

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN
25500 GIBRALTAR ROAD
FLAT ROCK, MI 48134**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Flat Rock City Council convened at the Municipal Building, 25500 Gibraltar Road, Flat Rock, Michigan 48134, on the above date at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT ELECTED OFFICIALS: Mayor Dropiewski
Council Members: Bergeron, Little, Martin, Tefend and Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney David Grunow, City Clerk Meaghan Bachman, Fire Chief Bill Vack, Police Chief John Leacher, Department of Public Service Director Matt Sype, Recreation Director Rodney Wade, Economic Development Director Liz Hendley and Building Director Larry Dishaw

Resolution 12-19-01

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, that Flat Rock City Council hereby excuses Council Member Thomas as absent at the regular City Council meeting of December 19, 2016

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 12-19-02

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 5, 2016 as presented

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Economic Development Director Liz Hendley gave an overview of the 2016 Christmas Passport Program. Approximately 342 passports were turned in totaling \$52,000 spent at local businesses. Director Hendley along with Cheryl Hammond awarded the winners.

Sue Farrar of the Beautification Commission awarded the winners of the Home and Business Decorating Contest.

State Representative Bill LaVoy thanked the residents of Flat Rock for allowing him to serve the community the past years.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Building Director Larry Dishaw honored two retired commissioners and thanked them for their dedicated service to the City. Tim Spees retired from the Zoning Board of Appeals after 20 years of service and Terry Farrar retired from the Planning Commission after 18 years of service.

Fire Chief Bill Vack updated the Council on the status of new hires. Chief Vack noted after many years of research, smoke alarms can be disposed of in the regular trash.

Police Chief John Leacher talked about the Shop with a Hero event at Meijer. Chief Leacher said it was a great even and approximately 18 kids participated this year. He thanked Meijer, the Flat Rock Police Officers, Flat Rock Firefighters and member of the VFW for participating in the event. Chief Leacher informed the Council, on Christmas Eve, Ford Motor Company will use a helicopter to deliver parts at the Flat Rock Assembly Plant.

Treasurer Brian Marciniak noted taxes were sent out. He informed residents the RESA Milliage proposal along with the FRSD proposal voted upon by the residents of Flat Rock and Wayne County increased the taxes in Flat Rock. Treasurer Marciniak thanked his staff for helping with the audit. Treasurer Marciniak thanked Fran Martin for over 20 years of service to the City; Fran retired at the end of November 2016.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Wally Little noted street lights are out on Telegraph and it was noted the street lights belong to the DDA. He noted residents have stated there are not enough Christmas lights throughout the City. Mayor Dropiewski responded some lights and decorations were purchased this year and hope to purchase more through the Beautification Commission in the upcoming fiscal year; they are very expensive.

Council Member Rick Tefend wished all a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Council Member John Bergeron wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He also noted the DPS staff did a great job cleaning up the snow and ice.

Council Member Jim Martin wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He also noted the DPS staff did a great job cleaning up the snow. Council Member Martin noted he recently attended a CDBG meeting and Wayne County communities are taking a 10% cut to fund a large \$300,000 project that will be awarded based on specific criteria.

Council Member Ken Wrobel wished all a safe and Happy New Year. He reminded everyone not to drink and drive. Council Member Wrobel thanked all who shop local, small businesses and that it really helps the City.

7. **MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Dropiewski announced the ice rink is now open and encouraged all to take advantage of the beautiful and unique setting.

The Mayor wished all an enjoyable New Year celebration and reminded residents the discharge of firearms is illegal.

Mayor Dropiewski thanked the DPS for doing a great job on snow removal and reminded residents the City has a snow removal ordinance to clear sidewalks. The Mayor encouraged residents to help out neighbors that can't shovel snow.

The Mayor wished all a Happy New Year and noted 2016 was a great year. The Mayor noted at the next meeting he will announce a date for the State of the City Address.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item 8-A- Second Reading of Ordinance – Amendment to the Sign Ordinance

Resolution 12-19-03

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to remove from the table, the Second Reading of Ordinance – Amendment to the Sign Ordinance

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Resolution 12-19-04

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to adopt the Second Reading of the Amendment to the Sign Ordinance, a briefing of the ordinance is as follows: being an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Flat Rock by amending Section 27.03 Definitions, by providing by the definition for an “Electric Message Center (EMC) Sign”; by amending Section 27.07, Residential Sign District for allowance of free standing signs and electronic message center signs therein; by amending Section 28.08, Nonresidential District Signs to provide for the regulation of electronic message center signs and to allow and regulate projecting signs; and by the amendment of accompanying schedules of Article 27, being the sign ordinance as contained in the zoning ordinance as contained in the zoning ordinance for the City of Flat Rock.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Item 8-B- Progress Payment No. 5 – Aspen Blvd. & High School Blvd. Road Re-Construction – Hard Rock Concrete, Inc.

Resolution 12-19-05

Motion by Martin
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to remove from the table, Progress Payment No. 5 – Aspen Blvd. & High School Blvd. Road Re-Construction – Hard Rock Concrete, Inc.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Resolution 12-19-06

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve Progress Payment No. 5 in the amount of \$51,981.27 for Aspen Blvd. & High School Blvd. Road Re-Construction to Hard Rock Concrete, Inc.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

9. NEW BUSINESS

Item 9-A-Yeo & Yeo to present the 2016 Audit

NO ACTION TAKEN

Item 9-B-Commission Reappointments

Resolution 12-19-07

Motion by Martin
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to approve the commission reappointments as follows:

COMMISSION	NAME	TERM ENDING
• Beautification	Sue Farrar	12/31/2019
• Beautification	Marilyn Young	12/31/2019
• Beautification	Sue Martin	12/31/2019
• Beautification	Donna Davis	12/31/2019
• Board of Review	Kristen Hunt	12/31/2019

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Item 9-C -Request to set two (2) Public Hearings for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program – Requested dates: January 3rd and January 17th

Resolution 12-19-08

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the request to set two (2) Public Hearings for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program – Requested dates: January 3, 2017 and January 17, 2017

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Item 9-D-Permission to Bid – Cleaning, Televising and Inspecting of Storm Water Sewer Pipes

Resolution 12-19-09

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

Council Member Martin noted this will be paid for by the SAW Grant

RESOLVED, to approve the request to Bid – Cleaning, Televising and Inspecting of Storm Water Sewer Pipes

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

CLOSED SESSION:

Item A - Command Officer Negotiations

Resolution 12-19-10

Motion by Martin
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to convene into closed session to discuss Command Officer negotiations

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Resolution 12-19-11

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to reconvene into the regular City Council meeting

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Resolution 12-19-12

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the tentative agreement between the City of Flat Rock and the Police Officers Labor Council representing the Flat Rock Police Command Officers, subject to final approval from the City Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement

Motion carried 5-1 with Wrobel voting no

Resolution 12-19-13

Motion by Martin
Supported by Little

RESOLVED, to approve the amendment of the Administrative Employee Vacation Time Policy to reflect similar provision to section 22.4 of the MAPE Clerical Agreement. The amendment is approved as follows:

The current Administrative Employees, Tom Chorkey and Tammy Dohring and Administrative Employees hired after December 19, 2016, shall accumulate vacation at the rate provided in this paragraph, which the employee shall be entitled after the expiration of the employee's probationary period:

- A. Zero (0) but less than five (5) years of continuous employment since their last hiring date: Six and three quarters (6.75) hours per month worked or while on authorized paid leave.
- B. Five (5) years but less than ten (10) years of continuous employment since their last hiring date: Ten (10) hours per month worked or while on authorized paid leave.
- C. Ten (10) years but less than seventeen (17) years of continuous service since their last hiring date: Thirteen and one-quarter (13.25) per month worked or while on authorized paid leave.
- D. Completion of seventeen (17) years of service since their last hiring date: Sixteen and three-quarters (16.75) hours per month worked or while on authorized paid leave.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

10. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (ADDITIONAL COMMENTS):

None

11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

None

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Resolution 12-19-14

Motion by Martin
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of December 19, 2016 at 8:45 PM

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously 6-0

DATE: _____
Approved

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK