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Quick Hits
Night Bazaar returns this Saturday

By Charles Sercombe
 Unfortunately, July's scheduled Hamtramck Night Bazaar was cancelled due to forecasted foul weather.
 But this month's Bazaar Night is set for this Saturday, Aug. 2, from 4 to 9 p.m. So far, the weather looks good with temps in the low 80s and mostly sunny.
 The event, held in Pope Park at Jos. Campau and Belmont, features over a dozen local craft vendors, vintage clothiers and the like, and also serves up food and offers free live music.
 It is part of the city's Discover Hamtramck promotion of all things local.
 In other news, the music line-up for the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival is now out, and available to view on the Festival's Facebook page.
 Some notable performers include Dennis Tek, of the famed 70s Australian rockers Radio Birdman (Saturday, Aug. 30 at 7:30 p.m.), Thornetta Davis (Saturday, Aug. 30, 9 p.m.), the Matt Smith Group (Aug. 30 at 4 p.m.), The Muggs (Aug. 30, 8:30 p.m.), Human Eye (Sept. 1, p.m.), Michael Hurtt (Sept. 1, 12:30 p.m.), Shadow Show (Sept. 1, 6 p.m.), and the Craig Brown Band (Sept. 1, 6:30 p.m.).
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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Mayor's biography of immigrating here at 17 to work raises a question

By Charles Sercombe
 The U.S. State Department's biography of Mayor Amer Ghalib raises some questions about how he legally immigrated here.

The State Department recently put together a short biography of the mayor in preparation of him being confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be the next ambassador to Kuwait.

According to the State Department (and past interviews with the mayor), he came here from Yemen at age 17, apparently alone, and then went to work in a factory, making plastic parts – working 8 to 10 hours a day.

On top of that, he went to Hamtramck High School, from which he graduated in 2000.

It's an inspiring story of an immigrant coming here and working hard to make a better life – and now, he finds himself being nominated by President Trump to be the ambassador to Kuwait.



Mayor Amer Ghalib poses with President Trump, who nominated Ghalib to be ambassador to Kuwait. In the White House's biography of Ghalib, it inadvertently raises a question of how he immigrated here.

Ghalib's background story raises the question of how he was able to travel here at age 17. Did he have a student visa? Or a visa that allows him to work here?

It's also unknown when he became a U.S. citizen. A person's citizenship status is not considered a public record that can be viewed, and it cannot be disclosed by federal agencies.

The Review reached out

to Mayor Ghalib for an explanation but, as usual, he did not respond.

As for getting a student visa, according to immigration rules, a student is required to be financially supported or otherwise able to provide for their living expenses. Also, students have to attend a school that is SEVP-certified.

Ghalib has said he graduated from Hamtramck High School, which does

not have that certification.

As for a work visa, once again there are specific rules, namely that the person be eligible for an Employment Authorization Document, or EAD (commonly known as a "work permit").

Ghalib's immigration history comes at a time when the Trump administration is cracking down on – and deporting – il-

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Election day is around the corner

By Charles Sercombe

Get ready to vote this coming Tuesday, Aug. 5.

In fact, a number of local voters have already gotten head starts – by voting absentee.

If you have an absentee ballot and haven't mailed it in yet at this point, it's advised you drop it off at the city clerk's office in city hall, or at your precinct on election day.

Have second thoughts on how you voted on your absentee ballot and haven't turned in the ballot yet?

If so, you can take it to your precinct and ask them to invalidate it, and get a fresh ballot.

This year's primary election is limited to just the mayoral and city council races – nothing else, not even a single county or local ballot proposal.

Voting precincts will open at 7 a.m. and will close by 8 p.m. The city clerk's office will be open this Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to allow people to register to vote or turn in absentee ballots.

To register to vote, you must be at least 18 years old and prove you live here.

One thing is certain: Hamtramck will be getting a new mayor, since current mayor Amer Ghalib decided not to seek re-election after one term. Instead, he is counting on being confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be the ambassador to Kuwait.

As of this publication on Friday, no date has been set yet for that confirmation hearing, and senators are now on summer break until September.

Ghalib is endorsing a
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Former Human Relations Commission Chairman Russ Gordon and his colleague on the commission Catrina Stackpoole are not backing down in their lawsuit against the city to overturn the ban on displaying a pride flag on city property. File photo

For now, pride flag dispute is not quite over

By Charles Sercombe

As expected, the fight over whether the city can ban the display of pride flags on public property is not over.

The attorney for the two former members of the city's Human Relations Commission who challenged the city's ban (Russ Gordon and Catrina Stack-

poole) has filed an appeal with the federal court.

That federal judge, David Lawson, denied their earlier motion to issue an immediate decision on the case in their favor.

In his appeal, attorney Marc Susselman said, essentially, that "The fact that the pride flag was dis-

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legal immigrants as well as those who are here legally.

After graduating from high school, Ghalib went on to get a biology degree from Wayne State, and then attended the Ross University School of Medicine in the Caribbean.

It appears Ghalib did not graduate from Ross University, yet a number of people refer to him by the title of Doctor. However, he is a licensed registered nurse in the state of Michigan.

The mayor is credited for

galvanizing the support of President Trump among the Arab-American community in the metro area. Trump didn't forget that favor, and later appointed him to this ambassador candidacy.

Ghalib is in the last year of his term as mayor, and – perhaps assuming he'll be in Kuwait – is not seeking re-election.

The unknown specific background information could pose a security risk, said Joe Strzalka, who is retired from the State Department (where

he handled visa requests, among other duties).

"If he's not forthcoming, the question will be if a foreign adversary knows and would blackmail him for classified info," Strzalka told The Review.

"One could imagine a scenario where a Russian or Iranian operative would threaten to expose him if he didn't provide intel or access to classified info." Strzalka is a candidate for city council in the August Primary Election.

Ghalib has said that

he went through a background check, especially for financial disclosures, from the Trump administration.

Ghalib is the first Arab and Muslim-American to become mayor of Hamtramck. The city council is now all-male, and all-Muslim – another first, in a community that had long been predominantly populated, and politically controlled, by Polish Americans.

Election day is around the corner

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former campaign assistant, Adam Alharbi, to take his place.

Two city councilmembers have also opted out of seeking re-election: Khalil Refai and Muhith Mahmood.

While Refai is ending his political career, Mahmood is taking a shot at becoming mayor.

The only current councilmember seeking re-election is Abu Musa.

This election comes at a time when there are ongoing investigations into whether four councilmembers committed election law violations – namely, what's commonly called "ballot harvesting" – in the 2023 election year, and also whether two councilmembers are actually residents.

Depending who you ask, those investigations are either going nowhere, or are still in the process of being investigated.

The following candidates are seeking the city's top job of mayor:

- Adam Alharbi
- Khandaker Showkat Hossain

- Mister Bangladesh
- Muhith Mahmood

And, for city council, the ballot includes the following candidates:

- Joseph Strzalka
- Diane Frkan
- Rezaul Chowdhury
- Nayeem Choudhury
- Motahar Fadhel
- Yousuf Saed
- Abdumalik Kassim
- Abu Musa
- Luqman Saleh
- Russ Gordon
- Mahfuzur Rahman
- Khalid Al Qsaimi

In the mayoral race, the primary election will whittle down the candidates to the two top-vote getters, who will go on to battle it out in the November General Election.

In the council primary, the top six finishers will

advance to the General Election, where the final three candidates will be

selected by voters in November.

Quick Hits

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Of course, those two local faves Danny D and

the Polish Muslims will take the stage on their usual back-to-back slots starting on Sunday, Aug. 31 at 6 p.m.

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This week at the Library . . .

August 1, 2025

Library Ice Cream: Friends of the Hamtramck Public Library are providing free ice cream for the Summer Reading Programs. All participants will be treated to free ice cream immediately after the conclusion of the program. Bring your friends for the summer reading and enjoy a treat afterwards.

Summer Reading: The program will continue through August. Participants will have a chance to win great prizes just for reading books. Programs will include entertaining topics, arts and crafts, music, NERF battles, festival and parties. The schedule will include:

Aug.6th - Japanese Bon Festival 2 pm
Aug. 13th - Dog Man Movie at 2 pm

Jazz Youth Masterclasses: Library is holding preservation of jazz youth masterclasses every Thursday in July, August and September from 3 pm to 5 pm. Classes are conducted by Jazz vocalist, Sky Covington and are free to Hamtramck residents. To register for classes sign up at the library or call 248-383-3385 to speak with the instructor. The final meeting will consist of a performance on September 25th at 3 pm.

Early Japanese Bon Festival: This beautiful and informative program is coming to Hamtramck Library on Wednesday August 6th at 2 pm. It is free to the general public, children and adults. For your enjoyment, you will see presentations of Japanese traditions, complete with music, dance and

crafts.

Dog Man Movie: On Wednesday, August 13, at 2 pm, all children are invited to the showing of "Dog Man Movie", presented in a theatre setting with a serving of refreshments.

Summer Reading Party and Prizes: On August 20th at 2 pm, the last program of the summer will feature and party and award of prizes for reading books. The library staff is putting together some great items that will be raffled off to the young readers.

Louis Armstrong: On August 4, 1901 this jazz trumpet player was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. Known as "Satchmo", he appeared in many films and is best known for his renditions of "It's a Wonderful World" and "Hello, Dolly".

Barak Obama: August 4, 1961, the 44th U.S. President was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. His father was from Kenya, Africa, while his mother was originally from Kansas. Upon completing his college education, young Obama moved to Chicago, becoming active in community affairs. He was elected to Illinois State Senate in 1996, he went on to become a U.S. Senator in 2004. Four years later, he won the presidential election in 2008.

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 invited.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

This year's election will usher in new era

This coming Tuesday, Aug. 5, is the city's primary election for mayor and city council.

Tuesday's election will likely be the first step into a new political landscape for Hamtramck, what with the potential of having three new city council members.

It's a given that we'll have a new mayor, since Mayor Amer Ghalib bowed out from running for another term in the hope of being confirmed as President Trump's nominee to be the next ambassador to Kuwait.

The election comes

at a time when the city could be facing a financial crisis, with the major losses of revenue from the parking meters and from Wayne County bailing out of its Hamtramck jail to consolidate into a new one in Detroit. The county had been paying about \$1.4 million a year to Hamtramck to use its jail here, but now, with that closed down, the county will no longer pay the city.

And, on top of that, there is still a possibility that four current councilmembers could face criminal charges for

violating election laws in 2023.

Also, Hamtramck's current city manager, police chief and an investigator with the police department are all on paid suspension.

The next four years will be challenging, to say the least.

Need to know more about the candidates? If so, head over the Hamtramck Public Library's website and click on the interviews with each.

No matter what – choose wisely, voters.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

A dire message from Detroit Friendship House

By Khurshida Hossain

Executive Director at Detroit Friendship House

For our team at Detroit Friendship House, caring for the community is the highest priority driving our work. Unfortunately, poor federal policy will directly impact the people we serve.

Each week, we distribute nutritious, culturally appropriate food to 600-plus of our neighbors. At least half of our pantry guests rely on the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), commonly referred to as the Bridge Card here in Michigan. Despite nearly three-quarters of our guests being employed, many need SNAP to increase the amount of

groceries their paycheck can buy each month; our pantry helps fill the gaps in their cupboards.

Recently, President Trump signed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), his budget wish list, into law. This legislation is not beautiful: it makes several massive cuts to social support programs, like cutting \$186 billion in funding over 10 years for SNAP.

Additionally, the law amends qualifying standards for SNAP: increasing work requirements for parents, homeless individuals, veterans, and certain foster care individuals; raising the age cap on work requirements by 10 years; and removing our state government's ability to request temporary waivers on SNAP restrictions.

Advocates for the bill would note that the legislation cuts "unnecessary" spending and reduces tax burdens for everyday Americans.

While it is true that the lowest earners (making under \$34,600 each year) could see a \$150 reduction in their annual tax requirement, the bill mandates drastic cuts to social services across all areas of life.

The Center for Ame-

rican Progress estimates that insurance premiums will increase anywhere from 83% to a staggering 500% for some low-income Americans; the Congressional Budget Office estimates 16 million individuals will lose insurance coverage due to the OBBBA.

In other words, low-income Americans get a tiny amount of extra cash each year to split between the ballooning costs of groceries, healthcare, and other daily needs.

With the reduction in SNAP funding and inflation making it harder to purchase essentials, we expect to see an increase in pantry visitors in the coming months, stretching our resources.

Food banks and pantries across the country are scrambling to figure out how to continue their operations. Food security is a right, and our guests deserve to be treated better.

We will continue working hard to provide nutritious groceries served with dignity; we hope our community will lean in to support as well.

(Detroit Friendship House, the food pantry on Conant, serves 1,800 families annually.)

Odds & Ends

Weather wise... By now, the red hot heat wave for the past two weeks has lifted for the next few days.

Enjoy it while you can because we still have several weeks of summer left.

While it may have cooled down a bit in this region, much of the nation is suffering through hot temperatures.

Speaking of heat... When the next heat wave arrives be prepared for signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

There's a world of a difference between the two, with heat stroke being the most serious and requiring immediate medical treatment – as in call an ambulance and rush to an emergency room.

Let's start with the nuts and bolts of heat exhaustion:

Symptoms: Heavy sweating, dizziness, headache, nausea, vomiting, muscle cramps, weakness, fatigue, and a rapid, but possibly weak, pulse.

Body Temperature: Typically rises, but generally remains below 104°F (40°C).

Mental Status: May include confusion, but it's not persistent or severe.

Treatment: Move to a cool place, drink fluids, and use cooling measures like a cool shower or wet cloths.

Progression: If not treated, heat exhaustion can progress to heat stroke.

Heat stroke:

Symptoms: High body temperature (104°F or 40°C or higher), altered mental state (confusion, delirium, loss of consciousness), hot, red, and dry or damp skin (depending on the cause), rapid and strong pulse, and possible seizures.

Body Temperature: Rises rapidly to dangerous levels.

Mental Status: Brain dysfunction is a key feature, leading to confusion, disorientation, and potentially seizures or loss of consciousness.

Treatment: Immediate medical attention (call 911) is crucial. Move the person to a cool environment, reduce body temperature with cool cloths or immersion in

cool water, and do not give fluids.

Severity: Heat stroke is a medical emergency and can lead to death or permanent disability if not treated promptly.

Want to cool off, have fun and not cost you a dime?

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The park is located at Lumpkin and Edwin.

Book sale... The Piast Institute, a national research and policy center dedicated to Polish and Polish American affairs, is selling some of their rare books.

Here's what Piast has to say about their sale:

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- Public Book Sale – Saturday, Sept. 14, noon-5 p.m. Open to all with no appointment necessary.

Reminder... Fun with purpose ... Detroit Friendship House (DFH), whose list of good deeds has made these pages many times, has cooked up another gem.

And what's cooking is happening this September, and that is raising money for the hungry – and having some fun in the process.

That something is being called "Fowling for Food."

Fowling, pronounced to rhyme with bowling, which it resembles, is basically trying to knock down bowling pins by

heaving a football at them.

Hunger, that's when the tummy doesn't have enough. And that's bad.

The fundraiser happens on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 1-4 p.m. at the Fowling Warehouse in the city's southeast corner, 3901 Christopher St.

DFH says that more than 1,800 families visit their pantry each year to round up food and other items to help keep them going.

This event will help DFH keep doing that.

Registration is currently open, so get your team of four together and then sign up to help support this worthwhile endeavor.

Don't have enough players yet to round out a full squad of four? Reserve your spot now anyway, and then it can be back-filled by someone later who is looking for a team to catch on with.

Contact the DFH Tuesdays or Thursdays between 2-4 p.m., or Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon, either by calling (313) 871-7443, or visiting in person at 9540 Conant St.

Michigan tourism rocks... Michigan's tourism industry really went to town last year, to the tune of \$54.8 billion in economic impact to the state's economy, according to a Pure Michigan Campaign press release from this past Monday, July 29.

The press release reflects data amassed by a Tourism Economics study released by Travel Michigan, and arm of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). To generate that \$54.8 billion, it took 131.2 million visitors coming to our state. Those visitors directly spent \$30.7 billion at various destinations across the state, up nearly five percent over 2023's \$29.3 billion. That amount also generated \$3.8 billion for state and local municipalities' coffers in taxes. The remaining amount came from a host of other fees visitors generate.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer was pleased, and took a verbal victory lap, saying

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- Interview with Adam Alharbi, mayoral candidate
- Interview with Ross Gordon, council candidate
- Interview with Muhith Mahmood, mayoral candidate
- Interview with Khan Hossain, mayoral candidate and more

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers July 22-28.

Tuesday, July 22

- At 1 a.m., a complaint was made about noise in the 9300 block of Mitchell.
- A bicycle was reported stolen on Mitchell.
- A disorderly male was arrested in the area of Jos. Campau and Casmere.
- Officers located a stolen vehicle in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau, but the person driving the vehicle sped off.

Wednesday, July 23

- An attempted home invasion was reported in the 3800 block of Prescott.
- Family trouble was reported in the 2200 block of Holbrook.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 3900 block of Belmont.
- An incident of fraud was reported in the 12100 block of Conant.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 2300 block of Holmes.
- A vehicle was reported stolen in the 2300 block of Prescott.
- An assault was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- A male was arrested for fraud in the 12100 block of Conant.
- A hit-and-run accident happened in the 11300 block of Moran.

Thursday, July 24

- Officers, responding to a call about a stolen vehicle in the area of Jos. Campau and Evaline, arrested two suspects who were in the vehicle.
- A business on Jos. Campau reported having trouble with a customer. A business on Caniff also reported trouble with a customer.
- A theft was reported on Conant.

Friday, July 25

- Officers, responding to a call about a disorderly person on Caniff, arrested the suspect for being wanted on a warrant.
- A male and female were arrested in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau for domestic assault.
- Trouble between neighbors was reported in the 2600 block of Carpenter.
- A business in the 2000 block of Caniff reported an incident of fraud.

A hit-and-run accident happened in the area of Jos. Campau and Holbrook.

A domestic assault was reported in the 12000 block of Moran.

Saturday, July 26

- A vehicle was reported stolen in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 3000 block of Lehman.
- Officers assisted a woman on Jos. Campau who locked her keys and children inside her vehicle.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported on Mitchell.
- A stolen bicycle was recovered on Jos. Campau.
- Officers located multiple juveniles on Jacob who had facsimile firearms. The juveniles were turned over to their parents.
- Family trouble was reported on Jos. Campau.
- Complaints were made about a driver on Lumpkin doing "donuts."

Sunday, July 27

- At about 4 a.m., three suspects were arrested for assault with intent to murder following an incident on Norwalk.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported on Goodson. A hit-and-run accident also happened in the 2900 block of Evaline.
- A vehicle was reported stolen in the 2000 block of Caniff.

A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 12000 block of Dyar.

Family trouble was reported in the 2200 block of Hewitt.

A domestic assault was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.

Monday, July 28

- A fight was reported in the 12000 block of Dequindre.
- A break-in was reported in the 12000 block of Charest.
- A fight was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- A domestic assault happened in the 3100 block of Holbrook.
- A vehicle was stolen on Belmont.
- A theft was reported on Charest.
- A fight was reported in the 11400 block of Klinger.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 3400 block of Evaline.

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Odds & Ends

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“Michigan’s tourism industry boosts local economies, creates opportunity for small businesses, and supports more than 350,000 Michigan jobs.”

The actual total was 351,292 jobs, and that represents 1 in 17 of all the jobs in Michigan, a staggering figure.

The state’s abundant and beautiful shorelines certainly help draw many.

“Tourism remains a powerful engine for

Michigan’s economy, driving growth in communities and destinations across the state,” added Kelly Wolgamott, VP of Pure Michigan, which is another part of the MEDC.

“Let’s keep working together to show the world that Michigan is the best place to live, work, visit, and invest,” chimed in Gov. Whitmer.

The data would surely support her claim.



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 July 8, and all councilmembers were in attendance.

City Clerk Rana Faraj gave an update on the Aug. 5 Primary Election. Polls will open at 7 a.m. that day, and close at 8 p.m.

Anyone who has not registered to vote can still

do so in person at the city clerk’s office in city hall. You must be a resident here and be at least 18 years old to vote.

During public comment, Mike Petrack, who owns Dos Locos Tacos on Jos. Campau, said in an email that he supports the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival.

The festival, he said,

“brings in substantial economic benefits by bringing a large influx of peaceful people from surrounding areas.”

Charles Blackwell commented on Mayor Amer Ghalib demanding City Manager Max Garbarino leave a city council meeting recently. Garbarino was on paid suspension, and Ghalib said his presence at the meeting was “intimidating.”

“It’s funny that Mayor Ghalib calls himself an alpha male but he’s scared and uncomfortable with Max Garbarino attending city council meetings,” Blackwell said.

Abraham Aljahim suggested charging businesses \$250 a month to

make up for lost parking meter revenue.

As for City Manager Garbarino, he said “Max should not come to the city.”

Moving on, the city accepted a grant worth \$965,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Green Alleys Reconstruction.

The grant will be used to reconstruct the following alleys:

• The alley north of Caniff, between Sobieski and Klinger

• The alley north of Caniff, between Gallagher and Sobieski

• The alley east of Jos. Campau, between Jacob and Hanley

• The alley east of Jos. Campau, between Berres and Dan

• The alley west of Conant, between Casmere

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Notice of Public Hearing

City of Hamtramck – City Council

The City of Hamtramck City Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline St, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212. The public is invited to attend and comment at the public hearing or to make written comments before the date of the hearing. Written comments should be made to the attention of Rana Faraj, City Clerk at rfaraj@hamtramckcity.gov before 12:00 p.m. on August 26, 2025.

The subject of the public hearing is: New parking provisions updated in Central Business District and Multi-Use District ordinances. The proposed ordinance changes would allow for non-city owned parking lots on C2 and CBD parcels (subject to special land use) and allow administrative approval of nonconforming parking lot setbacks in C2 and CBD districts for good reason based on site restrictions.

(Due to lack of quorum for the July 22nd City Council meeting, the parking provisions 1st and public hearings have been rescheduled.)

This second reading and public hearing is contingent upon City’ Council’s approval of the 1st reading on August 12, 2025.

Please note: This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.71 a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The City of Hamtramck will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the Meeting to Individuals with disabilities at the Meeting or Public Hearing upon 10 day notice to the City Clerk’s Office. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Hamtramck City Clerk by writing or calling the Clerk’s Office at 313-800-5233 x 821.

For now, pride flag dispute is not quite over

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played before Hamtramck passed the resolution banning its display is a critical fact in support of our

position, and would be a critical consideration in all future campaigns in other cities and states.

“Once the pride flag has been displayed, it makes it very difficult for a city or state to pass legislation banning it and still maintain that the legislation is content and viewpoint neutral.”

But the federal judge in the case, David Lawson, supported the city’s argument that the city council’s action was an act of being neutral in what has become a divisive political issue in town, between those who are supportive of LGBTQ rights and the growing conservative Muslim population.

In his opinion, Judge Lawson said the city’s ban, “is entirely viewpoint-neutral because it does not permit the display of flags representing any political or social viewpoints at all.”

Gordon and Stackpole were fired from the Human Relations Commission when they defied the city’s ban on displaying the pride flag on public property and hoisted one on a city flagpole on Jos. Campau.

About 20 minutes after the flag was raised, other city workers removed the flag. That action was followed by Mayor Ghalib removing Gordon and Stackpole from the commission.

“As commissioners, they broke their oath and they were in defiance of the city’s rules and regulations,” Ghalib said at the time.

The city charter allows the mayor to remove appointees at will. Their response to being removed from the commission was to sue the city.

Mayor Ghalib called the court ruling a “great victory” for the city.

“Your mayor and council were on the bright (sic) side of history,” Ghalib said on his Facebook page.




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and Caniff

The alley north of Bernard, between Lumpkin and Dubois

In a note to council, it was said: "Reconstructing these alleys will support the ongoing efforts to reduce flooding. By addressing something as fundamental as alleys, Hamtramck will reduce costs associated with flooding and accidents, create more paths to where people need to go, and benefit residents and businesses alike."

In new business, the council OK'd the purchase of a portable truck weight scale for \$21,395.

John DeAngelis, Director of Department of Public Services, said that, with the scale, the city can issue tickets to truck drivers who have illegal overweight loads. Such trucks, he said, are causing damage to city streets.

DeAngelis said ticket revenue will be about \$100,000 a year, which will help the city make up for lost parking meter revenue. Average truck overweight tickets have a fine of \$2,000 to \$3,000, he said.

In a discussion about parking meters, Mayor Ghalib said there is a need to regulate how long people can park on Jos. Campau.

Deputy Police Chief

Andy Mileski said that, since the council decided not to renew its contract with a parking meter company, his department has been unable to issue parking tickets because the city's ticket system was tied into the meter computer network.

Mileski said a new system will be installed to allow tickets to be issued.

In another matter, Mayor Ghalib said that business owners need to clean up litter that accumulates in front of their stores.

"There are some stores or restaurants or places that they should be embarrassed about how their stores look," Ghalib said.

Councilmember Muhith Mahmood said the city is just as guilty, because it is no longer sweeping streets on a regular schedule.

"We purchased all those big equipment, spend all this money but nothing's been happening," Mahmood said.

Mayor Ghalib agreed, but said, "We can't just punish our people. We have to do our part."

After some discussion, the council agreed to allow the closing off of Jos. Campau, from Caniff to Commor, for the annual Hamtramck Labor Day Festival.

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan said

that the mosque located at the corner of Caniff and Jos. Campau has requested the main music stage at that corner be moved up a block so that music does not drown out daily prayers.

Councilmember Khalil Refai commented but before he did, Refai referenced City Manager Garbarino as the "former" city manager. City Clerk Rana Faraj corrected him, saying that Garbarino is still the city manager despite being put on paid suspension.

Refai said he's asked for a third stage to be installed to highlight local Yemeni and Bengali musicians.

He said he's been bringing this up for three years without success.

"Every time we talked, it's always excuses," he said.

The latest figure, he was told, is that it would cost \$65,000 to set up a third stage, which Refai said is "ridiculous."

He said that, in the future, "things need to change what needs to be added."

Isabel Allaway, the Director of Community Economic Development, said that festival organizers are all unpaid volunteers who have sometimes covered expenses out of their own pockets in the hopes of getting reimbursed later.

"That's a ridiculously wonderful thing that they do," Allaway said.

She said the city needs

to trust and support the organizers.

Mayor Ghalib conceded that it is likely too late to start booking performers for the third stage. He suggested adding Yemeni and Bengali performers to the two existing stages.

He also said that more volunteers are needed to help festival organizers.

In another festival request, at the behest of Councilmember Mahmood, the council allowed for Jos. Campau to be closed from Caniff to Carpenter on Aug. 8-10.

This festival will feature Bengali performers. Deputy Police Chief Mileski questioned whether the police department will be compensated for overtime to patrol the festival.

Mahmood said that, since the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival covers police overtime, this festival will have to do the same.

City Clerk Faraj asked if there will be games, tents and rides featured in the festival.

"That's something they will figure out. It's not our business," Mahmood said about organizers of this festival.

In his report, Mayor Ghalib encouraged voters not to be intimidated by anyone.

"This is your right to go out and vote," Ghalib said.

He also joked that there will be a new mayor "unless I decide to stay."

Ghalib is not seeking re-election as he waits to be confirmed by the U. S. Senate as the next ambassador to Kuwait. President Trump nominated Ghalib after Ghalib endorsed him in the 2024 presidential election.

In public comment, Nasr Hussain said the city should not rely on an outside company to operate any new parking meter system.

"Parking is a goldmine," Hussain said. "Don't give it to any private company. ... This is where the money is - keep it in the city."

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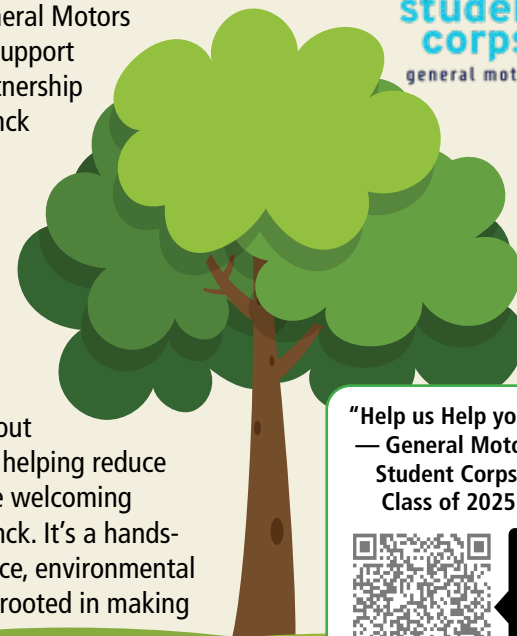
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