

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

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, Dishaw, Martin
ABSENT: Council: Bergeron, Tefend, Wrobel

Resolution 09-18-23-01

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to excuse Council Members Bergeron, Tefend, and Wrobel from the regular council meeting on September 18, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

ALSO, PRESENT: Clerk Rebecca Cottrell, Parks & Recreation Director Patrick Hawkins, Fire Chief Glenn Owens, Interim Police Chief Stephen McInchak, City Administrator/Treasurer Joanne Beard, Interim Department of Public Services Director Eric Holtz, and City Attorney Matthew Zick.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Item 3-A Regular Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2023

Resolution 09-18-23-02

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

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

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Eric Holtz, Interim Director of Public Services

- Still working on checking lead lines throughout the city.

Joanne Beard, City Administrator/Treasurer

- Thanked Animal Shelter Director, Katt, for selling almost 450 duck tickets for Riverfest.
- Thanked DPS workers for their help during Riverfest and for chasing loose ducks.
- Thanked Leah & Kenneth Guy (volunteers) for cleaning up after the Riverfest.

Patrick Hawkins, Recreation Director

- Riverfest meeting to wrap up the festival and get ideas for next year will be happening.
- Thanked DPS crews for all their help, Police Department, City Hall staff, and all volunteers who worked on Riverfest.

Rebecca Cottrell, City Clerk

- Discussed council chambers upgrades.
- Absentee Ballots will be mailed on September 25th, 2023.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Steve Beller

- Praised Recreation Center and Mayor on the Riverfest.
- Anyone interested in volunteering or creating ideas for the Riverfest to e-mail contact information to sbeller@flatrockmi.org.

7. MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Mark Hammond provided updates of the following:

- Thanked primary sponsors for Riverfest – Ford, Advia Credit Union, and C.E. Raines.
- Thanked DPS employees and everyone who participated and donated time, food, and energy.
- Stated that we are unable to have carnival rides due to the high pricing.
- Noted that an event can't proceed without volunteers.

8. AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS

Item 8-A DDA Award

- Joe Pagano, Chairman of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), and Liz Hendley, Director of DDA, presented an award to Doug Adkins.
- DDA has their 2024 schedule being created and are adding additional events throughout the city.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item 9-A Resolution to Approve – Historical Commission Amendment

Resolution 09-18-23-03

Motion by Hammond

Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to suspend the 2nd reading of the Historical Commission Amendment.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

Resolution 09-18-23-04

Motion by Martin

Supported by Hammond

RESOLVED, to approve the Historical Commission Amendment as provided by the City Attorney.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 10-A Resolution to Approve – Public Improvement Project – Huron Woods

Resolution 09-18-23-05

Motion by Hammond

Supported by Martin

Discussion between Council Members, Mayor, City Attorney, and Interim DPW Director

RESOLVED, to set the first public hearing meeting of two (2) for the date of October 16, 2023 at 7:00PM, prior to the City Council meeting – to be held at 25500 Gibraltar Road, Flat Rock, MI 48134.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE

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

Members of the audience addressed council regarding the following:

- The city-wide garage sale was a success, with special thanks to Christina Ramey and Andrea Hardy.
- Next city-wide garage sales will be the weekends of May 18th & September 7th of 2024.
- Questions regarding Retention Ponds and wetlands in Huron Woods.
- The congregational Church of Flat Rock will be doing a Thanksgiving outreach on November 22 from 5PM – 6:30PM to feed 150 people.
- Men’s Outreach group at 9AM the first Saturday of the month at the Congregational Church.
- Knights of Columbus will be doing a tootsie roll drive on October 2nd, proceeds going back to the community.
- Historical Open House Thursday from 4PM – 7PM.
- October 1st, 2023 will be the 48th year of the Flea Market.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Resolution 09-18-23-06

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of September 18, 2023 at 8:20pm.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

MARK A. HAMMOND, MAYOR

REBECCA COTTRELL, CITY CLERK

Approved as presented at the October 2, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting