

## REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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

MONDAY APRIL 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, Bergeron, Dishaw, Martin, Tefend, Wrobel

ABSENT: Council:

ALSO, PRESENT: Clerk Shane Harrison, Police Chief Jerry Page, City Administrator/Treasurer Joanne Beard, Economic Development Director Liz Hendley, Interim Department of Public Services Director Eric Holtz, Parks & Recreation Director Patrick Hawkins, Library Director Michael Cummings, and City Attorney Matthew Zick.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Item 3-A Regular Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2023**

**Resolution 04-17-23-01**

Motion by Wrobel

Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2023 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

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

5. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Michael Cummings, Library Director

- Trivia Night - Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm (registration required)
- String Art for Teens – Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> (registration required)
- Author Visit, Marty Gitlin, “The Ultimate Detroit Tigers” – Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

Eric Holtz, Interim Department of Public Works Director

- Blue Heron Rd. construction has begun and is on schedule
- Received new chipper, all ice storm debris picked up, call to schedule a pick up
- Working with City Engineer & Attorney to begin the Huron Woods Lift Station project

Joanne Beard, City Administrator/Treasurer

- Reminder – 2023/2024 Budget Work Session: April 24, 2023 @ 6pm

Jerry Page, Chief of Police

- Update on recent water incident that occurred – reminded residents to please use caution and wear life vests if utilizing the Huron River
- Officer training updates
- MDOT traffic survey currently in place at Vreeland and Telegraph intersection

Shane Harrison, City Clerk

- Special Election – Woodhaven School District: Tuesday, May 2, 2023

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Larry Dishaw

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6pm at the Flat Rock Elks Hall – Town Hall Meeting regarding the Reading Building
- May 8<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting to discuss Reading Building

John Bergeron

- Spring sports have begun! Congratulations to the Rams Varsity baseball team on their great start.

Jim Martin

- Spring is here! Please be careful of children outside

Steven Beller

- Huroc Park garbage questions regarding having it emptied more often

**7. MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Mark Hammond provided updates of the following:

- Welcome Spring!

**8. AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS:**

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Item 9-A Mayoral Appointment – Building & Safety Director**

**\*\* No Action Taken\*\***

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item 10-A Request to Award Bid – Will Carleton Watermain Replacement**

**Resolution 04-17-23-02**

Motion by Tefend  
Supported by Dishaw

RESOLVED, to award the Will Carleton Watermain Replacement Bid to Lawrence M. Clark in the amount of \$2,763,550.00.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

**Item 10-B Request to Purchase – Arrowboard Trailer**

**Resolution 04-17-23-03**

Motion by Dishaw  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of the Arrowboard Trailer from Truck & Trailer Specialties in the amount of \$5,615.00.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

**Item 10-C Mayoral Appointment – Fire Chief**

**Resolution 04-17-23-04**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Hammond

RESOLVED, to accept the appointment of Marc Hatfield as Fire Chief, with a salary of \$66,300.00 and 3-weeks' vacation time, benefits will be consistent as outlined in the City Administrator Officer Policy.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes Approve: Hammond  
Martin\*

No Against: Beller  
Bergeron  
Dishaw  
Tefend  
Wrobel

Motion failed 2-5

**Resolution 04-17-23-05**

Motion by Dishaw  
Supported by Tefend

\*\*Discussion: Mayor Hammond, Councilmembers Beller, Bergeron, Tefend, and Wrobel\*\*

RESOLVED, to hire Glen Owens as part time Fire Chief until January 2024 at \$43.00/hr., with the authority to hire a part time Assistant Chief at \$38.00/hr. as well as leave the current administrative employee position open until Chief fills vacancy.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes Approve: Beller  
Bergeron  
Dishaw\*  
Tefend  
Wrobel

No Against: Hammond  
Martin

Motion carried 5-2

**Item 10-D Resolution Electing Medical Benefit Plan Coverage**

**Resolution 04-17-23-06**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the adoption as follows:

**RESOLUTION ELECTING MEDICAL BENEFIT PLAN COVERAGE**

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 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 10-E Request to Purchase – Fire Hydrants**

**Resolution 04-17-23-07**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of two (2) new fire hydrants in the amount of \$8,418.74.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

**11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Members of the audience addressed council regarding the following:

- Upcoming Downtown Development Authority and Flat Rock Our Hometown Events include:
  - May – Business Expo
  - June – Chalk the Walk & Concerts in the Park
  - Food Truck Rally – more information coming soon

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Resolution 04-17-23-08**

Motion by Wrobel  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of **April 17**, 2023 at 8:25pm.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

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**MARK A. HAMMOND, MAYOR**

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**SHANE ANNE HARRISON, CITY CLERK**

Approved as presented at the May 1, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting