

**REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013**

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 Dropiewski, Council members Martin, Borden, Wilkins, Wrobel, Gagne and Moore

**ALSO PRESENT:** Fire Chief/Building Director Vack, DPS Director Hammond, Treasurer Rozga, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, Police Chief Rossow, Attorney Grunow and Clerk Armstrong

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Resolution 06-17-01**

Motion by Gagne  
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of June 3, 2013

Motion carried unanimously

**Resolution 06-17-02**

Motion by Gagne  
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to amend the minutes to reflect Councilwoman Moore's statement regarding McKenna & Associates stating she didn't realize they were an employee/contractor of the City of Flat Rock and further stating she didn't comment they were rude.

Motion carried unanimously

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Resident Dawn Thomas addressed the way the City Council and Planning Commission meetings are handled lately and the disrespect she is receiving regarding her opinion towards the proposed Meijer.

Resident Fred Abar asked the status of the Redding building and when it will be demolished. He commented that no sidewalks are along Telegraph Road.

Resident Sean Gillaspie announced Small Business Week July 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. The non-profit organization Support Local Flat Rock supports a pledge to shop small business.

Resident, John on Van Riper Street asked the status of the burned down house.

Julie Musallam of 26469 Hawthorne commented on the success of the Country Blast in the Park and acknowledged Councilman Borden and his dedication to the festival.

**5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

City Clerk Meaghan Armstrong commented on the success of the Country Blast in the Park

City Attorney David Grunow announced an emergency ordinance for fireworks will be on the agenda for the next City Council meeting.

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Councilwoman Deborah Wilkins announced an 11 hour traffic study she conducted on June 4, 2013. She noted 2292 cars went through the intersection of Vreeland and Arsenal. She congratulated Clerk Armstrong on her marriage and gave her condolence to employee Doug Rook on the loss of his sister. Councilwoman Wilkins made the following motion:

**Resolution 06-17-03**

Motion by Wilkins  
Supported by Moore

RESOLVED, to have the Police Chief do a traffic study at Vreeland and Arsenal, to determine if a four way stop is needed.

Discussion: Councilman Wrobel asked if the Chief could do a traffic study first.  
Mayor: Last traffic study done on Arsenal in 2008

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councilman Gary Borden thanked everyone for their support with the Country Blast in the Park. He received positive feedback and noted how events like this are good for the community and businesses and the schools. He thanked Bruce, Joann and the Chief for their help with the Country Blast. He announced the city has new sponsors that are will to help support Flat Rock and community events. He noted a complaint he received regarding grass cutting at city properties and announced the city has hired more employees to help and we are aware of the properties and will be cleaned up.

Councilman Jim Martin announced the baseball tournaments at the ball fields and thanked Jack Warren and James Liedel for their work maintain the fields. The tournament organizers are looking to possible book the fields in June and July. He congratulated Joann on a successful Kid Fest and Gary on the Country Blast and Fireworks.

Councilman Ken Wrobel reminded residents to support local/small businesses.

Councilman Paul Gagne said he paid for parking at the Country Blast and asked who the funds go to and Councilman Borden responded the schools and girl scouts.

Councilwoman Moore commended Councilman Borden on a good job with the Country Blast. She asked Bruce Hammond about the no truck traffic sign on Arsenal Road. She asked Sue Farrar if assistance is needed with the flower beds. She acknowledged the Building Department for their efficiency and a good job.

7. **MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski announced National Small Business Week and reminded residents to support all local businesses. He noted a business list and coupons can be found at Downtown Flat Rock website. The Mayor congratulated Gary Borden on the Country Blast and commended the volunteers. He noted the sponsorship dollars the foundation received for the event. He commented on the fireworks show and reminded residents to attend the Riverfest on September 20, 21 and 22, 2013. Mayor Dropiewski commented that Huroc Park looked really good and commended the cleanup of the park.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Item 8-A- City Engineer's bid recommendation for Evergreen Street pavement replacement (G.V. Cement Contracting - opened on April 25, 2013)**

**Resolution 06-17-04**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Dropiewski

RESOLVED, to award the City Engineer's bid recommendation for Evergreen Street pavement replacement to replace section #1 from the City Engineers drawing (G.V. Cement Contracting - opened on April 25, 2013)

Motion carried 6-1 with Wrobel voting no

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 9-A- Annual dues to the Wayne County Alliance of Downriver Watersheds**

**Resolution 06-17-05**

Motion by Gagne  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the annual dues to the Wayne County Alliance of Downriver Watersheds

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-B - Proposed 2013-2014 budget for the Downtown Development Authority**

**Resolution 06-17-06**

Motion by Gagne  
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to approve the proposed 2013-2014 budget for the Downtown Development Authority

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-C- 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Meijer PUD ordinance**

**Resolution 06-17-07**

Motion by Gagne  
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to waive the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Meijer PUD ordinance

Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Dropiewski allowed for public comment regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Meijer PUD ordinance. Several comments were made and questions asked from residents and city council members opposing and supporting the proposed Meijer site. Robert Doran of Meijer answered several questions and addressed concerns from the residents and council. The following residents spoke regarding the proposed Meijer:

Julie Musallam, Marlene Guthy, resident at 26101 Rockridge, Fred Abar, Cheryl Hammond, Chris Wooley, resident at 29335 Van Riper, resident at Huron Woods, resident at 29334 Van Riper, resident at 27216 Arsenal, resident at 26793 Hawthorne, resident at 26876 Blue Heron Drive, Dave McGee, 26935 Blue Heron Drive and Richard Jones.

Comments by individual councilmembers were made requesting specific additions and changes to the Meijer PUD and ordinance. Provisions of these agreements will be added to the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ordinance and included in the final agreement. These changes have been agreed to by Meijer at this council meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Item A - Convene into closed session to discuss updates for police patrol contracts**

**Resolution 06-17-08**

Motion by Gagne  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to convene into closed session to discuss updates for police patrol contracts at 9:50 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously

**Resolution 06-17-09**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to reconvene into the regular City Council meeting

Motion carried unanimously

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

NONE

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Resolution 06-17-10**

Motion by Gagne  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of June 17, 2013 at 10:18 P.M.

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously.

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**JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR**

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

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**MEAGHAN K. ARMSTRONG, CITY CLERK**