

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

City Council Minutes
May 12, 2025

1. Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

2. Roll call

Councilmembers Present: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

City Staff and Appointees Present: Moyer-Cale, Boulter, Edelman, Jordan and Perin

3. Pledge to the flag

4. Approval of the agenda:

Motion by McLean, with support from Rocha, to approve the agenda as presented.
All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Approval of the minutes of the April 28, 2025, regular meeting

Motion by Barlow, with support from Brehm, to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2025, regular meeting.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
Nays: None
Motion carried.

- A. Approval of the minutes of the April 28, 2025, workshop meeting

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2025 workshop meeting.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
Nays: None
Motion carried.

6. Public Hearings:

- A. Proposed 2025-2026 Fiscal Year budget

Discussion was held by council members on various questions about the fiscal year budget.

No public comment.

- B. Final assessment roll for parking in the City of Hastings Principal Shopping District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Comments from Phillip Joseph, a downtown Hastings business owner, about not seeing the list of properties affected.

- C. Bachman Fields PUD

No public comment.

7. Public Comment:

Comments from Phillip Joseph, downtown Hastings business owner, with concerns about road conditions in the area, and if the street contractor is aware of the conditions.

8. Formal Recognitions and Presentations:

- A. Presentation from Dave Hatfield, Barry County Commissioner (Absent).

9. Items for Action by Unanimous Consent:

- A. Deliberation and selection of First Ward Councilmember.

Motion by McLean, with support from Barlow, to appoint Mike Bergeron to First Ward Council member position.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- B. Motion to appoint Brandy Noftz to the Hastings Park Committee.

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to appoint Brandy Noftz to the Hastings Park Committee and TangleTown Steering Committee.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- C. Motion to accept **\$50,000** donation from the Baum Family Foundation for Hastings Live.

Motion by Rocha, with support from McLean, to accept a **\$50,000** donation from the Baum Family Foundation for Hastings Live.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None
Motion carried.

- D. Motion to schedule a public hearing for **May 27, 2025**, to consider establishing an Industrial Development District for vacant industrial property PP 08-55-265-026-30.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Devroy, to schedule a public hearing for **May 27, 2025**, to consider establishing an Industrial Development District for vacant industrial property PP 08-55-265-026-30.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
Nays: None
Motion carried.

10. Items of Business:

- A. First reading of Bachman Fields **Ordinance 630**.

- B. Motion to adopt **Resolution 2025-13** to approve the final assessment roll for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Assessment District (SAD) for parking improvements in the downtown Principal Shopping District.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Barlow, to adopt **Resolution 2025-13** to approve the final assessment roll for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Assessment District (SAD) for parking improvements in the downtown Principal Shopping District.

Discussion held.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, Resseguie and Tossava
Nays: McLean, Rocha and Stenzelbarton
Motion carried.

- C. Motion to adopt **Resolution 2025-14** to enact the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and to approve the operation budgets for said year, and to establish the property tax millage rates to support the budget.

Motion by Brehm, with support from Stenzelbarton, to adopt **Resolution 2025-14** to enact the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and to approve the operation budgets for said year, and to establish the property tax millage rates to support the budget.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
Nays: None
Motion carried.

- D. Motion to accept the proposal by Fleis & Vandenbrink to apply for the Source Water Protection Grant on behalf of the City of Hastings to fund a well site selection evaluation and to perform the evaluation and report if selected.

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to accept the proposal by Fleis & Vandenbrink to apply for the Source Water Protection Grant on behalf of the City of Hastings to fund a well site selection evaluation and to perform the evaluation and report if selected.

Discussion held.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- E. Special event request from Wilder's Auto Service for a 40th Anniversary Car Show and Customer Appreciation event on **Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 12:00 PM until 4:00 PM.**

Motion by Brehm, with support from Rocha, to approve special event request from Wilder's Auto Service for a 40th Anniversary Car Show and Customer Appreciation event on **Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 12:00 PM until 4:00 PM.**

Discussion held, with safety and street closure questions addressed by Chief Boulter. Comments from Brandon Wilder of Wilder's Auto Service, explaining the street closure details.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- F. Motion to create a temporary position for Interim DPS & Special Projects Manager and to confirm the appointment of Vester Davis to that role.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Rocha, to create a temporary position for Interim DPS & Special Projects Manager and to confirm the appointment of Vester Davis to that role.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Motion carried.

11. Staff Presentations and Policy Discussions: (None)

12. City Manager Report:

Reminder of "Spring Fling at Bob King" event on Saturday, May 17, 2025. Mention of delay of Dan King's return.

Comments from Chief Boulter about vicious dog ordinance, in response to communications to City Manager and Council Members about specific aggressive dog reports.

Discussion held.

A. Fire Chief Jordan Monthly Report

Discussion held.

B. Library Director Edelman Monthly Report

C. Water Utilities Superintendent Robins Monthly Report

13. Reports and Communications:

A. Hastings Public Library Board of Trustees DRAFT Minutes – May 05, 2025

Motion by Rocha, with support from McLean, to place on file item A.
All ayes. Motion carried.

14. Public Comment: (None)

15. Mayor and Council comment:

Comments from Rocha, expressing excitement about coming "Spring Fling at Bob King" event.

Comments from Barlow, expressing gratitude to Chief Boulter and Deputy Chief Kelly for assistance with operations of Barlow Florist and building stability functions. Also reported successful Mother's Day sales. Noted Barlow Florist's 75th Anniversary as of this past Friday, May 9, 2025.

16. Closed Session

A. Consider entering into Closed Session as permitted by PA 267 of 1976, Section 15.268-8(c) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

Motion by McLean, with support from Stenzelbarton, to enter into closed session as permitted by PA 267 of 1976, Section 15.268-8(c) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:59 PM.

Council returned to open session at 8:10 PM.

17. Consider approval of the tentative agreement for the union contract

Motion by Brehm, with support from McLean, to approve the tentative agreement for the union contract.

All ayes. Motion carried.

18. Adjourn

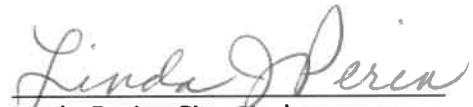
Motion by McLean, with support from Rocha, to adjourn meeting.

All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Read and Approved:



David J. Tossava, Mayor



Linda Perin, City Clerk