of \$14,400.00 for leaf disposal in conjunction with the curbside leaf pickup program.
4. approve payment in the amount of \$6,920.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with an emergency main break repair and also for water shut offs for non-payment.
5. approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$9,900.00 for the removal of dead trees, which includes trimming, chipping and disposal of debris.
6. approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$7,542.00 for assistance with leaf pickup and fall maintenance in various areas of the City, including the DPW, Kelly Road and the parks.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 12-215-23 PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED LOT SPLIT
19550/19554 KELLY ROAD

MOTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
to open the Public Hearing on the Proposed Lot Split at 19550/19554 Kelly Road

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 12-216-23 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 12-217-23 PROPOSED LOT SPLIT - 19550/19554 KELLY ROAD

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
BE IT RESOLVED to deny the Lot Split request submitted by Mike Dabish on behalf of Kelly and Woodside LLC to pursuant to the Planning Commission's findings and recommendation.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 12-218-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 2 (FINAL) BEACONSFIELD
WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT, #180-266

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Fontana Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$41,050.00 for Progress Payment No. 2 (Final) on the Beaconsfield Water Main Replacement, #180-266.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Jenny.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 12-219-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 2 - STORM SEWER
REPAIRS, #180-314

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$5,675.40 for Progress Payment No. 2 on the 2023 Storm Sewer Open Cut Repairs, #180-314.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny and LaPratt.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 12-220-23 BID AWARD - CITY HALL GENERATOR

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Jenny:
BE IT RESOLVED to accept the proposal from Rolls Mechanical in the amount of \$188,813.00 for the purchase and installation of a backup generator for City Hall utilizing

the Financially Distressed Cities, Villages and Townships Grant.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 12-221-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT - BEACONSFIELD
RESURFACING PROJECT

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$10,926.69 for the city's proportionate share of the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project, Phase II.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Hakim shared her concerns about the information that has been provided to the public about the ballot initiative lawsuit. She cited contradictions in what was reported to the residents and what was presented in court documents that she reviewed.

Mr. Sheridan asked about the site plans for the proposed cannabis businesses and if they were available to look at.

A resident asked for assistance in resolving his high water bill.

Ms. Aboud shared her concerns about cannabis businesses being in Harper Woods and also about her car that was stolen recently.

Mr. Tabron congratulated the Harper Woods High School football team for their Division Championship and acknowledged the Middle School Robotics team for their efforts. He further commented that we need to see all of the good in the community, not just the bad things. Lastly he announced pickleball is still ongoing at Beacon on Wednesdays at 6pm.

Mr. Karam shared his concerns over the selection process for cannabis businesses in the City and the constant changes to the procedures.

Mr. Schenburn commented about crime on his block and also asked if an ordinance can be adopted to address domestic violence in rental homes and to provide notification to the landlords as responding to these crimes is an undue burden on the police department.

Mr. Hakim shared his attendance at a recent GLWA meeting and asked when the city could expect to see some reduction in Milk River fees with the retention ponds that Northpointe has in development.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilperson Costantino announced the Amvets will be hosting a Veteran's lunch on December 8 from 12 - 2pm.

Councilperson Toussant remarked that the K9 fundraiser was well attended and the food was good. He then said, in response to a resident about car thefts, that most homes in Harper Woods have garages where cars should be, and not just invaluable items.

Councilperson Sawicki also remarked about car thefts stating many brands of cars are targeted as they are easy to break into and recommended that anti-theft devices be purchased to reduce the thefts. She then commented on the football game and said that it was quite an exciting game to watch. Lastly she thanked Veronica Salciciolli for her service on the Library Board and that her leaving created an opening on this Board.

Councilperson Jenny thanked the DPW for their hard work and efforts through this year's leaf season.

Councilperson LaPratt also shared her congratulations to the Pioneers for their championship win. She then reminded everyone that the holidays aren't always happy for some and that is why mental health is very important and can be addressed.

Councilperson Williams commented that she is always happy to hear about students and their successes and congratulated the football team and Coach Oden too.

Mayor Kindle announced that a parade is in the works to celebrate the Pioneers' victory and to show them the City's support. She remarked that Wayne County will have a mobile health unit to provide mental health help. Lastly she thanked everyone involved with the Goodfellows and also if anyone is in need of food and holiday toys from the Lions Club to call City Hall.

CM 12-222-23

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 8:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 18, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Regina Williams, Councilperson(s) Cheryl A. Costantino, Tom Jenny, Gerianne LaPratt and Ivery Toussant, Jr.

ABSENT: Councilperson Vivian Sawicki

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

CM 12-223-23

EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER SAWICKI

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
to excuse Councilmember Sawicki from tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.

ABSENT: Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

CM 12-224-23

MINUTES

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Williams:
To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on December 4, 2023.

ABSENT: Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 12-225-23

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

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

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 128655 through 128985 in the amount of \$468,373.00 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 Doxim in the amount of \$9,546.44 for the printing and mailing of the monthly water bills and the winter property tax bills.
3. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,080.16 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of January 2024.
4. approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$36,358.16 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of November 2023.
5. approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$5,963.92 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 a printer and video cables.
6. approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$23,300.00 for the trimming and removal of dead and downed trees/limbs at several locations and a removal of a tree due to a water main break.
7. approve payment in the amount of \$9,350.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with two water main breaks and replacement of a sump pump.
8. approve payment to Uni-Dig, Inc. in the amount of \$11,880.00 for leaf disposal in conjunction with the curbside leaf pickup program.
9. approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$23,148.43 for professional services during the month of December 2023 for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Beaconsfield Crossing, #180-266; Eastland Center Redevelopment, #180-244; Misc. Concrete Repair, #180-315 and #180-283; Harper Van Antwerp Dev. #180-313; Kelly Rd Corridor, #180-322; San Sewer FCIPP Pgm, #180-316; Storm Sewer Rep. #180-314; City Hall Generator, #180-291; San Sewer Cleaning, #180-285 and #180-317; Temp Water Operator, #180-303; User Charge, #180-296; Tap Grant, #180-299 and FDCVT Grant App, #180-332.
10. approve payment in the amount of \$7,304.00 to the Michigan Municipal League for membership dues covering the period February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025.
11. approve the request for repairs to the Balfour and Vernier sewage lift/pumping stations to be performed by Kennedy Industries in the amount of \$11,140.00.
12. approve the request for repairs to the heating element in the fire department to be

performed by K & S Ventures in the amount of \$8,945.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.
NO: None.
ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 12-226-23 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT - CITY OF HARPER WOODS
AND THE HARPER WOODS RETIREES ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

BE IT RESOLVED approve the Settlement Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and the Harper Woods Retirees Association and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, LaPratt, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.
NO: None.
ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 12-227-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 3 (FINAL) - CONCRETE
PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECT, #180-315

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to L. Anthony Construction Inc., in the amount of \$30,332.72 for Progress Payment No. 3 (Final) on the 2023 Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-315.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: LaPratt, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Jenny.
NO: None.
ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 12-228-23 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 4 (FINAL) - DANBURY LANE
IMPROVEMENTS, #180-281D

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to L. Anthony Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$37,651.75 for Progress Payment No. 4 (Final) on the Danbury Lane Improvements, #180-281D.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny and LaPratt.
NO: None.
ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 12-229-23 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04
AN ORDINANCE REGULATING MOBILE FOOD VENDORS

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Jenny:
BE IT RESOLVED Place for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance No. 2023-04 entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 10, Article IV to Provide Regulations Pertaining to Mobile Food Vendors and the Operation of Mobile Food Vendors on Private Property Within the City" and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny and LaPratt.
NO: None.
ABSENT: Sawicki

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 12-230-23 AMENDMENT TO THE FEE SCHEDULE

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Jenny:
BE IT RESOLVED to Adopt the attached 2023 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.

of the Planning Commission meeting on December 20 to investigate the procedures that were in place.

Mr. Cadotte commented about the increases to the fixed water and sewage charges, citing a 19% increase and also that 10% interest on unpaid bills seems very high also. May residents that can't afford to pay get this interest topped onto their late bills and they can never get ahead. He suggested more information to the public about how these rates are arrived at.

Ms. Hakim remarked that the City's website is not easy to navigate and that the City's Charter isn't on it, stating residents aren't able to see how their government operates. Lastly she mentioned that closed meeting agendas should indicate the specific cases that the Council is discussing in the meeting.

Anoop Patel questioned the marijuana application process and stated that it was a difficult process to navigate as procedures were changed multiple times.

Mr. Schenburn asked when Lansdowne will be repaired as it is horrendous. He then commented on Boy Scout Troop 273 activities that included a can-do drive and Wreaths Across America.

Mr. Pirello remarked about the marijuana process and that it should be a fair process for everyone and that perhaps not everyone got a fair shot as the procedures were changed multiple times.

Mr. Morton shared that he understands the concerns of the applicants and also that he is invested in the community and wants to see what the marijuana business owners are going to do to invest in the community as well.

Nadia Lutfy commented on the marijuana application process citing several applicants didn't follow the rules and they weren't enforced.

Paul Lutfy commented that the cannabis subcommittee should have been more involved in the process as well as the City Council.

Mr. Hakim asked if any progress has been made in the search for a new City Manager.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilperson Williams wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Councilperson LaPratt wished everyone a happy holiday and thanked those that donated items for the senior baskets that were recently distributed.

Councilperson Jenny wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Councilperson Toussant wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilperson Costantino commented about the marijuana process and opined that the City wasn't ready and the process should be put on hold. She suggested a consultant be put in place to oversee the process.

Mayor Kindle announced that there would be a parade to celebrate and honor the Harper Woods High School football team on January 12. She then mentioned that there is a fundraiser in place to purchase championship rings for the team. Lastly she remarked that the Lions Club and the Goodfellows are assembling toys and gift cards for families in need for the holiday, so that all kids have a great Christmas. She further commented that giving, caring and sharing are what the holidays are all about.

CM 12-233-23

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

ABSENT: Sawicki

MOTION CARRIED

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 3, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Regina Williams, Councilperson(s) Tom Jenny, Gerianne LaPratt, Vivian Sawicki and Ivery Toussant, Jr.

ABSENT: Councilperson Cheryl A. Costantino

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

CM 01-01-24

EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER COSTANTINO

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

To excuse Councilmember Costantino from tonight's meeting due to a previous commitment.

ABSENT: Costantino

MOTION CARRIED

CM 01-02-24

MINUTES

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 18, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Board of Review meeting held on December 12, 2023 and the Planning Commission meeting held on December 20, 2023.

ABSENT: Costantino

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS - STATE REP. PAIZ

State Representative Paiz gave an overview of legislation of the past year, shared the meetings that she has attended, the tours she has taken, the tributes she has provided for Harper Woods residents and the items she is currently working on.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 01-03-24

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

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

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 128986 through 129101 in the amount of \$395,764.46 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 Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$12,700.00 for the trimming and/or removal of trees.
3. approve the request for repairs to the perimeter heat pump and valves in City Hall to be performed by K & S Ventures in the amount of \$6,810.00.
4. approve payment to McKenna Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$8,372.72 for the professional services provided on the site plan and special land use reviews for the potential marijuana retail businesses and for the update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Costantino

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 01-04-24

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING - PARK MASTER PLAN

MOTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

to schedule a Public Hearing for January 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of public

input and comment on the proposed Harper Woods Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

ABSENT: Costantino

MOTION CARRIED

CM 01-05-24 MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE - ANNUAL CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Williams:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize those Council members interested to attend the Michigan Municipal League's Annual Legislative Conference March 12-13, 2024, in Lansing, Michigan, with the City paying all necessary and related expenses.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Costantino

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 01-06-24 ADD ITEM TO AGENDA - EMERGENCY WATER MAIN REPAIR

MOTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

to add to the agenda payment to Guardian Sewers and Core and Main for an emergency water main repair.

ABSENT: Costantino

MOTION CARRIED

CM 01-07-24 EMERGENCY WATER MAIN REPAIR

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Guardian Sewers in the amount of \$82,000.00 and to Core & Main in the amount of \$17,383.01 for the emergency repairs of a 12-inch water main, for a total of \$99,383.01.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Jenny.

NO: None.
ABSENT: Costantino

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Olinn-Sullivan commented that the Recreational Marijuana ordinance allows for repeal and amendment. She further stated that since the application process was tabled by the Planning Commission the City Council should take their time reviewing it and have it repealed and placed on a ballot. Lastly she suggested that the Planning Commission meeting use the audio system so the audience can hear better.

Ms. Cooper commented about a neighbor that parks cars on their lawn and what could be done about it.

Mr. Hakim asked when the potholes on Tyrone and Chester, between Stanhope and Littlestone can be repaired. He then asked what the approximate cost of the parade will be.

Mr. Schenburn asked when Lansdowne will be repaired. He then suggested an ordinance to address police involvement in domestic abuse situations. The homeowner or landlord should have to pay if police are called multiple times to the same locations, other communities have this ordinance.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Toussant wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Sawicki asked if the city attorney could prepare a written opinion with regard to the marijuana application process in light of the concerns raised at the last meeting.

CM 01-08-24 SCHEDULE CLOSED SESSION FOR NEXT MEETING

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by LaPratt
to schedule a Closed Session at the January 17, 2024 meeting with the City Attorney providing a legal opinion on the marijuana application process.

NO: Toussant

ABSENT: Costantino

MOTION CARRIED

CALL TO COUNCIL - CONTINUED

Councilmember Jenny wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilmember LaPratt wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Williams wished everyone a Happy New Year and also shared that she is looking forward to the parade for the Harper Woods football team.

Mayor Kindle thanked State Rep. Paiz for her legislative update. She then commented on the need for a new City Hall building as well as recreation/community center. The City has paid their dues for several years and hasn't received the benefits and that it is time for us to get federal dollars for these items. Lastly she wished everyone a Happy New Year.

CM 01-09-24

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 7:55 p.m.

ABSENT: Costantino

MOTION CARRIED

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 17, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

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

CM 01-10-24

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Toussant:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 3, 2024 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on November 16, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Ms. Hakim cautioned the Council on the Open Meetings Act and how it pertains to closed sessions.

CM 01-11-24

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

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

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 129103 through 129194 in the amount of \$759,554.15 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 \$55,950.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks and replacement of lead service lines at various residential locations.
3. approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$50,994.12 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of December 2023.
4. approve payment to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms in the amount of \$7,963.08 for Harper Woods' proportionate share of the Intermunicipal Radio System for the period July 1 through December 31, 2023.
5. approve payment to Michigan Municipal League in the amount of \$9,993.00 for the cybersecurity coverage premium.
6. approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$7,990.07 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of December and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of video adapters and keyboards.
7. approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$27,176.07 for professional services during the month of December for the following projects: Danbury Lane, #180-281; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Beaconsfield Crossing, #180-266; Eastland Center Redev. #180-244; 2022 and 2023 Concrete Repair, #180-283 and #180-315; Harper/VanAntwerp Dev. #180-313; Kelly Road Corridor, #180-322; San. Sewer FCIPP Pgm, #180-316; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-314; City Hall Generator, #180-291; San Sewer Cleaning, #180-317; Temp. Water Operator, #180-303; Standard Detail Update, #180-300; Miss Dig, #180-255 and FDCVT Grant app, #180-332.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-12-24

PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 1 - 2023 SANITARY SEWER
CLEANING AND CCTV INVESTIGATION, #180-317

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Doetsch Environmental Services in the amount of \$78,088.00 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Investigation, #180-317.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-13-24 GROSSE POINTE ANIMAL ADOPTION SOCIETY AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Williams:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the service agreement between the City of Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society and further authorize the Director of Public Safety and the acting City Manager to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Kindle, Costantino and Jenny.

NO: Williams.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 01-14-24 MEDSTAR AGREEMENT - OWI/OUID BLOOD COLLECTION

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the agreement between the City of Harper Woods and Medstar Ambulance for Mobile Health Services pertaining to the collection of blood for law enforcement purposes, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-15-24 CITY INSIGHT - ANNUAL FEE AND DEVELOPMENT FEE

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the second and final payment to City Insight in the amount of \$22,500.00 for the additional services that are featured on our water app and further to approve the annual licensing fee in the amount of \$15,600 for the water app, for a total of \$38,100.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 01-16-24 CANCELLATION OF FEBRUARY 21, 2024 MEETING

MOTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Jenny:
that the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2024 be cancelled.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Olinn-Sullivan commented about the City's website stating that it is not compliant with standards set with the ADA.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Costantino shared that she has received compliments from residents who recently interacted with the Clerk's office and others, stating that staff members were very helpful and transparent.

Councilmember Toussant commented that the parade for the High School football team was a great event that the students really seemed to appreciate.

Councilmember Sawicki commented about the parade saying that even though it was cold, it was well received by all. She then commented that she too has received compliments about the front office staff at City Hall and the services they provide to the residents. She then commented about the cold and encouraged everyone to take care as 30 minutes of exposure can cause frostbite. Lastly she commented on the redistricting changes that are currently in progress and asked that residents stay involved as this process moves forward.

Councilmember Jenny encouraged everyone to be mindful of the cold and to watch for DPW workers working on main breaks due to the cold weather.

Councilmember LaPratt thanked the many dignitaries for their presence at the High School Parade. She then remarked about the redistricting stating that we need to be grouped in with like communities and that she has been updating her Facebook page to reflect the potential changes. Also that the maps are shown on www.michigan.gov/micrc.

Councilmember Williams also remarked on her attendance at the parade and that it was well represented by dignitaries and she was glad to see they came out to support this. She then mentioned that she would like to see the website compliant with ADA standards.

Mayor Kindle remarked about the negative comments about City Council that Councilmember Costantino made at a recent Planning Commission meeting, saying they were offensive and they were owed an apology. She then commented about the decision to hold the parade on the date it was held, saying it was the choice of the students and an available date for the use of the floats from the Parade Company. She further commented that a ceremony will be held at a later date once the rings are purchased with the donations received.

CM 01-17-24 CLOSED SESSION - LEGAL OPINION; MARIJUANA
ESTABLISHMENT LICENSING "PROCESS" AS DIRECTED
BY CITY COUNCIL

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
To adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing a legal opinion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The City Council adjourned to Closed Session at 7:49 p.m. and reconvened at 8:42 p.m.

CM 01-18-24 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 8:43 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 29, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Kindle, Mayor Pro tem Regina Williams, Councilperson(s) Gerianne LaPratt, Vivian Sawicki and Ivery Toussant, Jr.

ABSENT: Councilperson(s) Cheryl Costantino and Tom Jenny.

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

CM 01-19-24

EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER JENNY

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
To excuse Councilmember Jenny from tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.

ABSENT: Costantino and Jenny

MOTION CARRIED

CM 01-20-24

PUBLIC HEARING - PARKS AND RECREATION
MASTER PLAN

MOTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
To Open the Public Hearing on the 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

ABSENT: Costantino and Jenny

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING

Planning Consultant Brigitte Smith gave an overview of the Recreation Master Plan and provided information about the process. The completion of this Plan will allow the city to apply for and receive federal grants and be in effect for five years.

Councilperson Toussant commented that he reviewed the plan and that it is a realistic plan and was done well.

Councilperson Sawicki shared her concerns with a retention pond at the not yet developed park at the former Poupard school site. (It will be a dry pond and is designed to not hold standing water.)

Councilperson Williams remarked that the location for the proposed community center isn't on the map. She then remarked that a couple bar graphs are not labeled correctly in the plan, and that she liked the idea of a splash pad. Lastly she suggested that the walking path at Johnston Park be expanded to the back of the park.

Mr. Hakim asked about the funding for the proposed community center and how much did the City request. (Approx. \$2.6 million)

Mayor Kindle mentioned that an advisory committee will be assembled to plan the Roscommon pocket park.

Councilperson Sawicki asked if any additional parking is planned for Danbury Park.

CM 01-21-24

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
To Close the Public Hearing.

ABSENT: Costantino and Jenny

MOTION CARRIED

CM 01-22-24

ADOPT RESOLUTION - PARKS AND
RECREATION MASTER PLAN

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the Resolution of Adoption as attached hereby adopting the

2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and further to direct the Planning Consultant, McKenna Associates, to distribute the Plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Costantino and Jenny

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CALL TO AUDIENCE

No comments were made.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilperson Sawicki reminded everyone to get their dogs licensed.

Councilperson Toussant commented about the parade and thanked the Mayor for having the political connections she has that allowed for so many dignitaries being invited to attend.

Mayor Kindle mentioned that she has been invited to the White House and that she will be bringing a list of the wants and desires for Harper Woods. Lastly she asked that everyone keep Councilmember Williams in their thoughts as her mother has recently passed.

CM 01-23-24

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

That the agenda of the special City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

ABSENT: Costantino and Jenny

MOTION CARRIED

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 5, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

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

CM 02-24-24

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held, February 5, 2024 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on January 17, 2024, Special City Council meeting held on January 29, 2024, Beautification Commission meeting held on August 14, 2023, the Library Board meeting held on December 21, 2023 and the Election Commission meeting held on February 1, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 02-25-24

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, 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 129195 through 129314 in the amount of \$527,490.97 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 Drive Creative Services LLC in the amount of \$13,723.08 for the printing of the City's annual calendar and the postage and delivery of the calendar and The Insider.
3. approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$40,181.52 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of October 2023.
4. approve payment to McKenna Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$6,677.96 for the professional services provided on the site plan and special land use reviews for the potential marijuana retail businesses, and also for the development of the Recreation Master Plan.
5. approve payment in the amount of \$11,050.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with water main breaks, a stop box replacement and a storm sewer repair at various locations.
6. approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$7,315.00 for sidewalk salting and snow removal in various residential and commercial areas of the City.
7. approve payment to Oakland County in the amount of \$5,905.00 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department.
8. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,080.16 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of February 2024.
9. approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$6,830.36 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of and for IT support services for all departments.
10. approve payment to The Helm in the amount of \$14,000 for Senior Services and \$6,000 to Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services, Inc. in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the city's proportionate share of expenses relative to the senior transit services for residents of Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes.
11. approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$20,253.20 for professional services during the month of January 2024 for the following projects: Eastland Center, #180-244; Kelly Rd Corridor, #180-322; Misc. Concrete Repair, #180-338; Joint/Crack Seal, #180-341; FDCVT Grant, #180-332; Miss Digs, #180-255; 2023 and 2024 San. Sewer FCIPP, #180-316 and #180-339; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-337; 2023 and 2024 San. Sewer Cleaning, #180-317 and #180-341; Temp. Water Operator, #180-303 and DWRP Lead Svc. Replacement, #180-331.
12. approve payment in the amount of \$38,336.79 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, 2023.
13. 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, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 02-26-24

MILK RIVER - OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$356,130.75 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for the period of January 1 through March 31, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Szolach commented that Beacon School looks like a dump and there are too many people parking on the grass and tickets should be issued for illegal parking and for destroying the grass. The police department doesn't do anything. She also asked about the flashing red lights at Beaconsfield and 8 mile.

Mr. Binder also remarked that Beacon school looks trashed and that traffic during school pickup and drop off is out of control and there is no enforcement. He then commented that many residences have their garbage cans out and they should be behind the house. Lastly he commented that the police department has ignored cars that are parked over the sidewalk in his area.

Mr. Tabron who is part of the NEDC group, shared that they will be hosting a game day event on February 17 from 1:30 - 4 p.m. at MI Mortgage Exchange building at 19934 Harper. He then shared that he is always trying to keep Beaconsfield as cleaned up as much as possible and that his view is Earth was given to us as a gift and we need to take care of it and sometimes we have to do things we don't like to do, like picking up someone else's trash. We need to show our appreciation for what we have been given and to do things out of the kindness of your heart.

Ms. Tabron announced that the NEDC group will also be hosting a Mental health seminar on February 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the MI Mortgage Exchange building. She then commented that anyone can voice their concerns about Beacon school at the next School Board meeting.

The Turners asked about their property taxes which have doubled since they bought their home.

Mr. Koski shared an incident about a pit bull dog that was loose last summer and there was no response from the police department after an hour and half of multiple calls.

Mr. Hakim shared information about GPAAS, and that they have now obtained additional property to take on more animals now that they are working with other cities. He then remarked that at a recent meeting the public was told the parade cost would be under \$5,0000.00 and that we would get contributions from the school. There was not a discussion about the possibility of having to pay more and we shouldn't be paying for it. He then asked that the Planning Commission page on the website be updated. Lastly he mentioned that there are many large delivery trucks coming from Mack to I-94 that are travelling down the sidestreets and this needs to stop.

Mr. Schenburn commented that the City needs to discuss the issues at Beacon School with the school administration and get it worked out. He then remarked that garbage in the alleys on Kelly is bad and the garbage is blowing all around. Next he commented about three houses that have been burned out for longer than a year and asked what is happening with them. Lastly he remarked, with regard to the potential Community Center grant, that the old Community Center is up for sale.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Toussant shared his attendance at a SEMCOG meeting and found out that they can be a funding resource to us and that we should be taking advantage of this. He then suggested that the Economic and Community Development Deputy Director could attend more meetings to give updates on these grant funds and if we qualify for any of them.

Councilperson Sawicki read the re-appointments to the Boards and Committees and shared the vacancies. She then reminded everyone that the second council meeting in February has been canceled and Happy Valentines Day.

Councilperson LaPratt commented about Biden's visit, saying she was thrilled to see a President here, the first sitting President ever to visit Harper Woods.

Mayor Pro-Tem Williams said she was honored to meet President Biden and thrilled to have him here. She then thanked the Mayor and Council for their sympathy and kind words on the passing of her mother. She opined that garbage cans, especially in winter, can be difficult for seniors moving them back and forth from the curb to their yard and that we should keep that in mind. Lastly, she commented that February is Black History Month, and that everyone should learn about someone they don't know and there are many ways to learn about history, with the Motown Museum and the Charles Wright Museum holding events during the month.

Mayor Kindle remarked that she needs Council to send her their requests to be appointed to the various Committees and Commissions and that she can make some changes if necessary. She then remarked that we were blessed to have a sitting President here and it was a great event. Next she shared that she is going to Washington at the President's invitation and will be presenting the needs of Harper Woods, and asking for money. She then shared her part in a press conference by Senator Chan regarding the affordability of water.

CM 02-27-24

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 7:55 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 4, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

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

CM 03-28-24

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 5, 2024 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Beautification Commission meeting held on January 29, 2024

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 03-29-24

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

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

1. approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 129315 through 129496 in the amount of \$1,081,581.64 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.

2. approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$16,400.00 for the removal of trees and trimming of dead and downed trees/limbs.
3. approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$6,905.00 for sidewalk salting and snow removal in various residential and commercial areas of the City.
4. approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$23,746.74 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of January 2024.
5. approve payment to BMS Cat / Jarvis Property Restoration in the amount of \$39,499.31 for the repairs needed for the library's lower level.
6. approve payment to Civic Plus LLC in the amount of \$6,660.29 for the numbering, indexing and looseleaf paper supplements of our Code of Ordinances and the up-to-date Code of Ordinances on our website.
7. approve payment in the amount of \$18,650.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks, repair of stop boxes, waterline repairs and a water gate repair at various residential locations.
8. approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,080.16 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of March 2024.
9. approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$7,925.62 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of February and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of cables, keyboard, monitors and a TV.
10. approve payment to Badger Meter in the amount of \$9,812.60 for the purchase of new 2" Orion water meters.
11. appoint Mr. Bobby Lewis, Sr. to the Library Board of Trustees for an unexpired five year term ending January 2028 and to the Board of Review as an alternate for a three-year term ending January 2027.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-30-24

PROPOSAL FOR RATE INCREASE FOR ENGINEERING
SERVICES - ANDERSON, ECKSTEIN & WESTRICK, INC.

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the 5% rate increase proposal dated February 26, 2024 from engineering firm Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. effective July 1, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-31-24 GRANT AWARD - ROSCOMMON POCKET PARK

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Jenny:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the \$200,000.00 Michigan Economic Development Corporation grant for the development of a pocket park and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the grant agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-32-24 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 2 (FINAL) 2023
JOINT AND CRACK SEALING PROJECT, #180-318

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:

BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to Michigan Joint Sealing, Inc. in the amount of \$3,750.00 for Progress Payment No. 2 (Final) on the 2023 Pavement Joint and Crack Sealing Project, #180-318.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-33-24 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 2 (FINAL) 2023 SANITARY
SEWER CLEANING AND CCTV INVESTIGATION, #180-317

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to Doetsch Environmental Services in the amount of \$8,676.00 for Progress Payment No. 2 (Final) on the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and

CCTV Investigation, #180-317.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt and Sawicki.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-34-24 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 3 (FINAL) 2023 STORM
 SEWER OPEN CUT REPAIRS, #180-314

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$6,250.00 for Progress Payment No. 3 (Final) on the 2023 Storm Sewer Open Cut Repair Project, #180-314.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki and Toussant.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-35-24 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 2 (FINAL) 2022 SANITARY
 SEWER CLEANING AND CCTV INVESTIGATION, #180-285

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to Doetsch Environmental Services in the amount of \$78,181.70 for Progress Payment No. 2 (Final) on the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and CCTV Investigation project, #180-285.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant and Williams.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-36-24 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 5 (FINAL) 2022 CONCRETE
PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECT, #180-283

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED approve payment to L. Anthony Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$18,517.11 for Progress Payment No. 5 (Final) on the 2022 Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-283.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-37-24 MILK RIVER - PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:
BE IT RESOLVED approve payment in the amount of \$1,037,945.58 to Wayne County for the Milk River Drain principal and interest payments; \$888,198.64 principal and interest on the SRF Bond #5446-01 and \$149,746.94 principal and interest on the SRF Bond #5446-02.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Corinne Martin of Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society gave an overview of the service agreement between the City and GPAAS and clarified the concerns that were raised at a previous meeting.

Mr. Krass asked for clarification on the water bills as they are inconsistent with rates from one month to another. He then asked for an explanation of the high tax rates in Harper Woods. Lasting he raised his concerns over speeding cars on his street and a tree on city property in front of his house.

Mr. Mocerri asked for more police presence on Eastwood due to the speeding cars.

Mr. Dornbrook shared his concerns with the marijuana businesses, in light of a recent temporary restraining order that was filed against the city, citing that litigation costs the taxpayers and the City should cut their losses and stop the businesses from coming into our City.

Capt. Ray of the Army National Guard introduced himself and offered support services to the City.

Mr. Sheridan commented on residents bringing issues to City Council meetings and nothing seems to be resolved.

Mr. Daniels shared that he would like to see more trade programs introduced in the schools and promoted for future jobs and careers.

Ms. Sheridan suggested a tracking system be developed when citizens make complaints to the Council and the solutions that were provided.

Ms. Foster commented about the lack of code enforcement.

A resident asked about the staffing of the police department following a car fire event that took place as he had difficulty reaching the dispatch center. He heard that multiple events were taking place at the same time and was concerned about police coverage.

Mr. Hakim asked that something be done about the semi trucks traveling down side streets between Harper and Mack Avenue. He then asked if a site plan for the pocket park would come before the Planning Commission.

Ms. Mercer shared that she is currently a volunteer at GPAAS and encouraged others to help support them with donations and provide dog walking services for the dogs at the shelter.

A resident spoke in protest of the marijuana businesses in Harper Woods.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Costantino asked for contact information for Captain Ray of the Army National Guard and for the construction trade contractor.

Councilmember Toussant provided information about upcoming events, including the NAACP dinner at the War Memorial, an event to honor the Harper Woods high school coach and superintendent, the "spring forward" moving of our clocks, St. Patrick's day and

Easter. He then shared his experience as an election inspector.

Councilmember Sawicki asked about the new website and how it is progressing. She then relayed an accident she witnessed near her home where drivers were speeding and disregarded the stop sign. She suggested obtaining signs that state "Cross traffic does not stop" as a way to deter speeders. Lastly she commented that she would like to see more police officers patrolling the streets.

Councilmember Jenny encouraged everyone to be safe, especially since the days will be staying lighter longer with the time change coming.

Councilmember LaPratt suggested parking decoy police cars in various areas of the City to attempt to slow drivers on the streets. She then encouraged everyone's involvement in an upcoming Earth Day event on April 20 at City Hall.

Councilmember Williams encouraged Mr. Daniels to speak with the school superintendent about trade programs at the high school. She then thanked the National Guard members present tonight for their service.

Mayor Kindle shared that she was invited to speak at several Black History events and that she plans to speak at Women's History events as well. She then suggested signage being placed to eliminate trucks from going down residential streets and a need to address potential traffic issues around the Northpointe development. Lastly she announced the Lions Club Pancake breakfast on March 24 at the Amvets and encouraged everyone to support them by attending as they do so much for our community.

CM 03-38-24

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 8:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 18, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

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

CM 03-39-24

MINUTES

MOTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 4, 2024, and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Beautification Commission meeting held on January 29, 2024 and the Beautification Commission meeting held on February 26, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATION

Prudence Cole of The Helm was present to provide information and status of their organization and the support they are seeking to continue to provide the valuable services to the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 03-40-24

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Jenny, 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 129497 through 129625 in the amount of \$1,678,028.34 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 \$35,100.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks, replacement of stop boxes and service line repairs at various residential locations.
3. approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$27,600.00 for the removal of trees in conjunction with several water main breaks and for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs.
4. approve payment to Wolverine Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$13,142.00 for the removal of main break spoils, ground fill supplies and cold patch for filling potholes.
5. approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$36,005.40 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of February 2024.
6. approve payment to Doxim, Inc. in the amount of \$6,711.66 for the printing, folding and mailing of the monthly water bills.
7. approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$49,201.73 for professional services during the month of February 2024 for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; 2024 Pavement Striping, #180-342; 2024 Misc. Concrete Repairs, #180-338; Eastland Center Red. #180-244; 2023 and 2024 Joint/Crack Sealing, #180-318 and #180-341; Roscommon Park, #180-329; City Hall Generator, #180-291; Harper/Van Antwerp Dev. #180-313; 2023 and 2024 San. Sewer FCIPP, #180-316 and 180-339; 2023 and 2024 Storm Sewer, #180-314 and #180-337; 2023 and 2024 San. Sewer Cleaning, #180-317 and #180-340; DWRF Lead Water Svc. Repl. #180-331; Temp Water Operator, #180-303 and EGLE Support Grant, #180-343.
8. approve payment to Intrado Life and Safety Solutions Corporation in the amount of \$13,509.04 for the renewal of an extended maintenance plan for the Viper dispatch call-taking console.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

KELLY ROAD CORRIDOR PLAN - DISCUSSION

Brigitte Wolf of McKenna gave an overview of the Kelly Road Corridor plan that is being

spearheaded by the City of Eastpointe. This project will encompass the length of Kelly Road between 7 and 10 Mile Roads. All forms of transportation will be reviewed and grant money will be utilized for a potential rebranding and landscape redesigning of the Corridor. A meeting has been scheduled to hear public comment on Thursday, March 21 in Eastpointe.

CM 03-41-24 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 2 (FINAL) - 2023 SEWER
REHABILITATION BY FULL LENGTH CIPP LINING, #180-316

RESOLUTION by Toussant, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Insituform Technologies USA in the amount of \$17,516.95 for Progress Payment No. 2 (final) on the 2023 Sewer Rehabilitation by Full Length CIPP Lining, #180-316.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle and Costantino.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-43-24 GRANT AWARD - MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MSHDA)

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
BE IT RESOLVED to accept the grant award from the Michigan State Housing Authority (MSHDA) in the amount of \$50,000.00, and further to accept the proposal prepared by McKenna for the scope of work to update the City of Harper Woods' Zoning Ordinance in an amount not to exceed \$87,000.00, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the City.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Jenny.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-44-24 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIBRARY BOND -
PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Williams:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to the Bank of New York Mellon in the amount of \$325,000.00 for the principal and \$7,312.50 for the interest, a total of \$332,312.50, on the 2004 General Obligation Library Bond.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny and LaPratt.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-45-24 STATE OF MICHIGAN CLEAN WATER PROGRAM
PROJECT - PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to the US Bank Trust Company in the amount of \$170,000.00 for the principal and \$24,000.00 for the interest payment, a total of \$194,000.00, for the Michigan Clean Water Program.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Toussant, Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt and Sawicki.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-46-24 CONTRACT EXTENSION - 2024 MISCELLANEOUS
CONCRETE REPAIR PROJECT, #180-338

RESOLUTION by Jenny, SUPPORTED by Toussant:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Contract Modification in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with L. Anthony Construction of ShelbyTownship for the 2024 Miscellaneous Concrete Pavement Repair Program, #180-338.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Williams, Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki and Toussant.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-47-24 CONTRACT EXTENSION - 2024 PAVEMENT JOINT
AND CRACK SEALING, #180-341

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Contract Modification in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 with Michigan Joint Sealing, Inc. of Farmington Hills for the 2024 Pavement Joint Sealing Program, #180-341.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant and Williams.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 03-48-24 CONTRACT EXTENSION - 2024 STORM SEWER AND
CATCH BASIN REPAIR PROJECT, #180-337

RESOLUTION by Williams, SUPPORTED by Jenny:
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Contract Modification in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC of Waterford for the 2024 Storm Sewer Repair Program #180-337.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Williams and Kindle.
NO: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mr. Cadotte remarked that with warm weather comes loud parties and loud music and it impacts the quality of life for residents. He then commented about short term rentals and the issues they cause in communities and lastly he asked about the collection of fees for the Milk River and if there were surpluses in this fund.

Mr. Wagner commented about the general air of concern over getting short notice of the Kelly Road Corridor plan. He then asked about the crimemapping information that was

once available to residents and seemingly has vanished.

Ms. Olinn-Sullivan asked for an update on the City's new website.

Mr. Hakim commented about the fees that the City pays to SAFEbuilt month after month and questioned how the City tracks the code enforcement that they provide. He then asked if there was any progress in obtaining a permanent City Manager.

Ms. Foster questioned the grant money that is being used for a pocket park that doesn't benefit the entire community. The money spent could be used for a City Manager or a part-time code enforcement person. It could also be used to improve the area behind City Hall that could be utilized by all of the community.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Councilmember Costantino opined that there are a lot of exciting things happening in Harper Woods, and that she is looking forward to a community center and a pocket park opening and she is glad to see new development.

Councilmember Toussant shared his experience at the recent conference hosted by the Michigan Municipal League and his attendance at the various session they provided.

Councilmember Sawicki wished everyone a Happy Easter and reminded everyone of the Easter Egg hunt scheduled for Saturday.

Councilmember LaPratt announced that the Beautification Commission will be holding their meeting at the Library on Wednesday and the Earth Day Cleanup has been scheduled for April 20. Lastly she remarked that The Helm is a great organization that she has been involved with and has been glad to have served them.

Councilmember Williams also commented about her attendance at the MML conference and an issue that was discussed was short-term rentals and potential new legislation would be forthcoming.

Mayor Kindle reminded everyone about the Lions Club pancake breakfast on March 24 at the Amvets and encouraged all to support this organization as they do so much for our community.

CM 03-49-24

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 8:25 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VALERIE KINDLE, MAYOR

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK