

## REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019

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 p.m.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

PRESENT ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Dropiewski

Council Members: Bergeron, Little, Martin, Maul, Tefend, Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Matthew Zick, City Clerk Meaghan Bachman, Fire Chief Bill Vack, Police Chief John Leacher, DPS Director Jim Lancaster, Recreation Director Rodney Wade, Treasurer/City Administrator Brian Marciniak, Economic Development Director Liz Hendley, Building Director Larry Dishaw.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Resolution 02-19-19-01**

Motion by Martin

Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 4, 2019 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Sue Farrar spoke of the spring City Wide Garage sale on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and the fall sale on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

5. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Treasurer/City Administrator Brian Marciniak announced the State of Michigan accepted the Deficient Elimination Plan for the Community Center. He noted the last day to pay the taxes at City Hall is February 28<sup>th</sup> and after that date the taxes will be sent and paid to Wayne County.

DPS Director Jim Lancaster spoke of a power outage at the Olmstead Lift Station and noted he has an item on the agenda for a backup generator to fix this issue. He noted the DPS is receiving a lot of calls regarding potholes on Gibraltar & Huron River Drive, both of which are Wayne County roads and therefore, the City is not able to fill them. He noted to call Wayne County and

call the Flat Rock DPS office so he can contact Wayne County. The Mayor noted Wayne County is looking for additional road funds. The Mayor noted the reason Allen Road and the Bridge at Dix and Pennsylvania is still closed due to lack of funding. Council Member Tefend asked if we can have a map that is color coded indicating County vs. City roads, including contact phone numbers and place it on the City website. Council Member Mark Maul agreed and noted we can't just turn it over to the citizens and expect them to call and do all the work. The Mayor said to also call the Wayne County Commissioner, Raymond Basham. Council Member Maul asked if we have an emergency, can we fill the potholes. Director Lancaster responded, he hasn't done it much because if we continue to fix Wayne County's problems, they will stop coming to Flat Rock. He has done it before when the road becomes dangerous. The Mayor noted we place the City at risk by doing this. Director Lancaster announced the City will be bidding out the Solid Waste and Recycling Collection soon and the contract ends November 1, 2019. Council Member Martin asked the Director to contact the solid waste company and ask them not to leave the recycling cans on the streets and noted they are a traffic hazard. The Mayor noted our prices might go up as surrounding communities have had increases. Director Lancaster spoke about a plan for Community Park and noted he should have something for City Council by the next meeting. Council Member Maul asked if this will include the ice rink. Director Lancaster responded yes, it will include the ice rink, ballfields, everything in the park. The Mayor commented on the quality of ASR concrete that was used in this construction. He noted it is crumbling and a path in the park that is experiencing this hardly gets any pedestrian traffic. Council Member Wrobel noted Matilda Road has held up over the years but the new subdivisions are crumbling.

Recreation Director Rodney Wade thanked the parents who participated in the Daddy/Daughter Dance. He also thanked the DPS for clearing the snow from the Recreation Center parking lot.

Fire Chief Bill Vack gave a personnel update. He noted a new firefighter will be starting on February 25<sup>th</sup>, replacing a fulltime employee.

## **6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

City Council Member Maul congratulated Atwater Street Tacos on their ribbon cutting.

City Council Member Martin noted he attended the visitation for John Dingell and was very impressed by Mrs. Dingell as she greeted and hugged every person in line. Council Member Martin noted he was in line for 2 hours. He gave her condolences from the City, as the Mayor was out of town and unable to attend. Council Member Martin noted he attended the Flat Rock Little League Fundraiser and it was a good time with good food. He wished the Flat Rock Little League the best of luck.

City Council Member Wrobel welcomed Atwater Street Tacos to the City of Flat Rock.

City Council Member Rick Tefend noted he heard the Lake Erie Monarchs will not be in Flat Rock this year and asked why. The Mayor responded, they had some scheduling issues and need the fields several hours before their games. The Mayor noted they will play at Siena Heights this year. The Mayor further noted the Lake Erie Monarchs needed several improvements to the field at the cost of the City. The Mayor noted some of the improvements are needed on the fields. He noted it will better benefit the City for the leagues to play. The Mayor noted Siena Heights has a turf field and it better suits the Monarchs. He also commented the Flat Rock fields original construction had heavy equipment driven over it which causes the fields to hold water due to the gravel being compacted.

7. **MAYOR COMMENTS:**

After the City Council meeting was called to order, Mayor Dropiewski asked to have a moment of silence for former Congressman John Dingell. He noted we lost a giant of American government and a dear friend to the City of Flat Rock. He had a long legislative career and much of the major legislation that shaped this country such as, clean air, clean water, civil rights bill. He was a valuable friend to the City of Flat Rock by helping attract Mazda to our City and making sure the plant stayed open. The Downriver Linked Greenways is a result from a vision he had for preserving nature and the greening of Downriver. The Mayor noted John Dingell has been a friend of his for a very long time. He noted the Dingell family has always been kind to him and his family. John Dingell always asked the Mayor how he could help Flat Rock. The Mayor reminisced of past stories with the Congressman. Mayor Dropiewski gave his condolences to Debbie Dingell and her family and noted he has been in regular contact with her over the past couple weeks.

Mayor Dropiewski congratulated Atwater Street Tacos on their official ribbon cutting. He also noted he performed the owners wedding a couple weeks ago. He noted Bill Miller did a great job transforming the building and it is beautiful. He noted tables and chairs will be outside during warmer months. He welcomed them to the Flat Rock community.

The Mayor thanked the DPS for their hard work with snow removal, watermain breaks and power outages.

Mayor Dropiewski announced Flat Rock Fire along with Huron Twp. Fire will be participating in “fight for air climb” to support the American Lung Association. Firefighters climb 42 floors in full turn out gear. He noted this a remarkable event for a great cause.

The Mayor congratulated the Flat Rock Band on a successful trip to Disney World, where they were able to perform in the Main Street Parade.

The Mayor announced he will do his State of the City at the next City Council Meeting.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 9-A-Mayoral Appointments – Board of Review**

**Resolution 02-19-19-02**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to appoint Gene Richards to the Board of Review with a term expiration date of December 31, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

**Item 9-B- Request from the Michigan Chapter of the Progeria Research Foundation (Little Lindsay) to hold the annual “Miles for Miracles” on Saturday, May 11, 2019**

**Resolution 02-19-19-03**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Maul

RESOLVED, to approve the request from the Michigan Chapter of the Progeria Research Foundation (Little Lindsay) to hold the annual “Miles for Miracles” on Saturday, May 11, 2019

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

**Item 9-C-MAPE Clerk II Position Step Increase**

**Resolution 02-19-19-04**

Motion by Wrobel  
Supported by Maul

RESOLVED, to approve the request from the DPS Director and the Building Director, to increase the wages of MAPE Union Members, Rebecca Cottrell and Cathy Kmiotek to the 30- month pay scale of \$18.57, as reflected in their union contract.

Discussion: Council Member Wrobel asked if it will change the contract; the Mayor responded no, it will not change the contract.

Council Member Martin asked how long they have worked for the City; Director Lancaster responded 2-years part time, 1-year full time, for Rebecca Cottrell. Director Dishaw responded 1-year for Cathy Kmiotek. The Mayor noted they are well deserving of this and it won't change the salary structure, it's just advancing the steps.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

**Item 9-D-Gun Range Agreement**

**Resolution 02-19-19-05**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Maul

RESOLVED, to approve the agreement with the City of Taylor to use the indoor gun range located at 25555 Northline Road, Taylor, MI 48180, with an agreement expiration date of 12.31.2019.

Motion tabled unanimously 7-0

**Item 9-D-Safe Routes to School Easement Letters**

**Resolution 02-19-19-06**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to allow the Economic Development Director to acquire easements by distributing letters, to the Flat Rock properties as presented to City Council, for the Safe Routes to School Program.

Motion tabled unanimously 7-0

**Item 9-D-Notice of Intent Resolution – Capital Improvement Bonds**

**Resolution 02-19-19-07**

Motion by Wrobel  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the Notice of Intent Resolution for Capital Improvement Bonds for future water and sewer projects. This will satisfy bonding notification requirements for the Phase Four Sewer Project. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, the City intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in one or more series, in an aggregate amount not to exceed Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000), for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of acquiring and constructing improvements to the City's water supply and sewage disposal systems, including replacing lines, together with all related appurtenances and attachments thereto (the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, a notice of intent to issue bonds must be published before the issuance of the aforesaid bonds in order to comply with the requirements of Section 517 of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 200 I, as amended; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

I. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of intent to issue bonds in The News Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

2. Said notice of intent shall be published as a one-quarter (1/4) page display advertisement in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FLAT ROCK  
OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING  
POWER OF THE CITY AND RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Flat Rock, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in one or more series, in an aggregate amount not to exceed Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000), for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of acquiring and constructing improvements to the City's water supply and sewage disposal systems, including replacing lines, together with all related appurtenances and attachments thereto.

Said bonds will be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the City Council and each series shall mature in annual installments not to exceed twenty-five (25) in number, with interest rates to be determined at public or negotiated sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds.

**SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS**

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the City lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable charter, statutory and constitutional limitations. The City currently intends to use rates and charges from the operation of the water supply and sewage disposal systems to pay debt service on the bonds.

**RIGHT OF REFERENDUM**

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Meaghan K. Bachman Clerk, City of Flat Rock

3. The City Council does hereby determine that the foregoing form of notice of intent to issue bonds and the manner of publication directed is the method best calculated to give notice to the City taxpayers and electors of this Council's intent to issue the bonds, the purpose of the bonds, the security for the bonds, and the right of referendum relating thereto, and the newspaper named for publication is hereby determined to reach the largest number of persons to whom the notice is directed.

4. The City makes the following declarations for the purpose of complying with the reimbursement rules of Treas. Reg. § 1.150-2 pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended:

(a) As of the date hereof, the City reasonably expects to reimburse itself for the expenditures described in (b) below with proceeds of debt to be incurred by the City.

(b) The expenditures described in this paragraph (b) are for the costs of acquiring the Projects which were paid or will be paid subsequent to sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof from the general funds of the City.

(c) The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the Projects, including issuance costs, is \$6,000,000.

5. The City hereby retains Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. as bond counsel in connection with the proposed bond issue.

6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

Motion tabled unanimously 7-0

#### **Item 9-G-Engagement Letter – Bendizinski & Company**

##### **Resolution 02-19-19-08**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the Engagement Letter with Bendizinski & Company (Municipal Financial Advisors) to outline the services to be provided for the issuing of Capital Improvement Bonds. This is required to comply with the Municipal Securities Rule Making Board, rules and regulations.

Motion tabled unanimously 7-0

#### **Item 9-H-Permission to Bid – Onsite Backup Generator for Olmstead Road Lift Station**

##### **Resolution 02-19-19-09**

Motion by Wrobel  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the request to bid an Onsite Backup Generator for Olmstead Road Lift Station.

Discussion: Council Member Martin asked if DTE can pay/supply fuel for this generator. He asked if the pump and lift stations have special power. Council Member Wrobel asked if we can borrow one from a neighboring community. The Mayor noted the City has one pump and when both are out, we have to borrow a pump and use manually. Director Lancaster noted it is a different type of power and very large. Council Member Tefend asked if this is the only generator we need. Director Lancaster noted we need another, but he will be able to use this one at the other location. The Mayor noted we will look at other funding options and grant opportunities for an additional generator.

Motion tabled unanimously 7-0

**Item 9-D-Permission to Bid - Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation**

**Resolution 02-19-19-10**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the permission to bid for Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation.

Motion tabled unanimously 7-0

**10. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

None

**11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Resolution 02-19-19-11**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of February 19, 2019 at 8:04 PM.

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously 7-0

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Approved**

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**JONATHAN D. DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR**

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**MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK**