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: Martin, Maul, Tefend, Wrobel

   **ABSENT:** Council Members: Bergeron, Pardo

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

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

   Motion by Martin
   Supported by Tefend

   RESOLVED, that Flat Rock City Council hereby excuses Council Member Bergeron and Council Member Pardo as absent at the regular City Council meeting of July 20, 2020.

   Motion carried unanimously 5-0

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

   **Resolution 07-20-20-02**

   Motion by Martin
   Supported by Tefend

   RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 6, 2020, as presented.

   Motion carried unanimously 5-0
4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

None

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

City Attorney Matthew Zick noted that Governor Whitmer signed Executive Order #2020-154 extending the allowance of virtual meetings until 28 days beyond the conclusion of the State of Emergency. Currently, the State of Emergency is set to expire on August 11, 2020; however, it could be extended. Attorney Zick also spoke on the Fire Insurance Withholding Program. He noted that because Council implemented this program at the February 18, 2020 Council Meeting, the City recently received a check from Liberty Mutual in the amount of $13,058.00 because a structure fire earlier in the year.

Acting City Clerk Katie Tomasik spoke of the upcoming August 4, 2020 Primary Election.

Fire Chief James Katona noted that the vehicle that they swapped with the Police Department is still in the build process and the vehicle should be in the Fire Department’s possession with the next couple weeks.

Economic Development Director Liz Hendley spoke on the ribbon cutting ceremony for For the Love Bakeshop and Bare Aesthetics that took place on Friday, July 17, 2020 and welcomed the new businesses. She also talked about the banners that are hung around the City that advertise businesses as well as recreational opportunities in Flat Rock. Liz also noted that she will be talking about the Destination Downriver program at the next City Council meeting.

Building Director Andrew Miller spoke of an upcoming demolition for a house that was damaged in a fire. He also noted that the shed on Woodruff that Pat Sell referred to at the last Council meeting was not approved by the Building Department and the shed needs to be moved or it will be ticketed. Director Miller also noted that the keys and locks to Recreation Center were recently changed, and if someone needs a key, they need to contact him.

Library Director Michael Cummings noted that the Local History Room of the Library will be worked on tomorrow. He also spoke of the Library’s curbside program and summer reading program. The Mayor asked when the Library will be able to open by appointment. Director Cummings noted that they are looking to surrounding libraries for guidance on reopening, however, it is looking like after Labor Day.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Jim Martin noted that the last payment was made on the ballfields and they are officially paid off.

Council Member Ken Wrobel spoke on the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new businesses in the City and noted that the corner where For the Love Bakeshop and Bare Aesthetics is located looks much different and very nice.
7. **MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Hammond congratulated Bare Aesthetics and For the Love Bakeshop on their business opening.

Mayor Hammond spoke of the Recreation Center. He noted that staff is working diligently. He noted that the staff is planning the Level Pebble Dualathlon, which will involve running and biking, no swimming because the pool is closed. The date is still to be determined; the children’s event will be one day, and the adult event will be the following day. He also spoke on the changing of the keys and locks at the Recreation Center and noted that they are looking into a fob system similar to the one at City Hall.

Mayor Hammond spoke of the Executive Order extending the allowance of virtual meetings.

Mayor Hammond noted that he was contacted by the DCC (Downriver Community Conference) and DMA (Downriver Mutual Aid) and was asked for the City of Flat Rock to support a resolution that supports the Downriver Police and Fire Services.

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

Motion by Tefend  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the resolution of the Downriver Community Conference and Downriver Mutual Aid supporting Police and Fire services of Downriver presented below:

RESOLUTION OF THE DMA and  
DCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 15, 2020

**SUPPORT POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES**  
**IN THE DOWNRIVER**

WHEREAS, the Downriver Community Conference (DCC) and Downriver Mutual Aid (DMA), a consortium of twenty Downriver communities in Wayne County whose total population exceeds 500,000, has joined in an effort to improve local government and enhance the quality of life for area residents through municipal cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the DMA was created more than 50 years ago, in 1967 (the oldest Inter-local Agreement in the State of Michigan), in order to formalize the cooperative relationships that already existed between and among police and fire departments throughout the region. For generations, communities had assisted each other when a neighbor called for help; providing backup when police officers were stretched thin during a crisis or sending additional firefighters to battle blazes that threatened a community. But with the creation of the DMA, that help expanded to include a number of more sophisticated services that no single department or city could offer, such as creating a regional SWAT Team, a Crisis Negotiation Team, an Underwater
Search & Recovery Team, the Downriver Area Narcotics Organization (DRANO), the Downriver Auto Theft Team (DRATT) and a Uniformed Police Task Force.

WHEREAS, it was this cooperative effort that led to the creation of Downriver Community Conference (DCC). The DCC was initially comprised of 14 communities whose main objective was to help locate funds to improve areas of mutual concern for all participating members. Now serving 20 member communities as a public organization, DCC is able to apply for State and Federal Grants for the cooperative solution to local government issues and concerns, and

WHEREAS, with the recent concerns related to Police action nationwide, our police officers have become scrutinized with negativity and violence by people who break our laws; and

WHEREAS, as a united voice of 20 communities, we want to emphasize and show our collective support of our police and fire personnel; we have outstanding police and fire personnel under the leadership of our member communities Police Chiefs, Public Safety Directors and Fire Chiefs, and we think it is important that our officers and firefighters know they are valued and appreciated; and

WHEREAS, we ask that each community show their support for their local police officers and firefighters who risk their lives every day to protect our families and property. Our police officers and firefighters are trained to demonstrate great performance and responsibility to utilize the equipment they need to perform their jobs safely.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Downriver Community Conference and Downriver Mutual Aid Board of Directors, representing 20 member communities, supports our Police and Fire personnel, and trusts them to carry out the duties of protecting the residents and businesses in the Downriver community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DCC and DMA Board of Directors also asks our Governor, and State and Federal Legislators to insure and support our Police and Fire personnel at all times.

Motion carried 5-0

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Item 8-A-2nd Reading of Ordinance – Revise Zoning Ordinance Section 2.03 (B)**

**Resolution 07-20-20-04**

Motion by Martin
Supported by Hammond

RESOLVED, to suspend the 2nd reading of the ordinance to revise Zoning Ordinance Section 2.03 (B).

Motion carried unanimously 5-0
Resolution 07-20-20-05

Motion by Martin
Supported by Hammond

RESOLVED, to adopt the ordinance to revise Zoning Ordinance Section 2.03 (B) as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 449

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 2.03, SECTION B, ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLAT ROCK, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS - ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES"

THE CITY OF FLAT ROCK ORDAINS TO:

Amend Article 2.03, Section B, by adding #4 which will read as follows:

Sec. 2.03- Accessory Structures and Uses;

B. General requirements for detached accessory structures and uses.

1. Location. Detached accessory buildings and structures shall not be located in a front yard or required side yard, except on a lot that abuts a lake or stream. One accessory building or structure may be permitted in the front (i.e., on the side facing the road) of a lot abutting a lake or stream provided further that any such accessory building or structure shall comply with the minimum setback requirements for the district in which it is located.

2. Setbacks. Accessory structures or uses (including garages) which are not structurally attached as defined above, shall meet the same setback and coverage requirements as set forth for the principal structure, except as otherwise specified for accessory structures in residential districts. Accessory structures or uses on double frontage lots shall be restricted to the central one-third of such lots.

3. Height. Detached accessory buildings and structures shall conform to the height requirement for the principal structure in the district in which it is located, except as may otherwise be specified for accessory buildings and structures in residential districts.

4. Necessity of Rat Wall. All accessory structures or uses (including garages) shall be built on a concrete slab not less than four inches thick with a concrete rat wall, four inches wide and 24 inches in depth. Concrete foundation requires a building permit from the Building Department.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0
9. **NEW BUSINESS**

Item 9-A-Authorization to Hire Utility Financial Solutions

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

Motion by Tefend  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to hire Utility Financial Solutions to determine a twenty (20) year financial plan for the water system, at the cost of $13,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Item 9-B-New Water Main for Will Carleton Road

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

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to allow C.E. Raines, to begin developing a plan to replace the water main going toward and at Will Carleton.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Item 9-C-Bid Recommendation – Historical Munger Store Roof

**Resolution 07-20-20-08**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to approve the bid recommendation to replace the metal roof at the Munger General Store the in the amount of $40,000.00 to New Methods Roofing & Building Inc.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

10. **LATE CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

11. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Resident Ronnie Reichlin of Summer Lane spoke of the recently increased water rates that were passed on June 1, 2020 and effective on July 1, 2020. He questioned why the rates were implemented on water used before the effective date of the new rates. He also questioned why the
The meter charge on the bill was increased to $7.00. DPS Director Justin Danosky noted that the sewer debt was removed from the bill and the meter charge was increased to $7.00. Mayor Hammond told Mr. Reichlin that he would look into the rates charged and get him an answer.

Michele Bezue, owner of For the Love Bakeshop thanked the City for their support and for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

   **Resolution 07-20-20-09**

   Motion by Martin  
   Supported by Tefend  

   RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of July 20, 2020 at 8:16 PM.  

   Motion carried unanimously 5-0  

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   MARK A. HAMMOND, MAYOR  

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   KATIE TOMASIK, ACTING CITY CLERK  

   Approved as presented at the August 3, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting