

CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 18, 2012

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) John M. Szymanski, Charles Flanagan, Michael P. Monaghan and Vivian M. Sawicki.

ABSENT: Councilperson Daniel S. Palmer

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager Randolph Skotarczyk, City Attorney J. Russell LaBarge and Acting City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

CM01-07-12            EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER PALMER

MOTION by Monaghan, SUPPORTED by Szymanski:  
To excuse Councilmember Palmer from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.

ABSENT: Palmer

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION

Mayor Poynter and Lieutenant Hunter presented a certificate of recognition to Crossing Guard Supervisor Wendy Krebs, for serving 15 years as a crossing guard and Crossing Guard Roger Trapp for serving 11 years.

CM 01-08-12

MINUTES

MOTION by Monaghan, SUPPORTED by Szymanski:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 4, 2012 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting held January 11, 2012.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No public comments were made.

CM 01-09-12

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Monaghan:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 96228 through 96327 in the amount of \$1,124,284.38 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$10,138.70 for professional services during the month of December 2011 for the following projects: EB Harper, Manchester to Vernier, #180-109; EB Harper, Vernier to 8 Mile, #180-106; Traffic Signal Upgrade Project, #180-124; 2011 Emergency Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-136; Emergency Sanitary Sewer Inv., #180-140 and the 2013/2014 CMAQ Grant Application, #180-141.
3. Approve the payment to Northern Data Systems in the amount of \$8,672.44 for the annual maintenance for the period January 31, 2012 through January 31, 2013 for the City's PC server, the billing for our December water invoices and for 2011 W-2 and 1099 forms.
4. Approve the request from the Shamrock Cab Company for taxicab licenses covering the cabs listed on the attached application for 2012.
5. Approve the appointments to the various boards and commissions as listed on the attached memorandum from the acting City Clerk.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Flanagan, Monaghan, Sawicki, Szymanski and Poynter.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Palmer.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 01-10-12      MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION -  
PROGRESS BILLING - TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE

RESOLUTION by Szymanski, SUPPORTED by Costantino:  
BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$19,239.65 for the Beaconsfield Traffic Signal Upgrade project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Flanagan, Monaghan, Sawicki, Szymanski, Poynter and Costantino.  
NO: None.  
ABSENT: Palmer.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 01-11-12                      ESTABLISH FEE FOR CROSS  
CONNECTION CONTROL INSPECTIONS

RESOLUTION by Monaghan, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:  
BE IT RESOLVED to establish a fee of \$130.00 to be paid by business owners/tenants for Cross Control Inspections in the City of Harper Woods.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Monaghan, Sawicki, Szymanski, Poynter, Costantino and Flanagan.  
NO: None.  
ABSENT: Palmer.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 01-12-12                      ADOPT RESOLUTION - OPPOSITION TO THE  
CLOSING OF SEARS CORPORATE OUTLET

RESOLUTION by Sawicki, SUPPORTED by Costantino:  
BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the resolution in opposition to the closing of the Sears Corporate Outlet at Eastland Center and further that a copy of this resolution be sent to Sears Holding Corporation.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Monaghan, Sawicki, Szymanski, Poynter, Costantino and Flanagan.  
NO: None.  
ABSENT: Palmer.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 01-13-12 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - SOIL RESEARCH  
MAPPING MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Monaghan:  
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Natural Resources Conservation Service, a Federal Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture and the City of Harper Woods, a municipal corporation for soil resource mapping, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Sawicki, Szymanski, Poynter, Costantino, Flanagan and Monaghan  
NO: None.  
ABSENT: Palmer.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 01-14-12 CANCELLATION OF FIRST MEETING IN FEBRUARY

MOTION by Monaghan, SUPPORTED by Szymanski:  
That the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2012 be cancelled.

ABSENT: Palmer.

MOTION CARRIED

CM 01-15-12 AUTHORIZATION TO REDUCE STAFFING LEVELS

RESOLUTION by Szymanski, SUPPORTED by Monaghan:  
BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the acting City Manager to make necessary staffing reductions to meet the budgetary needs of the community.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Szymanski, Poynter, Flanagan, Monaghan and Sawicki.  
NO: Costantino.  
ABSENT: Palmer.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 01-16-12

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

MOTION by Monaghan, SUPPORTED by Szymanski:

That an Executive Session be added to the Agenda for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining issue regarding negotiations with the Fire Union.

MOTION CARRIED

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CALL TO AUDIENCE

The following individuals commented on actions of City Council

Ms. Bellomo  
Ms. Marshall  
Mr. Micallef  
Ms. Uhl  
Mr. Selburn  
Ms. Beaubien  
Mr. Kien

The following individuals commented on City Departments

Ms. Bellomo  
Mr. Cuomo

The following individuals commented on Bargaining with Unions

Ms. Uhl  
Mr. Kien

The following individuals commented on Budget Issues

Mr. Schenburn

Announcement of Community Events -

Dad's Club Fundraiser - Pancake Breakfast on February 5, 2012; 9:00 am until 1:00 p.m at the Harper Woods High School

CALL TO COUNCIL

Mayor and Council discussed various topics.

CM 01-17-12

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION by Monaghan, SUPPORTED by Szymanski:  
BE IT RESOLVED to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining issue regarding negotiations with the Fire Union.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Poynter, Costantino, Flanagan, Monaghan, Sawicki and Szymanski.

NO: None

ABSENT: Palmer.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

The City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:54 p.m. and reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

CM 01-18-12

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Monaghan, SUPPORTED by Szymanski  
That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

ABSENT: Palmer.

MOTION CARRIED

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KENNETH A. POYNTER, MAYOR

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LESLIE M. FRANK, ACTING CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 4, 2012

MEETING MINUTES

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino, Councilperson(s) Charles Flanagan, Michael P. Monaghan, Daniel S. Palmer, and Vivian M. Sawicki.

ABSENT: Councilperson John M. Szymanski.

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Manager Randolph Skotarczyk, City Attorney J. Russell LaBarge and Finance Director Laura L. Stowell.

CM 01-01-12 EXCUSE COUNCILPERSON SZYMANSKI

MOTION by Palmer, SUPPORTED by Monaghan:  
To excuse Councilperson Szymanski from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.

ABSENT: Szymanski.

MOTION CARRIED

CM 01-02-12 MINUTES

MOTION by Monaghan, SUPPORTED by Costantino:  
To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 19, 2011 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held December 15, 2011.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

No comments were made.

CM 01-03-12

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by Monaghan:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 96121 through 96227 in the amount of \$552,178.70 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and acting City Clerk to sign the listing.
2. Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$5,541.50 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of November 2011.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Costantino, Flanagan, Monaghan, Palmer, Sawicki and Poynter.

NO: None

ABSENT: Szymanski.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 01-04-12 CONDEMNATION RESOLUTION - 20321 ROSCOMMON

RESOLUTION by Monaghan, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the resolution on Condemnation of Dwelling and Abatement of Public Nuisance recommended by the City Attorney to proceed with condemnation of the property at 20321 Roscommon.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Flanagan, Monaghan, Palmer, Sawicki, Poynter and Costantino.

NO: None.

ABSENT: Szymanski

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CM 01-05-12    RENEWAL OF WATER CONTRACT - CITY OF DETROIT

RESOLUTION by Monaghan, SUPPORTED by Sawicki:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Water Service Contract between the City of Detroit, a municipal corporation by its Water and Sewerage Department and Board of Water Commissioners and the City of Harper Woods, a municipal corporation and further, authorize the acting City Manager and acting City Clerk to sign the contract.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Monaghan, Palmer, Sawicki, Poynter, Costantino and Flanagan.

NO: None

ABSENT: Szymanski.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

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CALL TO AUDIENCE

The following individuals commented on the draft Shared Services Consolidation Report

Ms. Uhl

Ms. Paiz

The following individuals commented on Rental Properties and/or Vacant Homes

Ms. Spears

Mr. Selburn

The following individuals commented on Bargaining Issues

Mr. Micallef

Mr. Cadotte

The following individuals commented on Miscellaneous Items

Mr. Bruneel

CALL TO COUNCIL

The Mayor and City Council members commented on several issues, including rental property issues and vacant homes in the City.

CM 01-06-12

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Monaghan, SUPPORTED by Palmer:

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

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KENNETH A. POYNTER, MAYOR

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LESLIE M. FRANK, ACTING CITY CLERK