

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 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, Tefend, Wrobel

ABSENT: Council: Bergeron

Resolution 01-17-23-01

Motion by Tefend
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to excuse Council Member Bergeron for the regular council meeting on January 17, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

ALSO, PRESENT: City Attorney Matthew Zick, City Clerk Shane Harrison, Police Chief Jerry Page, City Administrator/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 January 3, 2023

Resolution 01-17-23-02

Motion by Beller
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the regular City Council meeting of January 3, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

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

None

5. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Fire Chief Jim Katona

- Safety equipment that was awarded by the AFG grant has come in, hoping to bring them to show council at next meeting..

Michael Cummings, Library Director

- Story time is up & running.
- January 19, 2023 hosting Game Night.
- January 25, 2023 hosting author of *Poutine & Gin*.

Patrick Hawkins, Parks & Recreation Director

- January 18, 2023 is the Senior Luncheon Kick Off, over 50 residents registered.
- January 18, 2023 is the Riverfest Volunteer Committee Meeting beginning at 6pm at the Community Center.

Shane Harrison, City Clerk

- Update on audio/visual for Council Chambers.

Matthew Zick, City Attorney

- Fire Contract Update.
- Request to Postpone Closed Session and add Special Meeting.

Resolution 01-17-23-03

Motion by Hammond

Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve a Special Council Meeting to be held in Council Chambers on January 30, 2023 at 6:30pm if required.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

6. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Council Members provided the following updates:

Councilman Larry Dishaw

- Offered his support to the committee trying to save the Reading Building from demolition.

Councilman Rick Tefend

- Hopeful that something can be done to save the Reading Building.

7. **MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Mark Hammond provided updates of the following:

- Offered his personal support to the Reading Building.
- Happy to see the Senior Programs beginning to pick back up.
- Thanked Building & Safety Director Jeff Kemp for his service and wished him luck on his future endeavors.

8. **AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS:**

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Item 10-A Resolution to Approve – Little League Parade

Resolution 01-17-23-04

Motion by Hammond
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to approve the Flat Rock Area Little League Parade route for Saturday, April 29, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Item 10-B Request to Approve – Clock Maintenance Agreement

Resolution 01-17-23-05

Motion by Dishaw
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the entering of the agreement with the DDA to pay the \$497.50 for maintenance on the Huroc Park and Aspen Blvd. clocks.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Item 10-C Public Hearing – Bike Path Grant

Resolution 01-17-23-06

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to open the Public Hearing for the Bike Path Grant.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

****Discussion between Mayor Hammond, Council Members Beller, Dishaw and Department Heads Kemp, Hendley and Beard****

Resolution 01-17-23-07

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to close the Public Hearing for the Bike Path Grant.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Item 10-D Request to Accept – Jeff Kemp, Building and Safety Director, Letter of Resignation

Resolution 01-17-23-08

Motion by Hammond
Supported by Dishaw

RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Building and Safety Director, Jeff Kemp.

Motion carried 5-1 ****Wrobel voting no****

Item 10-E Request to go out for Bid – Will Carleton Rd. Watermain Replacement

Resolution 01-17-23-09

Motion by Dishaw
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve going out to bid for the replacement of the Will Carleton watermain.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Item 10-F Request to Approve – Dump Truck Vehicle Maintenance

Resolution 01-17-23-10

Motion by Beller
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to authorize the payment of \$4,890.94 to Downriver Bus Repair for dump truck repairs.

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:

- Questions regarding the Reading Building.
- Supporters for the Reading Building.
- Questions regarding the Community Center.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Resolution 01-17-23-11

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of January 17, 2023, at 8:20pm.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

MARK A. HAMMOND, MAYOR

SHANE ANNE HARRISON, CITY CLERK

Approved as presented at the February 6, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting