

## REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012

The regular meeting of the Flat Rock City Council convened at the Municipal building on the above date at 7:30 p.m.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

PRESENT: Mayor-Pro Tem Martin, Council Members Gagne, Borden, Wilkins and Wrobel.

ABSENT: Mayor Dropiewski and Council Member Moore

05-21-01 Motion by Wrobel, supported by Gagne to excuse the absent member. Motion carried unanimously.

**ALSO PRESENT:** DPS Director Hammond, Fire Chief Vack, Treasurer Lambrix, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, Economic Development Director Mans, and City Attorney Grunow

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

05-21-02 Motion by Gagne, supported by Wrobel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 7, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Judge Jennifer Coleman-Hesson from the 33<sup>rd</sup> District Court presented the two winning pieces of art done by students from the high school and middle school. Ms. Mose from the Flat Rock High School, Myra Wade and Rita Benson were on hand to present the pieces. The art contest is a part of a program with the 33<sup>rd</sup> District Court and the seven communities. The art will be hung in one of the courtrooms to represent each community. Judge Coleman-Hesson thanked the schools and city for their support in this program.

Sue Farrar of the Beautification Commission reported that 161 residents participated in the city-wide garage sale. She thanked the volunteers, Sue and Jim Martin, Erin Hall, Sara McNamara, Gary Borden, Lorene Butski and Sue Ashcraft and especially her husband, Terry, for all of their help. The donations for St. Vincent DePaul filled two trucks. She announced that the fall city-wide garage sale will be the weekend of September 8 and 9. Mrs. Farrar also thanked the DPS for replacing the evergreen tree in front of the city parking lot. Councilman Wrobel thanked Mrs. Farrar for all of her work on the sale.

A member of the New Hope Lutheran Church wanted to thank the FRPD and FRFD for all of the efforts at the recent fire at their building. He also thanked the council for the use of the council chambers for two Sundays. He reported that they will be using the Brownstown Recreation Center through September until they can relocate into a more

permanent place. He invited everyone to Stevie B's in Woodhaven for a fund raiser for their building fund on Thursday, May 24.

Rita Borden, daughter of Council member Borden, presented Mayor Pro-Tem Martin with a birthday cake for his upcoming birthday.

**5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Chief Vack reported on the fire at 26316 Telegraph, Tuchow Law Offices that morning. He reported that the fire began in the basement and due to the construction style of the building, it spread to the attic. Chief Vack thanked Rockwood and Brownstown fire departments for the assistance with the call. The fire caused Telegraph Road to be closed for several hours. He will be returning to the scene on Tuesday with the Downriver Arson Taskforce to investigate the cause.

Economic Director Mans reported that a request has been submitted to MDOT to activate the street light at Leonard and Telegraph due to the future increase in traffic in and around the Flat Rock Plaza. He also reported regarding the three larger vacant spaces at the plaza will take a major, multi-million dollar renovation and Mr. Pattah is continuing to seek financing to complete the project. Due to the economy the financing has been difficult to find. Mans stated that Mr. Pattah owns and operates several other grocery stores and is confident that Mr. Pattah will work to make this project successful.

Lambrix, Hammond, Pawlukiewicz and Grunow had nothing to report at this time.

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Council member Wilkins thanked Sue and Terry Farrar for a job well done on the city-wide garage sale.

Council member Borden thanked Judge Coleman-Hesson for her work with the art project at the court and that the artwork was outstanding. He looks forward to working again the Judge Coleman-Hesson and the court. Borden announced the Bo Bice from American Idol and Fifty Amp Fuse will be performing at this year's Riverfest. Borden thanked George Mans for his continued work with various events. Borden requested from Hammond to have the drives of the businesses on Telegraph in the construction looked at and possibly widened. Borden wanted to remind the community of the Flat Rock Talent Search on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Borden reported that he is looking into the possibility of a skateboard park and will report more at a later date.

Council member Gagne stated that he recently visited Wise Guys restaurant and would recommend that residents support this fine establishment. He recently attended the DCC's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner and stated that was a very nice event.

Council members Wrobel did not have anything to report at this time.

**7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Pro-tem Martin did not have anything to report at this time.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Request from Mayor for Public Hearing on 2012-13 Budget**

05-21-03 Motion by Gagne, supported by Borden to set the public hearing for June 4 at 7:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Resolution for 2012 Flat Rock Riverfest to be held September 15 and 16, 2012.**

05-21-04 Motion by Gagne, supported by Borden to approve the resolution with a revised time of 10:00 am to 11:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Request from Historical Preservation Commission to Paint/Repair Porches**

05-21-05 Motion by Gagne, supported by Borden to approve the request in the amount of \$4,975.00 to New Hue Painting. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Geotechnical Investigation Proposals for the Bike Path**

05-21-06 Motion by Gagne, supported by Wrobel to approve the proposal recommended by the city engineer from PSI in the amount of \$3,215.00.

Wrobel asked if this expense would be covered by the grant money. Hammond explained that the DNR grant has an allotted line item of \$109,000 for engineering costs. This would be included in that expense. Hammond further explained the need for the soil borings is required to effectively engineer the plans. The testing will show what the ground is comprised of in areas that they not familiar with its make-up and whether it's unsuitable for construction. The borings helps to prevent surprises and potential added expenses once the construction begins. Gagne asked if a moratorium could be placed on the costs to not exceed the \$109,000 allowed in the grant. Hammond advised against it. Borden asked Hammond if it's possible to stay within the funding of grant. Hammond stated that he cannot guarantee that conditions that might be encountered during construction won't lead to overruns. Martin asked if the project was on track based on the estimated costs. Hammond stated that once the project goes out for bid we will have a better idea of where we stand.

Motion failed 3-2, with Borden and Wilkins voting no.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Late Correspondence – Memo from Mayor with preliminary 2012-13 budget.

Grunow requested council go into closed session to discuss contract negotiations with the Clerical unit, DPS unit and POAM.

05-21-07 Motion by Borden, supported by Martin to go into closed session at 8:07 after a short recess. Motion carried unanimously.

05-21-08 Motion by Gagne, supported by Wrobel to return to open session at 8:32. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

05-21-09 Motion by Wrobel, supported by Borden to adjourn at 8:23 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

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**JAMES MARTIN, MAYOR PRO-TEM**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Approved**

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**DEBRA LAMBRIX, TREASURER**