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Quick Hits

City Hall Tuesday hours change

By Charles Sercombe

If you find it impossible to get to Hamtramck's city hall during its regular business hours, now you're in luck.

The city council recently OK'd a change in city hall's operating hours, for Tuesdays only.

Instead of being open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., city hall will now open a little later on Tuesdays, starting at 10 a.m., and then stay open until 6 p.m.

Council member Nayeem Choudhury has been championing to have one day during the work week where city hall offers extended hours for those stuck at work or school.

Choudhury noted that Secretary of State offices also offer similar extended hours one day out of the week, for the convenience of the public.

He initially proposed that these extended hours happen on Wednesdays, but that was, for some reason, shot down by his colleagues.

Award-winning series

A huge "congratulations" goes out to Detroit Free Press columnist John Carlisle and photojournalist Ryan Garza, who together won an Edward R. Murrow Award, in August 2026, for their five-part multimedia project about Hamtramck's vibrant ethnic makeup.

The series is called "Two square miles: The evolution of Hamtramck," and you can still access it online.

There is also a good chance the Hamtramck Public Library has a print copy that you can read.

Be sure to check out the series, because it provides a fascinating look at Hamtramck's ever-changing social landscape.

Congratulations, John and Ryan, for a job truly well-done.

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Hamtramck celebrates a special birthday ...

By Charles Sercombe

There were no fireworks, but there was plenty of ice cream.

We're talking about last Friday's birthday celebration at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, in honor of the city's namesake: Col. Jean-François (John Francis) Hamtramck, who was born 270 years ago, on Aug. 16, 1756.

You'd think an announcement of free ice cream would, by itself, draw dozens and dozens of folks, but only a few celebrants stopped by.

Somewhat surprisingly, none of the city's councilmembers, nor the mayor, stopped by to join in the festivities.

No matter, because there was still plenty of fun, and the old Colonel himself was even there — well, OK, a nice gent dressed in period clothing and pretending to be the American Revolutionary War hero Jean-Francois Hamtramck was there, anyway.

It is always a pleasure to stop by the museum and see the latest additions to the museum's vast collection of all things Hamtramck.

If you haven't ever stopped by yet, you can do so on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, or else by appointment. The museum is located at 9525 Jos. Campau, at Norwalk.

Just call ahead to (313) 262-6571 to make sure a volunteer is on hand to let you in.



Mayor and councilman face ethics charges

By Charles Sercombe

It appears that city councilmembers have moved on from simply censoring each other to now filing formal ethics complaints.

In the latest twist to the political division happening in the council, Councilmember Mohammed Alsomiri has filed an ethics complaint against Mayor Adam Alharbi.



Muhtasin Sadman

And, shortly after Alsomiri filed his complaint, Councilmember Yousuf Saed filed an ethics complaint against fellow councilmember Muhtasin Sadman.

Both councilmembers are using the same attorney, Mark Wasvary of Troy, who prepared their complaints.

In Councilmember Alsomiri's complaint, he accuses Mayor Alharbi of orchestrating a voting maneuver to have council authorize taxpayers to pay his \$200,000 legal bill.

The mayor racked up that bill in his personal fight to prevent 37 uncounted ballots from being counted in last November's city election. In that election, he narrowly beat his opponent, former councilmember Muhith Mahmood, by 11 votes.

Mahmood has been seeking to get the ballots counted.

Also in Alsomiri's complaint, he alleges the following ethics violations committed by the mayor:

- Using public office or employment for private gain — personal or monetary

- Giving improper preference to any person or organization

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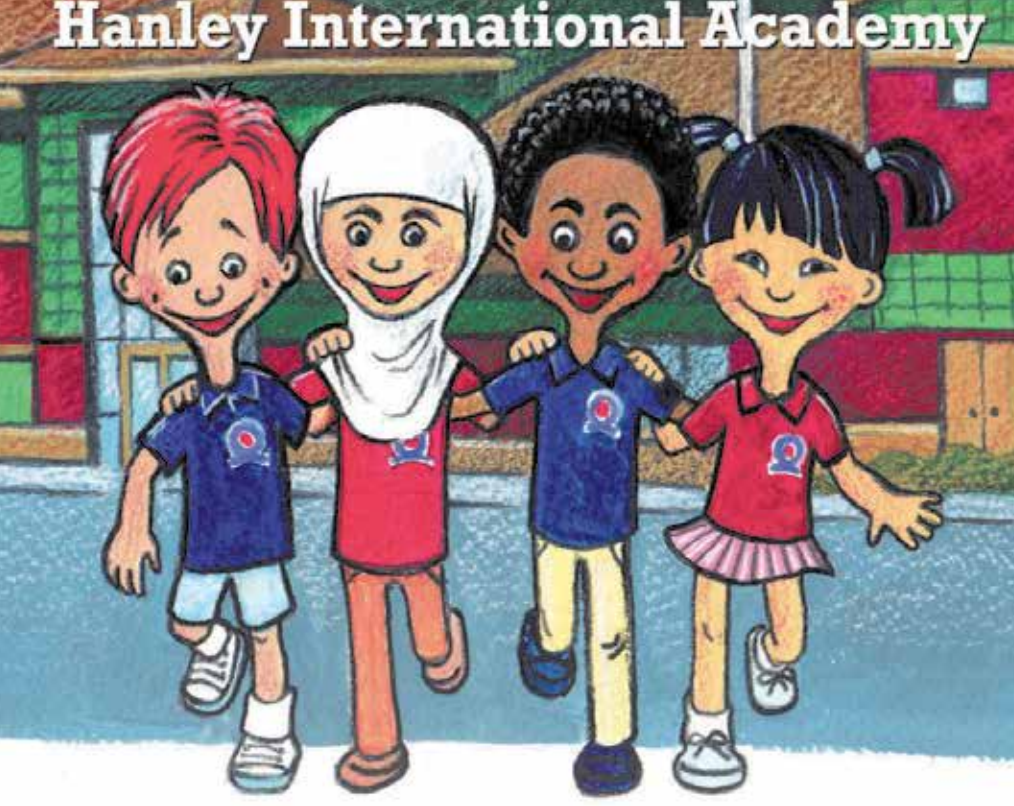
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Mayor and councilman face ethics charges

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- Making a government decision outside of official channels; or
- Affecting adversely the confidence of the public in the integrity of the city

The accusations are cited as violations of the city's ethics ordinance and, as such, do carry the possibility of prosecution.

Alsomiri further says "the motion to approve mayor's legal fees was coerced to the floor with no citizens present and no recording."

The vote to approve the matter came after a closed session, with the council then returning to an open session. The resolution to approve the legal fees was not on that night's council meeting agenda, nor was it broadcast by the city clerk.

The resolution was allowed to be considered after the mayor refused "to advance an unrelated motion already on the floor until there was a separate motion regarding the legal fees..."

The motion to approve his legal fees was considered by just three councilmembers, with only two – Councilmembers Abu Musa and Yousuf Saed – voting in favor of the city covering Alharbi's costs.

That vote was later determined to be invalid because the three participating councilmembers were one member short of a quorum, as required by



Mayor Adam Alharbi is facing an ethics violation over his role in a city council vote to pay for his private legal expenses, stemming from last November's city election.

city charter.

Mayor Alharbi dismissed the allegation as "baseless," and questioned Alsomiri's motives.

Alharbi said the matter has more to do with another motion that was approved in that meeting regarding the sale of properties on Conant, one of which was the former Kabob House restaurant building.

"While I personally believed the property should have gone to public auction, the majority of the city council voted again to set a price and return it to the owner," Alharbi told The Review.

"Councilman Alsomiri's complaint is driven by his own personal interest in this property – plain and simple. If we want to

discuss ethics and transparency, I haven't just filed administrative complaints, I've taken direct legal action to enforce accountability.

"Open Meetings Act violations have occurred far too often among council members. If I filed a complaint every time a procedural line was crossed during meetings, I'd be filing them after almost every single session. My focus remains on serving the residents of Hamtramck, not entertaining political distractions."

The motion approving the sale of the former Kabob House restaurant building is now the subject of an ethics complaint filed by Councilmember Saed.

He is zeroing in on Councilmember Muhtasin Sadman, saying he voted

in favor of selling the Conant properties back to the former owners because he is related to two of them.

The ethics violation, Saed alleges, is that one of the former owners is Sadman's uncle and another is his brother-in-law. The names of the former owners were not listed.

The complaint says Sadman should have abstained in the vote, and volunteered that he is related to the two former owners.

Saed also said that the properties were sold for \$100,000 – which, he says, is "far below market value."

The complaint goes on to accuse Sadman of:

- Using public office or employment for private gain — personal or monetary
- Giving improper preference to any person or organization
- Impeding government efficiency or impartiality of action

- Making a government decision outside of official channels; or
- Affecting adversely the confidence of the public in the integrity of the city

The Review reached out to Sadman for a comment, via his Facebook messenger, but he did not respond.



School Bell

Vaccine update

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) released its latest policy on the current status of childhood vaccines.

In a press release, it said:

"The MDHHS is encouraging residents to get up to date on recommended vaccines before the start of the school year, as Michigan continues to follow evidence-based vaccine guidance outlined in the Standing Recommendation.

"In December 2025, Michigan's Chief Medical Executive issued a Standing Recommendation, supporting vaccine recommendations grounded in rigorous scientific evidence and transparent decision-making.

"The Standing Recommendation advises clinicians to use the immunization schedules developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and endorsed by 12 leading medical and health care organizations including the American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American Medical Association and others as the standards of care for immunization practices.

Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, chief medical executive, says "Michigan's childhood vaccine recommendations, school requirements and exemption

processes remain unchanged, even in light of the recent federal executive order.

"We understand that shifts in federal guidance can create uncertainty for parents and physicians, so we want to provide clarity. Michigan continues to support the immunization schedules outlined in our Standing Recommendation, which remain the foundation of our approach to protecting children's health."

"With Michigan children set to return to school over the next few weeks, and U.S. measles cases reaching a 35-year high while Michigan records increases in measles, whooping cough and other

vaccine-preventable diseases, now is the time for parents and caregivers to make sure that their children are up to date on vaccinations.

"Parents can contact their child's health care provider to request their immunization record. Records can also be requested through their local health department or MCIR.org/Public. Additionally, parents can look up their school's immunization and waiver rates on the MDHHS website before the school year starts."

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In Our Opinion

The election that just won't go away

Brace yourself, Hamtramck. It now looks like the saga of the 37 uncoun- ted ballots from last November's election for city council and the mayorship will be inclu- ded in the final count after all. That recount could result in Mayor Adam Alharbi giving up his ga- vel to chair meetings, and turning it over to his mayoral election oppo- nent, former council- member Muhith Mah-

mood. It has been a topsy-tur- vy ordeal over these bal- lots. Mayor Alharbi has been in a legal fight to prevent the ballots from being counted. His opponent, Mahmood, obviously wants the bal- lots counted. In some ways, this is unfair to Mayor Alharbi, who has now invested eight months into his role as the figurehead of the city. But it can also be seen

as a vindication that all voters must have their voices heard in an elec- tion. It was not the fault of those 37 voters that their ballots were not included in the Novem- ber election because the city clerk's office misplaced them. Mayor Alharbi's legal fight has now reached a dead-end, and the bal- lots must be counted. So, prepare folks – we may have change co- ming in city hall.

Court decision could clear the way for a mayoral change

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's mayoral election is about to take yet another twist and turn.

And now, there's a very real chance Mayor Adam Alharbi will be replaced by his challenger from last November's city elec- tion, Muhith Mahmood.

Alharbi made his last appeal to the state Su- preme Court to prevent 37 uncoun- ted ballots from November's elec- tion from being included in the final tally.

The court rejected Al- harbi's appeal for the court to intervene for the second, and apparently final, time.

That denial opens the door to having the 37 disputed ballots be coun- ted in the next couple of weeks.

The ballots in question were discovered a day af- ter November's election but Wayne County de- clined to include them in the final vote tally.

That decision set the wheels in motion for Al- harbi's challenger, former councilmember Mah- mood, to successfully convince the state appe- als court to allow the bal- lots to be counted.

Mahmood lost the mayoral election by 11 votes, and the thinking is that including the 37 ballots in question to the final count could work in his favor.

The precinct where the uncoun- ted ballots came from is dominated by Bangladesh immigrants. Mahmood is also an

immigrant from Bangla- desh.

Mayor Alharbi is a Ye- meni immigrant, and the political division between the Bengali and Yemeni communities has deep- ened in recent months.

The Wayne County Board of Canvassers split in a 2-2 vote on whether to include the ballots in November's count, a deadlock which automatically – by law – triggered the ballots to not be counted.

Mahmood didn't give up. He went to a Wayne County Circuit Court ini- tially, but struck out the- re.

Mayor Alharbi had successfully argued that the uncoun- ted ballots could have been tampe- red with, and thus were not eligible to be coun- ted.

But Mahmood took his case to the state appeals court and ultimately pre- vailed there. The court ruled that the ballots of the 37 voters should be included in the election, and that it was not the fault of those voters that the clerk's office had misplaced the ballots.

Alharbi then unsucces- sfully asked the state's supreme court to consi- der the matter. The court rejected his request, but Alharbi didn't stop there.

He appealed once again, but, once again, the court stood firm in its rejection.

Mahmood's reaction to the Supreme Court al- lowing the ballots to be counted was, "Justice is

served."

His attorney, Mark Brewer, told the publica- tion Votebeat Michigan that, "This is a great vic- tory for democracy and for the rights of voters to have their votes coun- ted."

Alharbi was critical of the decision, telling The Review:

"While it is disappoint- ing that the Supreme Court declined to review this important election matter, especially given that the Court of Appeals decision itself was split 2-1, my primary concern has never been about my seat.

"It is about the future of our city. During the recount, it became ap- parent that roughly 100 ballots had clear altera- tions, where votes cast for me were erased and replaced with my oppo- nent's name. The Wayne County Board of Can- vassers judged those findings suspicious, and rightly submitted the is- sue to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

"When you combine that with video evidence of groups dropping off large volumes of ballots, patterns of ballot har- vesting, the bizarre si- tuation where additional uncoun- ted ballots kept surfacing months later inside storage areas of the clerk's office, and a broken chain of cus- tody, the integrity of the process is fundamentally compromised."

Alharbi, who has been

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Odds & Ends

Review ... Over here at The Review, we love Det- roit's old theaters.

At one time, Hamtra- mck boasted having a half-dozen or so movie theaters here in town and in the nearby Detroit area. But those theaters are long gone, many of them now torn down.

Tearing down grand old theaters in Detroit is a nasty habit of the powers- that-be at any given mo- ment.

But there is still one theater standing, and in operation, not far from Hamtramck: the historic 98-year-old Redford Thea- tre.

Recently, local rocker Eric Villa caught L.A. punk rock legends The Circle Jerks there as part of a celebration of the underground movie hit, "Repo Man."

Two Circle Jerks songs – "Coup d'Etat" and "When the S— Hits the Fan" – are featured on the movie's soundtrack.

Anyway, Eric was kind enough to pen a review of the Jerks, so take it away Eric:

"This marks the middle of a six-date run of shows in celebration of Zander Schloss, bass player, who just turned 65.

"These performances were coupled with a Q and A with Alex Cox, who directed 'Repo Man' (1984) and 'Sid and Nancy' (1987) – both fea- turing Schloss.

"Cox even opened the set by singing the theme from 'Repo Man,' original- ly sung by Detroit's own Iggy Pop. Singer Keith Morris, age 70, appe- ared with the lamé-suited band, and immediately tore into a frenzy of early material, much to the de- light of all in attendance.

"Guitarist Greg Het- son sported a bandaged broken finger but didn't miss a single note! Ame- rican hardcore skateboar- ding anthem 'Wild in the Streets' had the younger set running wild through the aisles, and will no doubt be something they will be telling their grand- children about.

"They became a show of their own when they realized they were getting away with it," noted one balcony patron. The sur- prise attack came when Morris, original singer of the equally popular group Black Flag, sang his ver- sion of that band's 'Re- venge.'

"Redford Theatre hosts a variety of events that can be found at Redford- Theatre.com. The event was co-presented by Tied Down Detroit."

Reminder ... On Sept. 15, from 6-8 p.m., things get batty at Veterans Me- morial Park.

And, by "batty," we mean the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy (HPC) will host an introduction to the world of bats –fea- turing actual live bats!

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"Participants will in- teract with both real bat specimens and plush models, will answer ques- tions, and will play a game to improve unders- tanding.

"Celebrate the installa- tion of a demonstra- tion bat house off the Good- son Alley entrance, whe- re community can obser- ve and be part of citizen science here."

It's all free, and open to everyone.

Registration is not required, but only those who are registered will receive their own bat hou- se. Registration here by Aug. 31: [https://forms. cloud.microsoft/r/uYz- keXUm36](https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/uYz-keXUm36)

All aboard ... Who doesn't like a nice, relaxing train ride?

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Also, new trains are co- ming, thanks to separate federal funding.

So, get your daytrip tra- vel bag ready for a quick getaway to Kalamazoo.



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 June 23, and all council- members were in atten- dance.

Mayor Adam Alharbi be- gan the meeting by apolo- gizing for the conduct of city councilmembers du- ring a prior meeting, which had gone on for five hours and had featured a num- ber of outbursts from se- veral of the councilmem- bers present.

"My plea and my goals remain the same: to look into issues that concern our residents," Alharbi said.

He said the council should not be here to ar- gue, "or argue with anyo- ne."

During public comment, former Hamtramck police investigator David Ada- mczyk served the council and mayor legal papers regarding a federal lawsuit filed by former Hamtramck police officer Scott Bud- nick.

It was not specified what the lawsuit alleges.

A resident took is- sue with the behavior of councilmembers during the previous meeting, cal- ling it "misbehavior." He

also said City Attorney Odey Meroueh lacks the "professionalism, impar- tiality and integrity that the public expects from a legal advisor to the city."

Bill Meyer said that there were "endless vio- lations" of council rules, and also laws, during the last meeting.

Naji Choudhury said it's the council's job to "make sure the city is develop- ing."

Mark Koroi, an attorney, said that he is taking legal action to be included as a candidate in this Novem-

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Kay was the beloved wife of Gerald and mother of Mary (Jill), Gregory, Catherine (Kevin), Eric (Susan) and the late Susan (Barry). Kay was blessed with her grandchildren: Melanie, Nathan, Alex, Cori, Brit-tani, Andrea, Tyler, Ethan, and Jordan and great grandchildren: Cole, Finn, Shae, Leo, Leona, Morgan, Lucas, and Dorian. Kay was the dear sister of Marjorie, Linda, and the late Bruce, Joey, and Billy. She is also sur-vived by many nieces and nephews.

Inurnment at Christian Memorial Gardens West, Rochester Hills, Michi-

gan. Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

JABLONSKI

 Piotr Jablonski, 58, died August 13, 2026.

Piotr was the beloved husband of Gabriela and father of Kevin, Lidia, Kamil, and stepfather of Pauline. Dear son of Ma-ria and brother of Danuta and Jozef.

Lying in State at 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral Mass at 11 a.m., Saturday, August 22, 2026, at St. Florian Catholic Church, 2626 Poland, Hamtramck MI 48212. Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

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CRIME LOG

By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Aug. 7-14.

Friday, Aug. 7
• At 1 a.m., a person from the 5100 block of Yemans was reported missing.
• A complaint was made about noise in the area of Circle Dr. and Oklahoma.
• Suspicious circumstances were reported in the 12000 block of Nagel.
• A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 12100 block of Jos. Campau.
• A stolen vehicle was recovered in the area of Lumpkin and Commor.
• An illegal dumping was reported in the 2200 block of Hewitt.

Wednesday, Aug. 12
• A break-in was reported in the 3400 block of Norwalk.

Saturday, Aug. 8
• A complaint was made about fireworks in the area of Goodson and Jos. Campau.
• Neighborhood trouble was reported in the 2300 block of Caniff.
• A vehicle was reported stolen in the area of Jos. Campau and Yemans.

Sunday, Aug. 9
• A home invasion was reported in the 11600 block of Moran.
• Family trouble was reported in the 2900 block of Belmont.

• A suspect was arrested for being disorderly and for obstruction in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau.
• Neighbor trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.

Monday, Aug. 10
• At about 6 a.m., a vehicle was reported stolen in the 2600 block of Belmont.
• An unwanted guest was reported on Edwin.
• An incident of road rage was reported in the area of Jos. Campau and Caniff.
• A suspect was arrested for assault in the 3200 block of Belmont.
• A theft was reported in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau.
• Two complaints were made about a juvenile, both in the 8600 block of Jos. Campau, near Dan.

Tuesday, Aug. 11
• At 3 a.m., family

trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.

• A break-in was reported in the 11500 block of Jos. Campau.
• A domestic dispute was reported in the 3000 block of Yemans.

• A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 12100 block of Jos. Campau.

• A stolen vehicle was recovered in the area of Lumpkin and Commor.

• An illegal dumping was reported in the 2200 block of Hewitt.

Thursday, Aug. 13
• No incident report was available for this date.

Friday, Aug. 14
• At 4 a.m., officers responded to a call about suspicious males looking into vehicles in the area of Yemans and Lumpkin. Two suspects were eventually arrest for attempted theft from vehicles.
• An unwanted person was reported at a residence in the 12000 block of Lumpkin.
• A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 11400 block of St. Aubin.
• An assault was reported in the 2200 block of Danforth.
• A theft was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
• Trespassing was reported in the 11400 block of Conant.
• A disorderly person was reported in the 3200 block of Caniff.
• A break-in was reported in the 8600 block of Jos. Campau.

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ber’s election, to run for the Hamtramck 31st District Court judgeship.

He criticized The Review newspaper for not contacting him for updates on his legal challenge.

(As of press time, Koroi has not been allowed to be on the ballot because the state says he was not a legal resident of Hamtramck at the time he filed to be a candidate.)

Koroi also said there is hope for peace in Gaza, and that “it looks like it’s heading in that direction.” (Israel has not stopped its military action in the Mideast and Gaza.)

Ahmed Sharaf Aldeen, an independent journa-

list, cautioned the mayor and council from allowing leaders in mosques to influence them in their decision making.

“I do have the evidence that the mosques get involved in our politics,” Aldeen said. “I do have evidence that the meetings run through the mosque.”

Aldeen warned that, unless the council and mayor stop this, he will “leak” his evidence to the public.

“We’ll tell the American people that we came with the dirt,” he said.

In an email, a person said that Councilmember Mohammed Hassan has “betrayed the trust” of

the public.

“Time for you to be ashamed of yourself, (Hassan),” the person said.

Mayor Alharbi responded to the accusation that he and the council take direction from leaders in mosques, saying “that information is not true.”

Councilmember Hassan said that, despite councilmembers arguing: “We are one team. One Hamtramck. One community.”

Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury also denied that mosques have influence on council decisions.

“We make our decisions individually,” Choudhury said. “I actually make my own decisions individually, and sometimes we meet in the council or city hall because we have busi-

ness to do.”

In the council’s consent agenda, former councilmember Muhith Mahmood submitted a site plan for an empty lot at 12133 Fleming to be development into a three-story, 5,000 square-foot house.

It was approved.

During a public hearing to update the city’s tree and shrub maintenance ordinance, journalist Aldeen complained about the city’s aggressive code enforcement and issuing of tickets.

The proposed update on the ordinance would increase some fines from \$500 to \$1,000 for violations.

The council agreed to accept a \$38,000 Wayne County grant to purchase and install flower plan-

ter boxes and benches throughout the city.

In a note to the council and mayor, it was said the inclusion of planters and benches will “serve as an enhancement to suitable living for all residents and business owners in proximity.”

In another action, the council approved accepting a \$20,000 grant from the county’s Community Development Block Grant program.

Some \$15,000 of the funding will be used to give code enforcement employees a pay raise, and the remaining \$5,000 will be used to purchase new tools and equipment for the city’s “Every Neighbor Program.”

In another round of public comment, attorney Mark Koroi said councilmembers need to remain “calm” in order to avoid media attention. He thanked councilmembers “for acting a lot more discreet” during this meeting.

Bill Meyer questioned councilmembers who call for “suspending the rules” during a meeting in order to propose including an item not already on the meeting agenda.

He said that suspending the rules is “vague.”

“When you suspend the rules – all the rules, or just the one about removing someone from office? What rules are you suspending? Every time

you use it, it’s an abuse,” Meyer said.

Meyer said that Hamtramck “is one of the greatest cities in the country. I’ve been traveling the country ... and I’m glad I live in Hamtramck. There’s nothing like it.”

Mayor Alharbi re-emphasized that mosques have no influence on decision-making by him or the council.

“There is no religion in this,” Alharbi said. “Hamtramck is a very diverse town. (It) consists of many religions, ethnicities, colors, backgrounds. And we are here to serve everyone equally – every resident. As long as you live in Hamtramck, we will serve you equally.”

Councilmember Hassan said that he is on council as a “human – not a Muslim. First of all, we are councilmen and we are elected for everybody.”

He said the media expects to see councilmembers shouting at each other, but instead, tonight’s meeting showed that councilmembers are “talking to each other respectfully, and as family. That is the way we are smart.”

Councilmember Abu Musa said that President Trump will “bring the whole world in the peace, especially Palestine, Iran, Gaza and all other places.”

Notice of Public Hearing

City of Hamtramck – City Council

The City of Hamtramck City Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 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 Sami Elhady at selhady@hamtramckcity.gov before 12:00 p.m. on September 22, 2026.

The subject of the public hearing is revisions to the City of Hamtramck ordinance – Chapter 52: Wastewater. The purpose of this revision is to aid in the prevention of blockages and obstructions in the city’s public sewer resulting from the discharge or accumulations of fats, oils, grease, and grit, and other substances by industrial or commercial establishments and other users, particularly food preparation and serving facilities and automotive and industrial facilities. The proposed ordinance will set requirements for the mentioned establishments for the installation, operations, maintenance, and inspection of grease interceptors / traps and oil/water separators.

This second reading and public hearing is contingent upon City Council’s approval of the 1st reading on September 8, 2026.

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Court decision could clear the way for a mayoral change

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in office for almost eight months, also brought up the issue of whether Mahmood is a resident in the city.

Mahmood has vigorously denied accusations that he actually lives in Troy with his family, or that he resides in an apartment on Holbrook only for appearances.

A past investigation by a law firm into several legal matters showed strong evidence that both Mahmood and Councilmember Abu Musa do not formally reside in the city.

Musa has also denied

the allegation.

Still, Alharbi insists that “my opponent doesn’t even live in Hamtramck, a fact we are actively addressing through a legal case. The residents of Hamtramck deserve leadership that is locally invested, legally qualified, and fully committed to our community.”

In the meantime, Alharbi sought to get the city council to approve having the city pay for his legal fees that now total at least \$200,000. Alharbi got his request approved with the support of only two councilmembers.

But a closer look at the vote revealed that there wasn’t a minimum number of councilmembers participating in it to qualify as a necessary quorum.

The vote was therefore ruled invalid.

No date for the counting of the 37 ballots in question has been set, but, according to sources, it could be as early as next week or the week after.

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Office of the City Clerk

Notice of Public Hearing

City of Hamtramck

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hamtramck City Council approved the first reading of Ordinance 2026-122 and will conduct a second reading and public hearing of the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 51 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hamtramck, Subchapter "Cross-Connections," Sections 51.111, 51.112, and 51.115, to update references to the MI. Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and to revise testing requirements for backflow prevention assemblies. The second reading and public hearing will take place during the regular City Council meeting on September 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall, located at 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend and provide comments regarding the proposed ordinance amendment. The City of Hamtramck will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities upon advance notice to the Clerk’s Office.

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