

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021

The regular meeting of the Flat Rock City Council convened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom, an electronic video conferencing tool, due to the National Pandemic of the COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus that has spread throughout the world.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT ELECTED OFFICIALS:

PRESENT: Mayor Hammond (Flat Rock/MI/Wayne)
Council Members: Bergeron (Flat Rock/MI/Wayne), Martin (Flat Rock/MI/Wayne), Maul (Flat Rock/MI/Wayne), Pardo (Dotaw Island/SC/Beaufort), Wrobel (Flat Rock/MI/Wayne)

ABSENT: Council Members: Tefend

Resolution 02-01-21-01

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, that Flat Rock City Council hereby excuses Council Member Tefend as absent at the regular City Council meeting of February 1, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

ALSO, PRESENT: City Attorney Matthew Zick, Police Chief Glen Hoffman, City Clerk Shane Harrison, Fire Chief James Katona, Economic Development Director Liz Hendley, Treasurer Joanne Beard, DPS Director Justin Danosky, Library Director Michael Cummings, Recreation Facility Manager Kathy Cesta

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 02-01-21-02

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of January 4, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

None

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

City Attorney Matt Zick gave an update on the County Roads repair update, the city requested East Huron River Dr. from Telegraph to Woodburn (approximately 10,500 feet), the County granted this request and will be completing a mill and fill project over this stretch in the Spring of 2021. Gibraltar Rd. from Cahill to 75 (approximately 6,000 feet) was also requested, but the county denied this stretch of road for 2021. A new PASER report will be conducted in fall of 2021, so it is possible to see this corrected in 2022.

Police Chief Glen Hoffman gave an update regarding the train question that Council Member Bergeron had asked, he is still looking into this situation.

City Clerk Shane Harrison noted that the Clerk's Office will begin updating the City's website and requested any ideas or feedback on the design.

Fire Chief James Katona stated the fire department was granted a 50% matching grant for new helmets from the DNR. A status update on the ladder truck was given informing Council that it is close and just waiting on a few remaining items.

Economic Development Director Liz Hendley stated that Flat Rock Our Hometown in conjunction with the DDA will be publishing local restaurants in the newspapers with coupons to help support local. Ten sit down restaurants are being supported, Atwater Street Tacos, Bashar's, BYOB, China House, Fiorelli's, Kates Kitchen, Leos Coney Island, Michaels on the River, Wimpy Burgers & Zorbas. Councilman Wrobel questioned the Safe Routes to School, Director Hendley stated that funds were still coming, and that the City was currently working with Wayne County.

Treasurer Joanne Beard noted that 2020 Winter tax bills are due on February 16th by 4:30 pm.

DPS Director Justin Danosky questioned Council on if they would rather receive 3-year water rate increases instead of yearly. Treasurer Beard noted that state laws require Council to approve the water rates yearly. Councilman Bergeron liked the idea of giving residents more information in advance, but not sure it is needed if rates need to be voted on yearly.

Library Director Michael Cummings stated the Library is doing well, very few libraries are offering as many services as they currently are. Youth programs are running well, and next week is a virtual Wacky Science.

Recreation Facility Manager Kathy Cesta noted the Community Center thanked everyone who was able to make the Work Session, she is connecting with managers to begin implementing new ideas that were discussed.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Bergeron thanked Police Chief Hoffman on his follow up regarding the train question.

7. MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Hammond thanked everyone for their participation for the Parks & Recreation Work Session.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 9-A Flat Rock Area Little League Parade – Saturday April 24, 2021

Resolution 02-01-21-03

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the Flat Rock Area Little League Parade route for Saturday, April 24, 2021.

Motion carried 6-0

Item 9-B Riverfest in the Park Resolution

Resolution 02-01-21-04

Motion by Bergeron
Supported by Pardo

Discussion: Mayor Hammond, Council Members Maul, Bergeron, Wrobel
Councilman Maul stated he would like to see the Police & Fire Departments should run the Beer Tent and receive the funds. Councilman Bergeron disagreed stating he felt the city does plenty for the Police & Fire. Attorney Zick stated that this would seem to be a conflict of interest. Wrobel noted that the funds from the beer tent supports the event.

RESOLVED, to approve the Riverfest Park Resolution with the striking of suppling the Reading Building and Acting Clerk statement.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes Approve: Hammond
Bergeron
Martin
Pardo
Wrobel

No Against: Maul **voted no due fire & police not being able to run the Beer Tent**

Motion carried 5-1

Item 9-C Poverty Exemption Policy

Resolution 02-01-21-05

Motion by Bergeron
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the Poverty Exemption Policy as presented.

Motion Carried 6-0

10. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

11. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Flat Rock Business Owner Erica Hussey questioned the DDA & why For the Love Bakeshop was not included in the newspaper promotion for dine in restaurants. Mayor Hammond stated he would follow up with the DDA on why that decision was made.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 02-01-21-06

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of February 1, 2021 at 8:35 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

MARK A. HAMMOND, MAYOR

SHANE ANNE HARRISON, CITY CLERK

Approved as presented at the February 16, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting