

**CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, January 4, 2022**

Meeting Attendees: Mayor Frank Moran, Mayor Pro Tem Teresa Philyaw, Councilmember Kathy Bookout, Councilmember Melissa R. Bayardelle, Councilmember Derrick Battle, Councilmember Doris Devey, Jody Palmer, J. Jayson Phillips, Chief Michael Turner, Melissa Chosewood, Jackie Pryor, Clifford McGrady, Leo Parker, Jennifer Prater, James Whitaker, Judge Chad Plumley, Victoria Aronow, W. M. Duling, Helene FitzGerald, Chris Amodeo, Tyrone Griffin, Marlene Ehirim.

The Regular Session for January 4, 2022 was called to order by Mayor Frank Moran at 6:00pm in the Municipal Annex.

- Invocation and pledge of allegiance by Clifford McGrady, Police Department Chaplain.
- Mayor Moran encouraged attendees to stay for a presentation by Tyrone Griffin regarding the Hiram Rosenwald School and Museum at the end of the meeting.
- Mayor Moran administered the oaths to Councilmembers Melissa R. Bayardelle, Derrick Battle and Doris Devey.
- Mr. James Whitaker presented a review of the Fiscal Year 2021 Audit.

22-001: Councilmember Battle made a motion to appoint Councilmember Teresa Philyaw as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Hiram. Councilmember Bookout seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Abstained Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes
Motion passes: 4-0-1

22-002: Councilmember Devey made a motion to appoint Chad Plumley as the Municipal Court Judge for the City of Hiram. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes
Motion passes: 5-0

22-003: Councilmember Bookout made a motion to appoint C. David Mecklin, Jr. and Tim McCreary as Standby Judges for the Hiram Municipal Court. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes
Motion passes: 5-0

22-004: Mayor Pro Tem Philyaw made a motion to appoint Victoria Aronow as the Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Hiram. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes
Motion passes: 5-0

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22-005: Mayor Pro Tem Philyaw made a motion to appoint Linda Caldwell as the Indigent Defense Attorney for the City of Hiram. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes
Motion passes: 5-0

22-006: Councilmember Battle made a motion to appoint J. Jayson Phillips as the City Attorney for the City of Hiram. Mayor Pro Tem Philyaw seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes
Motion passes: 5-0

- Mayor Moran administered the oaths to Mayor Pro Tem Teresa Philyaw, Municipal Court Judge Chad Plumley, Prosecuting Attorney Victoria Aronow, and City Attorney J. Jayson Phillips.

22-007: Councilmember Battle made a motion to approve minutes from the December 7, 2021 Regular Session. Councilmember Bayardelle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes
Motion passes: 5-0

22-008: Councilmember Devey made a motion to approve the settlement agreement regarding the revocation of the alcohol license for Cantrell's Station 2, Inc., doing business as, Hiram Station, Matthew Cantrell, licensee. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes
Motion passes: 5-0

22-009: Mayor Pro Tem Philyaw made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Zayo Confidentiality Agreement, to allow an audit of information from Zayo regarding Franchise Fees in Hiram. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes
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- Discussed 2022 LMIG Application, to apply to Arnold Lane improvements.

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22-010: Councilmember Bayardelle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-01, FY2022 LMIG Application. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes
Motion passes: 5-0

- Tyrone Griffin presented an overview of the Hiram Rosenwald School and Museum.
- Clifford McGrady presented a Public Works update.
- Mayor Moran mentioned upcoming events:
 - January 17: City Hall closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 - January 25: Work Session at 6pm in the Municipal Annex
- Councilmember Bayardelle mentioned upcoming events:
 - Care Closet has been started at Hiram Elementary School; collection box at the Police Department
 - Coffee with Council at the Maude P. Ragsdale Library once per month, starting soon
 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at Maude P. Ragsdale Library, January 14 3-5pm
 - Hiram Elementary School student recognition to begin soon at Council Meeting Work Sessions
 - Virtual Reading opportunity for Council with Hiram Elementary School, starting soon
- Clifford McGrady provided an update on the donation made to the Boys and Girls Club for Christmas.
- Chief Turner provided a Police Department update.

22-011: Councilmember Battle made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session. Councilmember Devey seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes
Motion passes: 5-0



Melissa Chosewood
City Clerk
Approved: 2/1/2022

