The regular meeting of the Flat Rock City Council convened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. 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:**
   
   **PRESENT:** Mayor Hammond
   Council Members: Bergeron, Martin, Maul, Pardo, Tefend, Wrobel
   
   **ABSENT:** None

   ALSO, PRESENT: City Attorney Matthew Zick, Acting City Clerk Katie Tomasik, Chief of Police Glen Hoffman, Fire Chief James Katona, Economic Development Director Liz Hendley, Treasurer Joanne Beard, DPS Director Justin Danosky, Building Director Andrew Miller, Library Director Michael Cummings

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

   **Resolution 07-06-20-01**

   Motion by Martin
   Supported by Bergeron

   RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of June 15, 2020, as presented.

   Motion carried unanimously 7-0

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

   Diane Parker from DDA & Flat Rock Our Hometown spoke about the upcoming drive-in movie to take place at the Flat Rock Plaza on August 22nd, without a possible additional date of August 21st.

   Resident Marshall Reames spoke of concerns regarding gunfire that has been heard along the Huron River. He noted that he hears the gunfire every Sunday morning and then all day. There
is concern for the safety of kayakers. Mayor Hammond noted that he has spoken to the Chief Deputy of Monroe County Sheriff and Police Chief Hoffman to convey the concerns of the residents along Huron River Drive. Because the gunfire is happening in Monroe County, residents should call Monroe Central Dispatch (734-243-7070) if gunfire is heard and an officer will come to the area to investigate. Mr. Reames also spoke of concerns regarding truck traffic speeding on E. Huron River Drive. He noted the noise from empty gravel hauler trucks every morning at 4:30 a.m. is very loud and the vibrations shake the house. Mayor Hammond said he will contact Wayne County Commissioner Ray Basham about the issue. Council Member Pardo asked if there was a noise ordinance or weight restrictions that could be enforced on the road. Mayor Hammond noted that the trucks are empty, and the problem is the noise of the empty trucks hitting the holes on the road. Mr. Reames asked if there was a way to restrict truck traffic from Huron River Drive during certain hours of the day because of a noise ordinance. Building Director Andy Miller noted there is a noise ordinance and he will look into it.

Resident Pat Sell asked if past discussions to create a truck route relocating truck traffic from Huron River Drive to Vreeland Road was still in the works. Mayor Hammond noted that idea is an option and he will bring that idea to Wayne County Ray Basham since Huron River Drive is a county road. Council Member Maul noted that more police presence is needed on Huron River Drive due to speeding. Ms. Sell also spoke of a shed on Woodruff Road that was placed directly on the property line. Building Director Andy Miller noted that sheds require a three feet setback from the property line, and he will address the matter.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Chief Glen Hoffman spoke of the radar speed sign that Lieutenant Page has been using for speed studies on E. Huron River Drive, Hawthorne, and Woodruff. The sign is currently on Cahill and will be placed on W. Huron River Drive next. Chief Hoffman noted that he will compile the information to present to Council.

Mayor Hammond noted to Fire Chief James Katona that PPE is needed for the Recreation Center. While it is not yet open, there needs to be PPE for employees.

Economic Development Director Liz Hendley noted that she sent out a mailing all businesses in the City addressing the opportunity to hang banners in the ballfields to advertise their business as well as the Wayne County Small Business Grant Program that will run from June 29th through July 17th.

Treasurer Joanne Beard noted that summer tax bills went out. If you have any questions or do not receive your bill then you should call the Treasurer’s Office.

DPS Director Justin Danosky spoke of the chipseal on Woodruff and Cahill roads and it appears that something was dropped and ripped up the chipseal on these roads. He noted it will be repaired with cold patch. He also noted that the chipseal on Seneca needs to be fixed because it appears oily. Director Danosky also noted that water rates went up on July 1st. He stated that Flat Rock rates are still cheaper than any other city Downriver & in the SHVUA district. He also noted that the ballfields are up and running. Every ballfield is reserved every day for the entire month of July. He reminded businesses that they can hang a banner at the ballfields to advertise for their business. Council Member Tefend asked about hanging flags on the flagpoles at the ballfields. Council Member Bergeron gave Justin kudos on getting the ballfields going.
Library Director Michael Cummings noted that the furnace in the library has been fixed and people will be coming in to look at repairs for the local history room tomorrow. He noted that the curbside program for checking out books has been doing well, the youth reading program has over 100 people signed up, the Phone-A-Story program has had 73 calls, and the adult reading program is off to a slow start but only started last week.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

   Council Member Ken Wrobel gave kudos to DPS Director Danosky and all involved in getting the ballfields running. He also asked Justin if he could take a look at the roads in Hawthorne and fill some of the holes.

   Council Member Kim Pardo thanked the DPS Director for his work with the ballfields. She also thanked Diane Parker for planning the drive-in movie event. Council Member Pardo also noted that there have been requests for a pet park in the fountain area of Community Park. Mayor Hammond said that is a great idea that will be looked into.

7. MAYOR COMMENTS:

   Mayor Hammond spoke of the Recreation Center and the resignation of Recreation Director, Rodney Wade, effective July 2nd. He noted that he has been meeting with the staff of the Recreation Center weekly and beginning today the Recreation Center will be staffed Monday-Friday 9am-5pm to answer phone calls. Not a lot can be done at the facility right now regarding reopening due to executive orders. The gym, workout room, pool, and day-care all remain closed. Limited activity can be done in the banquet center; however, capacity is limited to 25% and no food can be served by the facility. The staff has been tasked with deciding whether it is worth it to staff events in the facility for only 100 people or less. The Mayor asked Council for their help in thinking of plans for the future and ideas on how to move forward with the Recreation Center. He noted that memberships/classes will be extended and honored upon reopening. The staff will begin showing the facility for future events again. Council Member Martin asked if the facility could serve food plated like a restaurant does so long as social distancing is observed. Mayor Hammond noted that Wayne County Public Health states that banquet centers are not restaurants and cannot serve food. Council Member Bergeron asked if rentals could bring in their own food for their events. Council Member Martin suggested food trucks outside the facility. Mayor Hammond noted the new website is up and running, and the gazebos are still being rented; however, there is no public in the Recreation Center yet.

   Mayor Hammond spoke of Police Command & Fire Union Contract Negotiations. He noted the two unions are going to mediation, and if a settlement is not negotiated in mediation, then the next step is arbitration (Act 312). Council Member Bergeron suggested removing the Council Members that are currently serving on the Police Command & Fire Union Contract Negotiations and to replace them with different Council Members to see if they have better luck in reaching a settlement.
**Resolution 07-06-20-02**

Motion by Bergeron  
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to remove the Council Members that are currently serving on the Police Command & Fire Union Contract Negotiations and to replace them with different Council Members.

FURTHER RESOLVED, to appoint Mayor Hammond & Council Member Wrobel to serve on the Police Command Union Contract Negotiations, and to appoint Mayor Hammond & Council Member Bergeron to serve on the Fire Union Contract Negotiations.

Roll Call Vote:  
Yes Approve: Hammond*  
Bergeron  
Martin  
Pardo  
Tefend  
Wrobel

No Against: Maul

Motion carried 6-1

Mayor Hammond noted that while it was previously discussed that tonight’s meeting would be held in person, he decided that it would be held virtually again due to the increase in COVID-19 cases.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Item 8-A-Resolution Electing Medical Benefit Plan Coverage**

**Resolution 07-06-20-03**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to remove the item from the table.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0
**Resolution 07-06-20-04**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, WHEREAS, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, being Public Act 152 of 2011, limits a public employer's expenditures for employee medical benefit plans as more specifically set forth in the Act, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 4 of the Act, the City Council, by a majority vote, may elect to pay not more than eighty percent (80%) of the total annual costs of all medical benefit plans as defined in the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Flat Rock hereby elects Section 4 of the Act, which provides that for medical benefit plan coverage years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, a public employer shall pay not more than eighty percent (80%) of the total costs of all medical benefit plans it offers or contributes to for its employees, so that each employee shall be required to pay twenty percent (20%) of the total annual costs of that plan as defined by the Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City may deduct the covered employee's portion of the cost of a medical benefit plan from compensation due to the covered employee on a bi-monthly basis as authorized by the employee. An employee failing to authorize the deduction shall not be eligible for the medical benefit plan provided by the City.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

**Item 8-B-Recreation Center Roof Repairs**

**Resolution 07-06-20-05**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to authorize the solicitation for bids for the Recreation Center roof repair.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

**Item 8-C-McKenna Planner Proposal and Fee Increase**

**Resolution 07-06-20-06**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Hammond

RESOLVED, to remove the item from the table.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0
Resolution 07-06-20-07

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to table the item for 30 days. The item was tabled so that more information regarding the fee increase can be gathered.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

9.  NEW BUSINESS

Item 9-A-Resignation of Recreating Director, Rodney Wade

Resolution 07-06-20-08

Motion by Hammond  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Recreation Director, Rodney Wade.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

Item 9-B-Mayoral Appointments – TIFA & Beautification Commission

Resolution 07-06-20-09

Motion by Bergeron  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to appoint the following members to the following boards & commissions:

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Motion carried 6-0  
Council Member Wrobel abstained
Item 9-C-Permission to Bid-Cement Repairs at Community Ballfields

**Resolution 07-06-20-10**

Motion by Hammond  
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to approve the request to bid out cement repairs at the community ballfields and the gazebo at Community Park.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

Item 9-D-GLWA – Industrial Pretreatment Program Rules & Regulations

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Item 9-E-1st Reading of Ordinance – Zoning Ordinance Section 2.03 (B)

**Resolution 07-06-20-11**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to suspend the 1st reading of the ordinance to revise Zoning Ordinance Section 2.03 (B).

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

Item 9-F-Offer to Purchase – 26643 Huron River Drive

Martin made a motion to go out to bid for the sale of 26643 Huron River Drive. The motion died due to lack of support.

**Resolution 07-06-20-12**

Motion by Maul  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the sale of 26643 Huron River Drive to the highest offer received from Bill Miller in the amount of $86,000.00, subject to the requirements defined in the Offer to Purchase Agreement as presented, including a Certificate of Occupancy must be obtained within 24 months of sale and the building be restored as close to its original architecture as possible.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0
Item 9-G-Offer to Purchase – Commerce/Gateway Property

**Resolution 07-06-20-13**

Motion by Tefend
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the sale of 6.66 acres of property located at Commerce and Gateway to Diversified Vehicle Services, Inc. in the amount of $153,000.00, subject to the requirements defined in the Offer to Purchase Agreement.

Roll Call Vote:
Yes Approve: Hammond
Martin
Tefend

No Against: Bergeron*
Maul
Pardo

Motion failed 3-3
***Council Member Wrobel lost connection to the Zoom meeting.

Item 9-H-Building Department Fees

**Resolution 07-06-20-14**

Motion by Tefend
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the proposed Building Department fee schedule as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0
***Council Member Wrobel lost connection to the Zoom meeting.

10. **LATE CORRESPONDENCE:**
    None

11. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

    Resident Pat Sell asked about the number of COVID-19 cases and if that information can be posted. Mayor Hammond stated that data comes from Wayne County, and he will get the information to Ms. Sell. Economic Development Director Liz Hendley noted that the numbers are posted to Flat Rock Our Hometown’s website daily.
Resolution 07-06-20-15

Motion by Martin
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to approve the sale of 6.66 acres of property located at Commerce and Gateway to Diversified Vehicle Services, Inc. in the amount of $153,000.00, subject to the requirements defined in the Offer to Purchase Agreement.

Roll Call Vote:
Yes Approve: Hammond
Martin*
Tefend
Wrobel

No Against: Bergeron
Maul
Pardo

Motion carried 4-3

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 07-06-20-16

Motion by Martin
Supported by Pardo

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of July 6, 2020 at 10:06 PM.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

MARK A. HAMMOND, MAYOR

KATIE TOMASIK, ACTING CITY CLERK

Approved as presented at the July 20, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting