

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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

MONDAY MAY 1, 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, Fire Chief Glenn Owens, Library Director Michael Cummings, and City Attorney Matthew Zick.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Item 3-A Regular Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2023

Resolution 05-01-23-01

Motion by Martin

Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2023 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

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

Members of the audience addressed council regarding the following:

- Support for saving the Reading Building
- Opposition for saving the Reading Building

5. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Jerry Page, Chief of Police

- Presented Civilian Awards to David Henry & Robert Cortez
- 2022 Officer of the Year Award presented to Detective Corporal Stephen McInchak
- Introduced new Officer, David Goldsmith, and was sworn in by Clerk Harrison
- Update on Vreeland/Telegraph intersection

Pat Hawkins, Director of Parks & Recreation

- Downriver Sr. Olympics applications are available at the Community Center
- Registration for “The 2023 Grand Experience” trip to Mackinac Island ends on May 19th

Liz Hendley, Economic Development Director

- Flat Rock Business Expo – May 18th
- Destination Downriver is visiting Calder’s Dairy & Kate’s Kitchen

Shane Harrison, City Clerk

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

Matt Zick, City Attorney

- Update on Reading Building

6. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Steven Beller

- Requested Huroc Park garbage to be emptied every Friday

Ken Wrobel

- Requested Bike Path Grant update

Larry Dishaw

- Reading Building Update
 - Shared feelings that he would like to see the building saved
- Restore the Reading Building presentation at the Elks on May 3rd

7. **MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Mark Hammond provided updates of the following:

- Updates on requests for additional election funding through the State
- Introduction of new Fire Chief Glenn Owens
 - Oath administered by Clerk Harrison
- Historical Commission Flea Market – May 6th

8. **AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS:**

Item 8-A Restore the Reading Building

** Discussion between the Restore the Reading Building Committee Members, Mayor Hammond, Councilmembers Dishaw, Bergeron, Tefend, Martin, Wrobel, and Beller**

Resolution 05-01-23-02

Motion by Dishaw
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to allow the City Attorney to be available for discussion with the Flat Rock School Board if negotiations are presented regarding the sale of the Reading Building, with the distinction that the Historical Commission be responsible for all attorney fees incurred.

Roll Call Vote

Yes:

Dishaw*
Tefend

No:

Hammond
Beller
Bergeron
Martin
Wrobel

Motion failed 2-5

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 10-A Request to Approve – Pavement Joint Sealing Cooperative Bid

Resolution 05-01-23-03

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to accept the Allen Park bid prices with Al's Asphalt for pavement joint sealing, not to exceed the payment amount of \$27,475.00.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

Item 10-B Request to Approve – Payment to Dominic Gaglio Construction Co.

Resolution 05-01-23-04

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve payment to Dominic Gaglio Construction in the amount of \$200,8149.93.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

Item 10-C Public Hearing Request – Proposed 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget

Resolution 05-01-23-05

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to approve the Public Hearing Request for the Proposed 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget for Monday, June 5, 2023, at 7:30pm.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

Item 10-D Mayoral Appointment – Assistant Fire Chief

Resolution 05-01-23-06

Motion by Tefend
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to accept the appointment of Marc Hatfield as part time Assistant Fire Chief effective June 5, 2023 with an hourly wage of \$38.00/hr.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

Item 10-E Request to Approve – Resolution for Protecting Michigan Pensions Grant Program

Resolution 05-01-23-07

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor (Chief Administrative Officer) to file a claim for a grant from the Protecting Michigan Pensions Grant Program as follows:

WHEREAS, the Protecting MI Pension System was created to help Michigan’s underfunded municipal pension systems;

WHEREAS, under the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget, the Michigan Department of Treasury was appropriated \$750 million to establish and operate a local unit municipal pension principal payment grant program for qualified retirement systems with a funded ration below sixty (60%) percent;

WHEREAS, as of December 31, 2021, the City of Flat Rock was 43.9% funded as determined by the Department of Treasury;

WHEREAS, the City of Flat Rock desires to participate in the Protecting MI Pension Grant Program:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Flat Rock City Council authorizes the Mayor (Chief Administrative Officer) to file a claim for a grant payment from the Protecting MI Pension Grant Program.

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:

- City Wide Garage Sale – May 20th & 21st
 - Permits are \$5.00 can be purchased through the Clerk’s Office
 - St. Vincent de Paul trucks will be available for donations

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Resolution 05-01-23-08

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of May 1, 2023 at 8:44pm.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

MARK A. HAMMOND, MAYOR

SHANE ANNE HARRISON, CITY CLERK

Approved as presented at the May 15, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting