

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN
25500 GIBRALTAR ROAD
FLAT ROCK, MI 48134**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the Flat Rock City Council convened at the Municipal Building, 25500 Gibraltar Road, Flat Rock, Michigan 48134, on the above date at 7:30 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
2. **ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

PRESENT ELECTED OFFICIALS:

PRESENT: Mayor: Hammond
Council Members: Beller, Bergeron, Martin, Tefend, Wrobel

ABSENT: Council: Dishaw

Resolution 12-19-22-01

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to excuse Council Member Dishaw for the regular council meeting on December 19, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

ALSO, PRESENT: City Attorney Matthew Zick, Acting City Clerk Rebecca Cottrell, Police Chief Jerry Page, Department of Public Services Interim Director Eric Holtz, Treasurer Joanne Beard, Fire Chief James Katona, Economic Development Director Liz Hendley, Building Director Jeff Kemp Jr., Library Director Michael Cummings, and Parks & Recreation Director Patrick Hawkins.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Item 3-A Regular Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2022 & Special Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2022.

Resolution 12-19-22-02

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve both minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 5, 2022 and special City Council meeting of December 12, 2022, with discussed correction.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: QUESTIONS OR INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

5. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Police Chief Jerry Page

- Expressed gratitude and gave award to Haley Carter on behalf of Flat Rock Goodfellows for their gracious monetary award towards Shop with A Cop.
- Expressed gratitude and gave award to MD 1st Urgent Care Representative for their outstanding contribution towards Shop with A Cop.
- Expressed gratitude and gave award to Katherine Tolliver on behalf of Meijer Corporation for their donation to the Flat Rock Animal Shelter and to Shop with A Cop.

Joanne Beard City Treasurer/City Administrator

- Asked Mayor and Council Members to close City Hall on December 22nd, 2022 for annual DPS Christmas Party for City Employees.

Resolution 12-19-22-03

Motion by Hammond
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the closure of City Hall on December 22nd, 2022 from 11:00AM – 12:30PM due to the annual DPS Christmas Party.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Liz Hendley, Economic Development Director

- Destination Downriver and Under the Radar showing Flat Rock a lot of representation.
- Thanked Grosse Ile Lawn & Sprinkler for Christmas Lights at Huroc Park.
- Lots of planning for 2023.

Eric Holtz, Interim Public Service Director

- Spoke of GFL's new trash contract implementation. Reminder to call if you no longer want your old recycling bin.
- Arsenal had 8 total water main breaks.
- A letter went out to residents regarding chlorine reading from GLWA testing in August and September. Chlorine amount was due to poor flushing techniques and stagnant water lines, they have been corrected. No action is needed by residents and the water is safe to be used and consumed.

Patrick Hawkins, Parks & Recreation Director

- Community Center will be open the Monday & Friday before and after Christmas.
- Community Center will no longer be closed 1PM-3PM Monday through Friday.
- Beginning January 2nd, the Community Center will be open seven (7) days a week.
- Rates will be increasing February 2023.
- Senior Transportation is available for rides to doctor appointments and weekly shopping trips.

6. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Council Members provided the following updates:

Councilman John Bergeron

- Wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New year.
- Thanked all City employees for their work.
- Looking forward to what's to come in 2023.

Councilman Jim Martin

- Wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- Hopes everyone has a safe and careful weekend.

Councilman Ken Wrobel

- Wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Thanked all City employees for their work.
- Spoke with Santa who had a wonderful time in Flat Rock at the Library.

Councilman Rick Tefend

- Wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and for all to be safe.
- Thanked all City employees for their work.

Councilman Steven Beller

- Thanked DDA & Economic Development Director Liz Hendley on behalf of putting lights at Huroc Park for Senior Building.
- Wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and for all to be safe.

7. **MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Mark Hammond provided updates of the following:

- Thanked all employees, volunteers, businesses, residents, and members of the community for all the things they do throughout the year.
- Spoke regarding the late David Grunow's Ugly Christmas Sweater tradition for the last meeting of the year.
- Wished everyone a safe and joyous Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

8. **AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS:**

Item 8-A Yeo & Yeo – Audit Presentation

- Daniel Beard presented the Annual Audit Report for the 7/1/2021-6/30/2022 Fiscal Year with notations that the City of Flat Rock has the highest-level approval with a Clean Audit Opinion.

*Discussion between Mayor, Council Members, and Daniel Beard. *

Resolution 12-19-22-04

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the presented Yeo & Yeo Audit Report.
Motion carried 6-0

Item 8-B Beautification – Home Decorating Contest

- Beautification Commissioner, Jennifer Liedel, presented the Home Decorating Contest Winners, as noted below. Participants may pick up their winnings during regular business hours at City Hall.
 - 1st Place: 30013 Hickory
 - 2nd Place: 30284 Cherry Blossom
 - 3rd Place: 30622 Hickory
 - 4th Place: 29136 Evergreen

Item 8-C Christmas Passport Program Winners

- Economic Development Director, Liz Hendley, presented the below participants on their winnings in the Christmas Passport Program. Forty-six (46) businesses in total participated, with 105 entries being submitted. A special thank you displayed to DDA. A list of participating businesses may be picked up at City Hall.
 - Grand Prize: Shelby Beard
 - 1st Place: Patty Shubert
 - 2nd Place: Sandra Hukan
 - 3rd Place: Roxanne Martensen

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution 12-19-22-05

Motion by Martin
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to execute the proposed Wayne County Permit for the Department of Public Services.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 10-A Resolution to Approve – Historical Commission Appointment

Resolution 12-19-22-06

Motion by Hammond
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to table the Historical Commission Appointment until it can be reviewed and submitted by Mayor Hammond.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Item 10-B Resolution to Approve – Recreation Center Wage Increases

Resolution 12-19-22-07

Motion by Beller
Supported by Martin

*Discussion between Councilmembers and Mayor. *
RESOLVED, to approve the proposed Recreation Center Wage Increases as presented by the Recreation Director.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Item 10-C Resolution to Approve – Traffic Control Amendment

Resolution 12-19-22-08

Motion by Martin
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to approve the Traffic Control Amendment to be funded and maintained by DDA.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Item 10-D Resolution to Approve – Authorization to Hire (1) Officer

Resolution 12-19-22-09

Motion by Tefend
Supported by Hammond

RESOLVED, to accept the recommendation of the Police Chief and authorize the hiring of one (1) officer.

*Discussion between Councilmembers, Mayor, and Police Chief. *

Motion carried 5-1
*Bergeron voting no

Item 10-E Request to Replace Garage Heater Unit in PD Garage

Resolution 12-19-22-10

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to approve the request to replace the garage heater unit in the PD Garage using ARPA funds.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Item 10-F Resolution to Approve – Request to Accept POAM Letter of Understanding

Resolution 12-19-22-11

Motion by Beller
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to approve the presented POAM letter of understanding.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

11. **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

12. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: COMMENTS AND/OR REQUESTS:**

Members of the audience addressed council regarding the following:

- Concerns regarding letter sent by GLWA and the Water Department.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Resolution 12-19-22-12

Motion by Martin
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of December 19, 2022, at 8:47pm.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

MARK A. HAMMOND, MAYOR

REBECCA COTTRELL, ACTING CITY CLERK

Approved as presented at the January 3, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting