The regular meeting of the Flat Rock City Council convened on the above date and time via Zoom, an electronic video conferencing tool due to the National Pandemic of the COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus that has spread throughout the world.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

   PRESENT ELECTED OFFICIALS:
   Mayor Mark A. Hammond
   Council Members: Bergeron, Martin, Maul, Pardo, Tefend, Wrobel

   ALSO, PRESENT: City Attorney Matthew Zick, City Clerk Meaghan Bachman, Chief of Police Glen Hoffman, Fire Chief James Katona, Economic Development Director Liz Hendley, Recreation Director Rodney Wade, Treasurer Joanne Beard, DPS Director Justin Danosky, Building Director Andrew Miller.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

   **Resolution 05-18-20-01**

   Motion by Martin
   Supported by Tefend

   RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 4, 2020 as presented.

   Motion carried unanimously 7-0

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

   Resident on James Apple of Moses Street spoke of concerns paving Moses Street and the sewer maintenance progress.

5. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

   Building Director Andrew Miller spoke of the Historical Village and the need to get it back up and running. He also spoke of the Huron Woods Lots that are for sale. He noted two builders that gave interest in purchasing in the amounts of $15,000 for all three lots and the other was $21,000 for all three lots. Discussion took place regarding the lots between the Council. Council Member Maul asked if the lots were placed out for bid through the Charter. It was decided that a local realtor would be contacted regarding the sale of the lots. He mentioned a water leak at the Library that is being address with the Building Department and Insurance Company.
City Clerk Meaghan Bachman announced Absentee Voter Applications were mailed out and voters should receive their applications soon. She also spoke of various election topics.

Chief of Police Glen Hoffman noted the two new hires have now been with FRPD for 5 weeks today and they are doing well. He announced the live scan fingerprinting is back up and running.

Fire Chief James Katona announced public safety COVID-19 testing and antibody testing that is funded through the CDC is being conducted for all public safety personnel. He further announced an alert was received for the French Landing Dam for high water.

Economic Development Director Liz Hendley spoke of the 2020 Census and the rate for Flat Rock is at 70%. She spoke of the Flat Rock Business Owner meeting and noted was very successful. The Mayor also spoke of the meeting and how successful it was. Council Member Martin mentioned how the business thanked the departments for their help and he thanked all the department heads. She also spoke of the Redevelopment Ready Communities program.

Recreation Director Rodney Wade spoke of the food commodities program and thanked the department heads for participating in the food drive. Council Member Kim Pardo graciously donated her next check that she receives as a City Council Member to the food commodities program. The Mayor asked about the roof leaks at the Community Center. Rodney noted Andy has been out to assess it and thanked him for his help.

DPS Director Justin Danosky noted the chipsealing will be reviewed and completed this week. He spoke of CE Raines and the project with MK Construction. He mentioned the water rates and the desire to set up a work session regarding the rates. The Mayor spoke further on the water rates topic and it was decided a work session will scheduled to discuss the rates. Council Member Bergeron further noted that a budget work session should take place to discuss all other departments.

Treasurer Joanne Beard noted animal licenses due date was extended to June 1, 2020 and no late fees will be assessed until after that date. She spoke of the procedures to renew the license. Council Member Bergeron asked questions regarding the budget and the Treasurer noted concerns can be addressed in the public hearing.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

City Council Member John Bergeron thanked the Mayor and Liz for conducting the Flat Rock Business Owner meeting and reminded everyone to support the local business in Flat Rock. He encouraged everyone to contact the Governor to open the businesses because they are hurting due to COVID-19. He thanked all city employees for their hard work and noted they are appreciated.

City Council Member Martin noted he spoke of his questions and concerns earlier in the meeting.

Council Member Maul expressed his condolence to Wyandotte Mayor Joe Peterson on his sudden passing. He also thanked the city employees and the first responders for all their hard work.

Council Member Kim Pardo noted she wanted to attend the business meeting but had a conflict and was unable to attend. She asked if a time frame could be placed on the gift card program
and when they must use the certificates. She also asked what businesses are not doing very well because of COVID-19. The Mayor, Council Member Bergeron and Liz Hendley responded.

Council Member Rick Tefend thanked the department heads and employees who are continuously working.

Council Member Ken Wrobel asked when we can reopen City Hall. The Mayor noted once the Governor lifts the Executive Order. Attorney Zick also responded May 28th is the soonest date we could open.

7. **MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Hammond expressed his condolences to Wyandotte Mayor Joe Peterson on his sudden passing.

The Mayor spoke of Community Park and options of what can be done with the ice rink. He noted an idea to dedicate the ice rink as a “Hero Park” for many of the heroes from the COVID-19 outbreak such as teachers, parents, city workers, grocery workers, truck drivers, etc. He would like to see the area turned into something that the heroes could be honored. He suggested the area is cleaned up and revamped. He asked that any ideas are sent over to him.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

Item 9-A—Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget

**Resolution 05-18-20-02**

Motion by Martin
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to open the Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

Discussion: Mayor Hammond opened the public hearing for the public and City Council to comment.

- Resident Pat Sell asked if we could market the Warming Building as a rental for events.
- Treasurer Joanne Beard spoke of the workers compensation bill went down by over $10,000. She noted the State of Michigan state revenue sharing keeps changing and currently went down. She noted $230,000 would have to be cut in a worse care scenario. She spoke of other concerns with the budget and various changes between now and October 2020.
- The Mayor noted this is the best we have at trying to make this work with our budget numbers. He noted he tried to make the best of a bad situation.
- Council Member Bergeron noted this is part COVID-19 but also that the Governor shut down the State and this is the price we are paying and feeling the consequences.
• The Mayor spoke more about the departmental budget, rates, expenditures, revenues, and other budgetary items.
• Council Member Bergeron mentioned the Community Center budget.
• Council Member Wrobel also asked about the Community Center budget and was mentioned by the Treasurer that the estimated loss of the center is $280,000.00.
• Discussion was had regarding a deficient elimination plan.
• Council Member Wrobel spoke of the pension program and increases. He also noted that if the funds are not in the budget, for department heads not to make purchases. The Mayor responded to his concern.
• Council Member Bergeron noted he would like to go through each departments budget to discuss.
• Council Member Pardo noted the budget discussion should be a special meeting so each department could be reviewed.

**Resolution 05-18-20-03**

Motion by Pardo  
Supported by Martin  

RESOLVED, to close the Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget.  

Motion carried unanimously 7-0  

**Item 9-B-Progress Payment No. 1 – Chipsealing of Cahill, Seneca, and Woodruff**

**Resolution 05-18-20-04**

Motion by Wrobel  
Supported by Bergeron  

RESOLVED, to approve Progress Payment No. 1 – Chipsealing of Cahill, Seneca, and Woodruff in the amount of $51,595.35 to Highway Maintenance and Construction.  

Motion carried unanimously 7-0  

**Item 9-C- Progress Payment No. 3 – Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Project**

**Resolution 05-18-20-05**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Bergeron  

RESOLVED, to approve the Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Project Payment No. 3 in the amount of $25,113.25 to Advanced Rehabilitation Technologies  

Motion carried unanimously 7-0
10. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**
   None

11. **LATE CORRESPONDENCE:**
   None

**CLOSED SESSION**

**ITEM A – DPS Contract Negotiations**

**Resolution 05-18-20-06**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Pardo

RESOLVED, to convene into closed session to discuss DPS Contract Negotiations

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

**Resolution 05-18-20-07**

Motion by Hammond  
Supported by Pardo

RESOLVED, to reconvene into open session.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

**VOTE ON RESOLUTION**

**Resolution 05-18-20-08**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to approve the DPS Clerical Contract terms as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0
12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Resolution 05-18-20-09**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of May 18, 2020 at 10:14 PM.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

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MARK A. HAMMOND, MAYOR

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MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK

Approved as presented at the June 1, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting