

## REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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

MONDAY JUNE 5, 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 Rebecca Cottrell, 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, and City Attorney Matthew Zick.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Item 3-A Regular Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2023**

**Resolution 06-05-23-01**

Motion by Martin

Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of May 15, 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:

- Speaking during the scheduled Public Hearings.

5. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Eric Holtz, Interim Director of Public Services

- Bidigare Contractors have begun contacting residents for work on lead lines.
- Will Carleton Watermain project expected to be started mid-July.
- Annual Lead & Copper Watermain testing will begin shortly.

- Watermain Patches are best to wait 6-12 months to repair to allow for frost and settlement.

Chief Owens, Fire Chief

- Ambulance is fully stocked, waiting on battery to be fixed by Mechanic.
- Two new hires started today (06.05.2023)
- R&R will be inspecting the fleet this week.

Chief Page, Police Chief

- Reminder with warm weather to lock windows and doors for safety.
- Currently two traffic signal projects – Telegraph & Vreeland Road.

Patrick Hawkins, Recreation Director

- Two events coming up: Summer Concert on 06.08.2023 & Movie in the Park (Monsters Inc.) on 06.14.2023

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Steve Beller

- Enjoyed Memorial Day Parade – Recommended Council participation with Memorial Wreath.

Ken Wrobel

- Thanked Beautification Commission & Eric Holtz family for helping on Beautification Clean Up day.

John Bergeron

- Agreed with Councilman Beller. Shared story about an impactful Veteran on Memorial Day.

Larry Dishaw

- Welcomed new City Clerk. Thankful for the beautiful weather.

**7. MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Mark Hammond provided updates of the following:

- Congratulations to 2023 Flat Rock Community High School graduates.
- Condolences to Butch's family – from John's Garage, an unsung hero.

**8. AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS**

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item 10-A Public Hearing on Fiscal year 2023/2024 Budget**

**Resolution 06-05-23-02**

Motion by Martin

Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to open the Public Hearing for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

\*\*Discussion between Mayor Hammond, Council Members, and Department Heads \*\*  
\*\*Members of the audience expressed support and concern for portions of the budget\*\*

**Resolution 06-05-23-03**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to close the Public Hearing for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget.

**Resolution 06-05-23-04**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Hammond

RESOLVED, to approve the presented 2023/2024 Fiscal Year budget, based on the Recreation Director's Budget Recommendations and Revisit the Recreation Department in three (3) months.

Roll Call Vote

Yes:

Hammond\*  
Beller  
Martin

No: Bergeron  
Dishaw  
Tefend  
Wrobel

Motion failed 4-3

**Resolution 06-05-23-05**

Motion by Tefend  
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to approve the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Recreation Department budget, based on the Treasurer's Budget Recommendations, with a quarterly report from the Recreation Director and keeping the Aquatic's Manager Full-Time.

Roll Call Vote

Yes:

Beller  
Dishaw  
Martin  
Tefend  
Wrobel

No: Hammond\*  
Bergeron

Motion carried 5-2

**Resolution 06-05-23-06**

Motion by Dishaw  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve 2023/2024 Fiscal Year budget, with the exception to DDA's Budget, removing \$40,000.00 from General Fund's Economic Development Director's position to the Recreation Department's Budget.

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Hammond\*  
Beller  
Dishaw  
Tefend  
Wrobel

No: Bergeron  
Martin

Motion carried 5-2

**Item 10-B Public Hearing on Single Premise Special Assessment**

**Resolution 06-05-23-07**

Motion by Dishaw  
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to open the Public Hearing for the Single Premise Special Assessments.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

\*\*Discussion between Mayor, Council Members, and Treasurer\*\*

**Resolution 06-05-23-08**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to close the Public Hearing for the Single Premise Special Assessments.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

**Resolution 06-05-23-09**

Motion by Wrobel  
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to approve the Summer Tax Assessment to be added to the 2023 Summer Taxes.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

**Item 10-C Request to Approve – 2023 Millage Rates**

**Resolution 06-05-23-10**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Dishaw

\*\*Discussion between the Mayor, Council Members, and Treasurer\*\*

RESOLVED, to approve the 2023 proposed milage rates.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

**Item 10-D Request to Approve – OPEB Funding**

**Resolution 06-05-23-11**

Motion by Bergeron  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the immediate transfer of \$170,000 into the OPEB Investment Fund and if the funds become available, at the discretion of the Treasurer, transfer an additional \$80,000 to the OPEB Investment Account.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

**Item 10-E Request to Accept – 10% Fund Balance**

**Resolution 06-05-23-12**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Dishaw

RESOLVED, to accept the proposed budget request to not allow the 2023/2024 Fund Balance to not go below 10% or \$1,129,247 at any time.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

**Item 10-F Request to Approve – Building Dept. Increases**

**Resolution 06-05-23-13**

Motion by Hammond  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to accept the Building Department Increases as proposed. When a Building Director is appointed, both employees will go back to their previous wage, and receive a 5% increase.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

**Item 10-G Request to Approve – Ambulance Lease Agreement**

**Resolution 06-05-23-14**

Motion by Tefend  
Supported by Beller

**\*\*Discussion between the Mayor, Council Members, City Attorney, and Fire Chief\*\***

RESOLVED, to approve the Ambulance Lease Agreement for the lease of \$1.00 with the City of Gibraltar for the Horton 2003 Ambulance.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

**Item 10-H Request to Approve – 2023 Street Sectioning Payment #2**

**Resolution 06-05-23-15**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Hammond

RESOLVED, to approve the 2023 Street Sectioning Payment #2 as proposed.

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 went well.
  - Next City-Wide Garage Sale will be September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Gave update regarding Reading Building history & Restoring Reading efforts.
  - Requested City Council to take acquisition of the Reading Building.

**Resolution 06-05-23-16**

Motion by Dishaw

Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to purchase Reading Building from Flat Rock Community Schools for \$12,000 based on the verbal offer received from School Board member.

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Dishaw  
Tefend

No: Hammond\*  
Beller  
Bergeron  
Martin  
Wrobel

Motion failed 5-2

- Spoke about Hidden Garden drainage improvements.
- Superintendent of FRCHS thanked the city for allowing the ballfields for Commencement Ceremony. Spoke about the 2023 graduating class and their accomplishments.
- A business owner spoke about the disservice that losing the Full-Time Economic Development Director would be.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**ITEM A – Patrol Command Negotiations**

**ITEM B – Command Contract Negotiations**

**Resolution 06-05-23-17**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Hammond

RESOLVED, to convene into closed session for discussion regarding the Patrol and Command Contract Negotiations (OMA 8-C).

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

**Resolution 06-05-23-18**

Motion by Beller  
Supported by Hammond

RESOLVED, to reconvene into open session.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Resolution 06-05-23-19**

Motion by Wrobel  
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of June 5, 2023 at 11:02pm.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

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**MARK A. HAMMOND, MAYOR**

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**REBECCA COTTRELL, CITY CLERK**

Approved as presented at the June 19, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting