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St. Ladislaus will soon be saying its last prayers

By Charles Sercombe
For the past several years, the St. Ladislaus Parish has been existing on borrowed time.

That time is now up. Recently, Fr. Tomasz Pietrzak of St. Florian Church announced, via social media, that the church will close its doors for good.

"After prayerful consideration, guiding a data-driven process to review our long-term financial viability, we have decided to close St. Ladislaus Chapel."

The reason behind the closure has been obvious for a number of years: the number of parishioners keeps dwindling down.

St. Lads, as it is affectionately known, joined its resources with St. Florian several years ago as a way to keep the parish going, albeit with limited services.

The plan to close its doors has one more step to go, Pietrzak said: Getting final approval by the Detroit Archdiocese.



In 2016, St. Ladislaus parishioners protested over a proposal to close the church because there were fewer and fewer parishioners who attended services. Now, however, time has run out. File photo

If approved, as it will likely be, the official closing date is June 29, with one last Mass.

"We are committed to keeping the memory of St. Ladislaus alive – as a parish for over 100 years and as a Chapel of St. Florian Parish – through celebrating the feast of St. Ladislaus each year and creating a sacred display in St.

Florian Church," Pietrzak said.

Speculation about St. Lad's began rumbling back in 2016, the first time it came close to shutting down.

St. Lad's parishioners held a protest against that move at the time.

Protest organizer Walter Bankowski insisted that "this is a financially viable church."

At one time, the parish operated a school, but that, too, closed decades ago as the Polish-Catholic population began to decline.

The school building was sold for \$500,000 to a charter school.

St. Lad's initial church was located in Detroit. The current building, here, was completed in 1930.

State grant will go for new fire gear

By Charles Sercombe
The grants keep pouring into Hamtramck.

The latest is one worth \$88,651, and it goes to the fire department. The money is earmarked for the purchase of protective gear, which will include:

- 12 structural firefighting coats
- 12 sets of structural firefighting pants
- 4 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units
- 8 SCBA tanks
- 10 SCBA masks

This grant came from the state, and was part of a package that went to 13 municipalities, worth a total of \$2.8 million.

The communities in question are considered "distressed cities," which are defined, according to the state, as those "experiencing one or more conditions indicative of probable financial distress."

That designation is at odds with what Hamtramck officials have been bragging about regarding the turnaround in the city's financial picture under their leadership. The city is, indeed, not currently operating under a deficit spending budget, thanks largely to the injection of one-time only federal grants.

The press release issued by the state goes on further, to say:

"The grants fund specific projects, services, or strategies, including infrastructure and public safety enhancements that move a city, village, or township toward financial stability."

Out of the 13 municipalities to receive this grant, Calumet Village received the most. That municipality was awarded \$323,450 to do "Public service enhancement through infrastructure replacement at the village hall building."

The announcement of this fire department grant came at the same time it was announced, at a recent city council meeting, that the city will receive a \$15 million fe-

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A final salute to Hamtramck's war dead



Above and below: Scenes from last Sunday's services in honor of Memorial Day.



By Charles Sercombe
The last time a Memorial Day ceremony was held at Veterans Park was two years ago.

At that time, there was a rededication of the gravesite of Col. Francis Hamtramck.

About 100 people attended, and the event featured the firing of a cannon that produced a roar you could hear all the way across town.

Last Sunday's memorial ceremony was much smaller and, noticeably, less bombastic.

About 20, or so, people gathered at the monument to honor the war dead of Hamtramck and the nation.

There was no one from the mayor or city council, who attended, except for former city clerk Ethel

Fiddler – who no longer lives in Hamtramck.

Instead, just a handful of persons, that included the city's aging veterans, family members and some members of the public, gathered in front of the park's monument, which lists the names of Hamtramck veterans who died fighting for the country.

The event, organized by Hamtramck-Willock-Lubanski VFW Post 4162 and the Cpl. John Targosz Post 6, was short – only about 15 minutes – yet still poignant.

Speaking in front of the monument, Post 6 Commander Mark Widzinski noted that "this monument represents the final resting place of many departed comrades."

Quick Hits

It's batter-up for Juneteenth celebration

By Alan Madlane
Juneteenth is coming up soon, and once again, Hamtramck aims to hit it out of the park in celebration.

We're referring to the 3rd Annual Hamtramck Stadium Juneteenth Celebration on June 19, featuring a Home Run Derby for scholarships, and more.

The whole thing bears the name of Turkey Stearnes, the former Negro Leaguer and Hall of Famer (2000) who graced Hamtramck's ball fields with his stellar play from 1923-31, and again in 1937.

Juneteenth, of course, is the 12th and newest-added federal holiday, codified as such by President Biden as the focal point of the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, in 2021.

It celebrates the abolition of slavery in general, but is specifically tied to the date that the state of Texas abolished it, on June 19, 1865.

The event will be held beginning at noon, at Veterans Park. The park is located at 3201 Dan St., on the city's south end. The opening event will be the Turkey Stearnes Foundation's award ceremony for a Juneteenth Multidisciplinary Art Contest.

State Rep. Helena Scott will serve as Keynote Speaker.

Then, the fireworks begin in earnest, with the Turkey Stearnes Home Run Derby teeing up (and off) at 12:45. Local youth stars will attempt to launch balls over the fence, and the winners of that competition will receive scholarships specifically from the Stearnes Foundation.

After all of that, at 3 p.m., it's a game between

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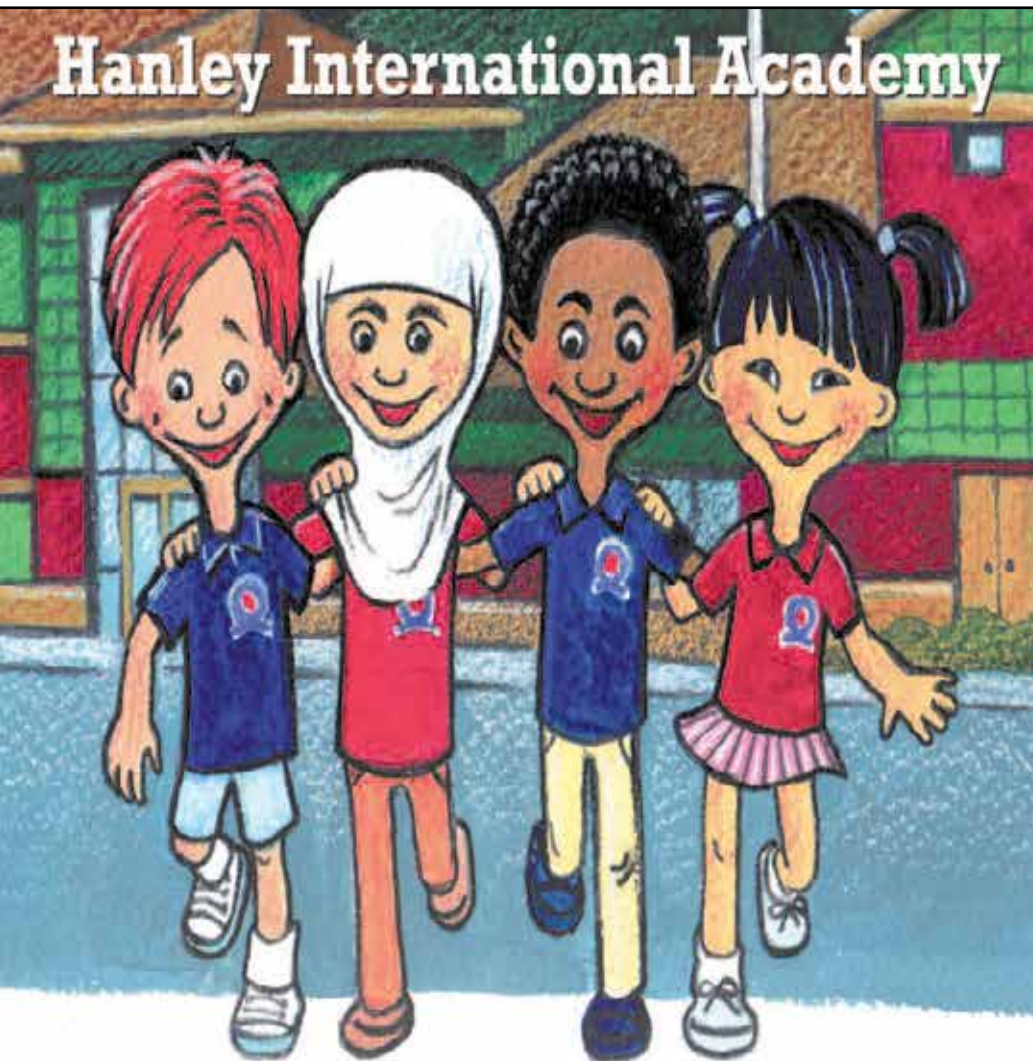
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City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days?
We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on April 23, and all council members, except Muhtasin Sandman, were in attendance.

A proclamation was read to acknowledge May 4 as International Firefighters Day. It read, in part:

"... The primary purpose of International Firefighters' Day is to honor and commemorate past firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice, laying down their lives while bravely serving their communities; this day also serves as an opportunity to express deep gratitude and appreciation to all individuals who have dedicated themselves to the noble profession of firefighting, risking their lives to ensure the safety and well-being of others. ..."

A presentation was made by the Hamtramck High School Prevention Committee. They presented the following findings, and recommendations, to reduce the sale of illicit substances to minors:

1. Enhanced enforcement of regulations: Advocate for stricter enforcement of laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco and vaping products to minors. This could involve giving penalties to establishments found to be violating these laws.

2. Retail licensing requirements: Creating rules for shops that sell tobacco and vaping products. These rules would include mandatory training for staff on how to check IDs to make sure customers are old enough, and on how to sell these products responsibly.

3. Community based prevention programs: Implementing programs that are focused on educating and engaging youth to avoid substance abuse.

4. Youth outreach and supportive services: Providing resources to young people, who are affected by substance abuse, such as counseling and support groups.

City Controller Syed Amir Ahsan gave a presentation on the city's parking meter usage and revenue.

According to his report:

- Before implementing the MPS system, the city was averaging over \$7,000 per month in parking revenue.

- Since February 2022, the average monthly revenue for the city has been about \$34,000.

- Average monthly revenue, after deducting all expenses for the city, is over \$23,000.

- The city is making more money since the MPS system has gone into place.

There is about a year and a half left in the city's contract with the company that operates the meters. Mayor Amer Ghalib said that it is under consideration not to extend the meter contract.

A number of residents and visitors have complained about the meters, and the tickets they received.

City Manager Max Garbarino said the city is in a strong position to negotiate new terms for the next contract.

During public comment, a man said that the city posted a sticker on his house saying he couldn't live there. He said he's been living there for 25 years.

Apparently, the city thinks the man is living in an unregistered rental dwelling.

Mayor Ghalib admonished city employees who issue violations "with no

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deral grant to continue replacing the city's lead water lines.

And, just a few months ago, the city received grants to purchase radio communications and guns for the police department.

This is all on top of other, multi-million-dollar,

federal grants Hamtramck has received in recent years to improve general infrastructure, and also to create a bike/walking path called the Louis Greenway path, that will ultimately connect Hamtramck to Detroit, Dearborn and Highland Park.



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This week at the Library ...

May 31, 2024

Library Garden Volunteers: Calling all volunteers with green thumbs. Plan for this year's community garden are on the way. The new project coordinator is looking for some helping hands. If you are looking for a patch of land to work your magic, sign up for a plot or two. Stop by the front desk and register.

Exercise in the Library: Adaptive Yoga is back on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm and Tai Chi on Fridays at 10 am. These beginner friendly, weekly exercise sessions are sponsored by the RIM Foundation. Please wear comfy shoes and stretchy clothing for maximum enjoyment.

Story Time: Get you kids together and drop in on our Monday afternoon Story Time at 3:45 pm and Wednesday Story Time at 12:00 noon. The programs are presented by guest readers from Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

Game Night: We are moving to Wednesdays. Join us for Game Night at the library. We are serving up something fun each Wednesday at 4 pm. Stop by and let us know that you have come to play. Everyone is invited.

Summer Reading Program: The library will have weekly activities for kids all summer long. Children will once again be able to earn tickets for our awesome prize raffle just by finishing their favorite books. There will be personalized reading trackers to chart their progress. The SRP will

start on June 26 with Starlab Program. In July the following programs are on schedule:

July 3 - Kung Fu Panda 4 film
July 10 - Steel Drum Concert
July 17 - Poster Craft
July 24 - Animal Craft
July 31 - Color Scratch Craft

August 7 - Native American History
August 13 - NERF Games
August 21 - Teenage Mutant Turtles
August 28 - SRP Party & Prizes and with that program we will conclude this years activities.

D-Day: The largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early morning hours on June 6, 1944 as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. Operation Overlord took months of planning and involved 1,527,000 soldiers in 47 Allied divisions spread along France and the Low Countries. American forces landed on two western beaches, Utah and Omaha, while British and Canadian troops landed farther east on Gold, Juno and Sword beaches. By the end of the day 150,000 Allied soldiers and their accompanying vehicles had landed with 15,000 killed and wounded.

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In Our Opinion

School district risks alienating voters

The status of Hamtramck Public Schools Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed is puzzling, to say the least.

Or, to be more specific, the explanation of her status by the district is what mystifies many.

Ahmed has been off the job, but still receiving her salary, since February. At first, the public was told that she took a medical leave, and then, when that leave was coming to an end, it was told that she would remain off the job.

In the meantime, there have been two consecutive interim superintendents in charge.

When The Review asked about whether Ahmed was returning, we were told, by current Interim Superintendent James Larson-Shidler, that Ahmed is, indeed, still superintendent. But, when it came to explaining why she was not actually on the job, Larson-Shidler said that it was the policy of the district "not to discuss confidential personnel matters with the press."

So, that begs the question whether, if Ahmed is still superintendent, then why is there also an interim superintendent?

Why are taxpayers paying Ahmed to not come

to work?

Doesn't the public have a right to know how their tax money is being spent?

We point this out because, later this year, the plan – as far as we know – is to ask voters to renew a major school millage.

It seems to us that taxpayers might be turned off by the district's refusal to come clean on what the heck is going on with Ahmed, and why they continue to pay her over \$200,000 a year to not come to work.

Good luck trying to win a millage renewal with that attitude.

Odds & Ends

In the news... At Tuesday's city council meeting, the all male and all Muslim council unanimously voted in support to urge governments, universities, and so on, to divest from Israel.

Local media outlets were quick to report on the matter.

The move comes as an act of protest against what the council framed as genocide being conducted by the Israeli military in its attack on Gaza where over 30,000 people have died.

Israel launched the invasion after Hamas invaded Israel back in October and killed over 1,200 Israelis.

While the council called for boycotting and ending investments into Israel, there was nothing more specific to it. It was not immediately known if Hamtramck's government has any investments in Israel, although it could through its state pension system.

However, in the rush for the city council to be the first municipality in Michigan to call for divestment from Israel, there might be an unanticipated complication. The state's House Bill 5821 appears to prevent this.

As the Detroit Free Press pointed out, in 2017 then-Gov. Rick Snyder signed a law that prevents the state having public contracts with anyone boycotting or divesting from a "strategic partner" of the nation, of which Israel is considered one.

Coffee time... The Hamtramck Police Department is inviting the public to spend some time with them for informal chats and get-to-know-you meetings.

The first up is "Coffee with a Cop" on June 6 at Café 1923.

The department will be there from 9 to 10 a.m. and then in the afternoon from 2 to 3 p.m.. Café 1923 is located at 2287 Holbrook – right across from the Kowalski Sausage factory.

Flag disposal... Have an old crusty American flag at home or work?

Instead of throwing it away, PLAV Post 6 is collecting tattered American

flags starting now until Flag Day on June 14. Post 6 is located at 9545 McDougall at the corner of Evaline.

The flags will be properly retired in a ceremony in front of the post on the evening of June 14.

Setting the record straight... Recently on Hamtramck social media accusations were made about how Hamtramck police officers handled a local business owner during a traffic stop.

It was said the officers roughed up the business owner, causing injury to his neck that required surgery.

It was also said that the owner was pulled over for driving with a fake license plate. The business owner, however, insists that the plate was legit, and when he requested a supervisor to come out to the scene he was then "manhandled."

We talked with City Manager Max Garbarino, and he said that version of what happened is pure bunk.

The license plate, Garbarino said, was indeed a homemade job. However, the business owner became irate when he was handed tickets and told to go on his way. Instead of just driving off, the business owner confronted the officers.

That led to more warnings to the owner to drive off, but he continued to yell at the officers, Garbarino said.

So that led to the owner being arrested. As for any injury, Garbarino the incident was captured by the officers' dash camera, and it showed no such manhandling.

The moral of the story? There is always more than one side of a story – and the camera does not lie.

Fundraiser... This coming Sunday, June 2, at 4 p.m., there will be a fundraiser for the two former Hamtramck Human Relations Commission members who were kicked off

the job by the mayor and city council.

They were fired from their non-salaried volunteer positions for hoisting a pride flag on a Jos. Campau flagpole last year in protest to the mayor and city council banning the display of such a flag on public property.

The two former commissioners have since filed a lawsuit against the city in federal court, and they need financial help to pay for legal fees.

Here's what the folks at Smash Studio here in Hamtramck have to say about the events:

"For the last 20 years, we have worked to shine the gem that is Hamtramck, and welcome everyone!

"Sadly, in 2023, Hamtramck's new mayor and council decided to reverse all our hard work to make Hamtramck a welcoming city. The council, with the mayor's approval, passed a resolution prohibiting flying the pride flag on city property.

"We believe this law is both unconstitutional and goes against the spirit and intent of the flag project on Jos. Campau, that was meant to celebrate our diversity, recognize the beauty of our different backgrounds and make everyone feel welcome and included here in Hamtramck."

The fundraiser will be at Café 1923, located at 2287 Holbrook. The fundraiser part involves folks purchasing artwork.

Smash Studio says:

- The first 100 people to donate \$100 will receive a T-shirt with the "Raise ALL the Flags!"
- The first person to donate \$125 will receive a Tekla Vintage gift card and a T-shirt.
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Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Mobile crisis service expands its hours

By Eric Doeh
DWIHN President and CEO

The Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) is continuing its mobile crisis roll out by expanding service hours to seven days-a-week from 7 a.m. to 11p.m. for adults and children. In addition, the service has established a new staging location in Western Wayne County.

Mobile Crisis Unit Vehicles and teams will be staged in Westland to respond faster to individuals in crisis outside of the immediate Detroit area. This additional site will give teams the ability to respond to a person's



need in a much faster period.

The average response time since this program launched in December 2023 has been 31 minutes.

We are refining our processes to make sure we are there for people in need. Our hope is to rapidly respond by offering immediate community-based intervention, resources and reduce or

prevent the need for care in a more restrictive setting.

DWIHN's mobile crisis units are staffed by a master's level Clinician and Peer Support Specialist who assists the child or adult through the crisis providing de-escalation and crisis intervention services, connecting people with the appropriate behavioral health resources.

DWIHN is launching a new mental health crisis hotline for anyone in the Wayne County area regardless of insurance status. Starting May 20th, DWIHN will be introducing 844-IN-CRISIS (844-462-7474). Calling this number will get you, a family member, or a loved one connected to a mental health professional to get the help needed right away and get a mobile crisis unit to their location more efficiently.

The DWIHN Access to Care 24/7 Helpline at 800-241-4949 will continue to serve as the main number for individuals to access all behavioral healthcare services provided in the Wayne County Provider Network.

Should a caller have a crisis, they will also be routed to the 844-IN-CRISIS dispatch for a unit to visit and provide direct care.

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers May 21-27.

was reported in the area of Caniff and Grand Haven.

Friday, May 24

• Two incidents of fraud were reported in the 3400 block of Evaline.

Saturday, May 25

• A complaint about noise was made in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.

• A suspicious incident was reported in the 3900 block of Evaline.

• A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 2600 block of Trowbridge.

• A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 12000 block of Oklahoma.

• A person, in the 2600 block of Pulaski, reported that they were harassed.

Sunday, May 26

• At a little after 1 a.m., officers investigating a possible assault in the area of Conant and Caniff were unable to locate a victim.

• Family trouble was reported in the 2700 block of Evaline.

• A complaint was made about noise in the 2700 block of Yemans.

• At 2 a.m., a family dispute was reported in the 2600 block of Pulaski.

• At about 3:30 a.m., a suspect was arrested in the 2600 block of Pulaski for domestic assault.

• A hit-and-run accident happened in the 2200 block of Florian.

• A complaint was made about an animal in the 2400 block of Florian.

Monday, May 27

• A landlord/tenant dispute was reported in the 9500 block of McDougall.

• An auto theft was reported on Evaline.

• Two suspects were arrested, on Norwalk, for assault.

• Family trouble was reported on Dyar.

• A fight was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.

• Neighbor trouble was reported in the 11700 block of Moran.

• A domestic assault was reported in the 3800 block of Trowbridge.

• Neighbor trouble was reported in the 2500 block of Goodson.

Tuesday, May 21

• A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 11700 block of Mackay.

• Retail fraud was reported at a business in the 2000 block of Caniff.

• A break-in was reported in the 2300 block of Botsford.

• An assault was reported in the 12000 block of Oklahoma.

• Gunshots were reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.

• Family trouble was reported on Mackay.

• A male suspect was arrested, in the 3400 block of Doremus, for domestic assault. In a separate incident, in the 2000 block of Belmont, a male suspect was arrested for domestic assault and for obstructing officers.

• A theft was reported in the 9500 block of Jos. Campau.

Wednesday, May 22

• A theft from an auto was reported in the area of Trowbridge and Lumpkin.

• A child, who was reported as missing from a residence on Holbrook, was later located and returned to their home.

• A suspect was arrested on Caniff for domestic assault.

• A suspect was arrested on Jos. Campau for fraud.

• A male and female were arrested, in the 3000 block of Jacob, for domestic assault.

• A theft was reported in the 3200 block of Evaline.

• A domestic assault was reported in the 2300 block of Caniff.

Thursday, May 23

• A fight was reported in the area of Andrus and Jos. Campau.

• A domestic assault was reported in the 2700 block of Evaline.

• A theft was reported in the 8300 block of St. Aubin.

• An assault was reported on Caniff.

• Neighbor trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.

• A hit-and-run accident

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Quick Hits

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The event is free and the weather report, at the time we went to press, was promising – 80 degrees and sunny, if the weather pundits are to be believed.

Coming Events

FRIDAY, May 31, 5 p.m. – A Community Awards Dinner, sponsored by the Hamtramck Community Initiative, will be held at the Gates of Columbus Hall at 9632 Conant, Hamtramck. Tickets are \$25 and can be paid in advance or at the door. Tickets are available at the door.

SATURDAY, June 1, 2-4 p.m. – Take-out only Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome!

City Of Hamtramck

FY 2024-25 Budget Notice and Public Hearing

On Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7:00 pm, the Hamtramck City council Held the first reading of the proposed fiscal year 2024-2025 budget. The city council will hold a public hearing and second reading of the proposed fiscal year 2024-2025 on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm, at the regular council meeting.

The proposed budget is available for inspection on the city of Hamtramck website. The property millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The city of Hamtramck website (Hamtramck.us) has information regarding the regular City Council meeting and budget Information.

Notice of Public Hearing – City of Hamtramck

Zoning Board of Appeals

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Hamtramck Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall (3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212) on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a public hearing and considering a request pertaining to the property located at 2201 Caniff Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212, Parcel 41 004 02 0246 000.

Subject to Zoning Ordinance section §155.096, the applicant, Shaikh Ahmed, requests the Board’s permission for a variance to expand a legal non-conforming structure for the addition of a second and third floor at the subject address in the Multi-Use (C2) district.

Written comments may be submitted to the CED Manager via email at kfaulkner@hamtramckcity.com. Written comments will be accepted until 12:00 pm on June 18. The City of Hamtramck will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids, and services for individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon advance notice by writing or calling the Clerk’s Office at (313) 800-5233 x343, at least 10 days in advance.



City Hall Insider ...

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evidence.”

Garbarino said the city’s code enforcement department does indeed do research on properties before issuing violations. He said he would look into the issue.

Later in the meeting, Ghalib said residents are “pissed off” about getting code violations that they don’t deserve. He said some residents are not first receiving warnings.

Ghalib said code enforcers have to “tolerate some unintentional stuff. Residents are getting angry.”

Bill Meyer said that this meeting makes him feel “wonderful.”

As for the controversial parking meters on Jos. Campau, Meyer urged the council not to renew the city’s contract. He said that, although the city is making money on the meters, a number of businesses have lost customers because the customers received tickets.

“How many did we lose because companies lost business?” he said. “Add that up. I’m sure it’s a few thousand. ... Our city is ruined by those parking

meters. We have to never renew with this company.”

In new business, the council agreed to accept a \$15 million grant that will be spent on replacing lead water lines.

In a follow-up, the council agreed to a timeline to create three Neighborhood Enterprise Zones (NEZ).

The zones will give property tax breaks to property owners who build new homes or make additions to their existing homes.

The creation of an NEZ, said City Attorney Odey Meroueh, “is a complicated process.”

It will be about three months until the NEZ is in place. Those seeking NEZ tax breaks must first get approval from the city, and then from the state.

The tax breaks will last for 15 years.

Councilmember Khalil Refai, who introduced the proposal for an NEZ, said this will help retain residents.

“There are residents who are trying to stay in Hamtramck, but unfortunately our city is not showing support or hel-

ping these individuals to build houses in our city,” Refai said.

In another action, the council agreed to remove the fees for those who own vacant lots.

It was not explained why this action was taken.

During the councilmembers’ turn to speak, Muhih Mahmood said that he gets complaints about police officers being rude to the public.

He said the officers need training in “customer service.”

“I know officers have the right to be rude,” Mahmood said.

He said officers shouldn’t talk to the public “like they’re nothing.” The public, he said, “are tax-paying people.”

City Manager Garbarino cautioned the council, saying “keep in mind there are often two sides of a story.” He said that, when these matters are investigated, the complaints don’t add up.

Councilmember Mohammed Alsomiri said the city should not be issuing code violations at night. He said code enforcers should only work during the day.

“We need to stop this,” he said.

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Subject to Zoning Ordinance section §155.138, the applicant, Fawzi Albarea, requests the Board’s permission for a non-use variance to install a six-foot privacy fence along the front lot line at the subject address in the Residential (R) district. Subject to ordinance sections §155.137(A)(2) and §155.137(C), the applicant also requests variances to extend the privacy fence along the side lot line from the rear lot line beyond the front building line, and install a privacy fence along the front lot line exceeding two feet four inches in height.

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Legal Notice

A Hearing shall be held by the Board of Directors of New Dawn Academy of Warren for the purpose of obtaining public comment on the proposed operating budget for the 2024/2025 school year. Copies of the budget can be obtained at New Dawn Academy of Warren. The Hearing shall be held on Thursday, June 20th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at New Dawn Academy of Warren located at 8200 Irving Street, Sterling Heights, MI.

Legal Notice

A Hearing shall be held by the Board of Directors of Oakland International Academy for the purpose of obtaining public comment on the proposed operating budget for the 2024/2025 school year. Copies of the budget can be obtained at Oakland International Academy. The Hearing shall be held on Wednesday, June 12th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Oakland International Academy Middle School, 8228 Conant, Detroit, MI 48211.

Legal Notice

A Hearing shall be held by the Board of Directors of Caniff Liberty Academy for the purpose of obtaining public comment on the proposed operating budget for the 2024/2025 school year. Copies of the budget can be obtained at Caniff Liberty Academy. The Hearing shall be held on Wednesday, June 19th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Caniff Liberty Academy, 2650 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212

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Charges dropped for former city councilmember

By Charles Sercombe

Former city councilmember Ian Perrotta is no longer facing criminal charges.

Last July, both Ian and his twin brother, Andrew, who are 38, were charged with felonies involving a domestic assault incident.

Ian Perrotta, who is an attorney, was not directly involved in the alleged assault, but he was charged with home invasion – a felony – and stalking, a misdemeanor, involving a woman the brothers both knew.

Recently, charges against him were dismissed. Details as to why charges were dismissed were not

immediately available from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.


The charges stemmed from an alleged assault, for which his brother Andrew is still facing charges.

The exact charge is one of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, less than murder – a felony. He is also facing a misdemeanor charge of aggravated assault, domestic violence.

Both brothers have denied wrongdoing.

Andrew Perrotta's next court appearance has been scheduled for next February.

Locally, the brothers co-own Trixie's bar on Carpenter.



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