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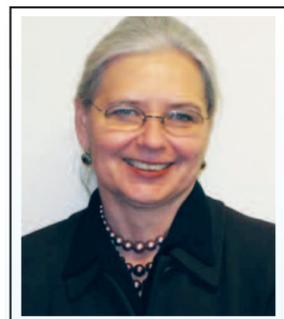
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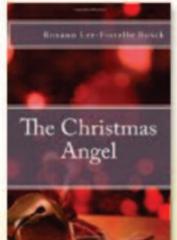


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Will past haunt new city manager?

By Charles Sercombe
Newly-appointed Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag comes with some baggage. However, in the arena of politics, that's not unusual. Tertzag was handed an employment contract this week by the city council. He will receive \$6,750 a month for his services plus health insurance. Before coming here, Tertzag served on the Allen Park City Council. His tenure on Allen Park Council was not without controversy. Tertzag and others on the council OK'd a \$31 million investment into a film studio – without voter-approval – when Michigan was riding high on scoring big-time movie productions because of the state's generous tax breaks. The film studio turned into a huge flop, and now Allen Park is in the midst of a finan-



Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag has had a colorful history in public office.

cial crisis that will likely lead to the state appointing an emergency financial manager. Tertzag and others who

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Quick Hits

This Sunday, Mayor Karen Majewski will hold her annual State of the City Address at the public library. It's open to the public, and refreshments will be served. For the past few years the mayor has had the difficult job of telling the public that things, financially, were not looking well. The city is still facing a financial hardship, but when we talked with the mayor on Thursday, she sounded upbeat. "The message I have for this year is more hopeful," Majewski said. "There's a way forward." Stop by the library at 2 p.m. to hear the rest.

Despite what state says, mayor says there is no new housing coming

By Charles Sercombe
First, let's get one thing straight. Hamtramck is not about to experience a brand new housing development project. And even if it were to, it would not be the first housing plan in 40 years, which is what the Detroit News reported last week. No, as it turns out, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority created major confusion among local media outlets in announcing that a new housing development project was un-



No, there is no new housing development on the way for Hamtramck, no matter what impression the Michigan State Housing Development Authority wanted to give earlier in the week.

derway to satisfy the settlement of a housing discrimination lawsuit that occurred over 40 years ago. The state agency held a press conference on Monday in front of a new house that will soon be turned over to a grandson of one of the plaintiffs in the housing suit. Mayor Karen Majewski, who was asked to speak at the event, did not have kind words for the state agency's handling of the event and what it wanted her to say to the media. "It was another photo-op

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City council wants mural repaired or removed

By Charles Sercombe
It's crunch time for Hamtramck's most controversial public mural. At Tuesday's city council meeting, Economic & Community Development Director Jason Friedmann was given his marching orders: Either repair the paint-spotted mural or remove it. Guess what Friedmann is

going to do? "I'm going to do what the council said," he said. But really, what will he do? "I'm going to talk to some artists first," he said. But if we were betting folks, it's a good chance that Friedmann is leaning toward restoring the mural since he's been a champion of this mural, as well as all public art. The mural, which is on the side of a city-owned loft development, is at Jos. Campau and Goodson. It has been the center of controversy since before the paint even dried. There are some in the community who object to the mural, painted by an internationally-known street artist who goes by the moniker of "Sever," because it depicts six cartoon characters carrying a casket. A name plate on the casket says "STREET ART." Apparently it is a statement by the artist who is saying that now that street art has gone legit, it's over with. Mickey Pokoj, who has been a leading critic of the mural and has attended council

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Quote of the week ...

Who said this, and what is it about? You can find the quote and the story it belongs to somewhere in the pages of this issue.

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voted for the film studio investment were given the derisive moniker of the "Magnificent Seven."

While serving on Allen Park Council, Tertzag accepted the position of city administrator for the downriver community of Woodhaven. A city administrator is the equivalent of a city manager.

He kept both positions, saying there was nothing in either city's charters preventing it.

Later, though, he abruptly resigned from the Allen Park Council.

It's not clear what happened in Woodhaven, but

about a year-and-a-half into the job, Tertzag was put on paid leave, and then he agreed to resign.

News reports then said there was no police investigation. When asked by The Review to comment on his departure from Woodhaven, Tertzag would only say it was a mutual decision.

"It was time for me to move on," he told The Review.

As it turns out, Tertzag can't really say much more, according to the terms of a separation agreement he signed with the City of Woodhaven.

The Review received a copy of the agreement after filing a

Freedom of Information Act request.

According to the agreement, both city officials and Tertzag "agree to refrain from making any public or private statements ... that are critical, derogatory or which may tend to injure the reputation of the other party ..."

The agreement gives just a hint of what may have been the circumstances of his leaving:

"The intent and purpose of the General Release and Separation Agreement is to settle and resolve various issues between each of the respective parties concerning the employee's employment and separation."

Woodhaven also promised to give a "neutral" letter of reference to prospective employers.

So what were some of the issues Tertzag went through?

According to some of the comments made to news reports of Tertzag's resignation, there was controversy over city employee layoffs, a change in health insurance and spending money on the mayor's memorial football field while laying off Woodhaven city employees.

Tertzag's contract with Hamtramck is open-ended until a permanent city manager is hired. The city council agreed at Tuesday's meeting to hold further discussion of when to look for a city manager until the next regular council meeting.

Despite what state says, mayor says there is no new housing coming

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for MSHDA," she said.

Well. Let's just say there aren't many comments she made that we can print in a family newspaper.

She said the agency wanted her to say that Hamtramck officials of years past "destroyed the American dream" for the dozens of black families who were forced out of their homes by local politicians under the guise of "urban renewal."

Judge Damon Keith, one of the first federal African-Americans appointed as a federal judge, said in his ruling on the so-called development, which targeted a largely African-American neighborhood, that it was more like "Negro removal."

The city was ordered to build 200 new houses for those who were unjustly displaced.

But there was one giant snag. There was no money to build the houses. Federal money that had been flowing previously for similar developments had long dried up.

So, for years local officials bickered with the attorneys for the plaintiffs, and one plan after another was shot down.

That is until a new local administration came in and recruited the help of Wayne County development officials, and then things started moving.

And then the Obama administration started releasing money into communities to juice up the economy, get projects going and put people to work.

For several years, there has been one spurt after another in the building of new houses or rehabbing existing houses here in town. Plaintiffs, at least those who are still alive, and their descendants have been given first dibs on the housing with generous financial assistance.

Two hundred houses have been built or rehabbed at a cost of about \$50 million.

There is still some more housing developments going on, but there is no other new round of housing development.

Majewski said the news

conference was basically a bunch of puffery by the state, and a way to "restate all the programs in the past."

City Attorney James Allen

said it is likely that Judge Keith, although retired, will sign off on the discrimination lawsuit once and for all come this February.

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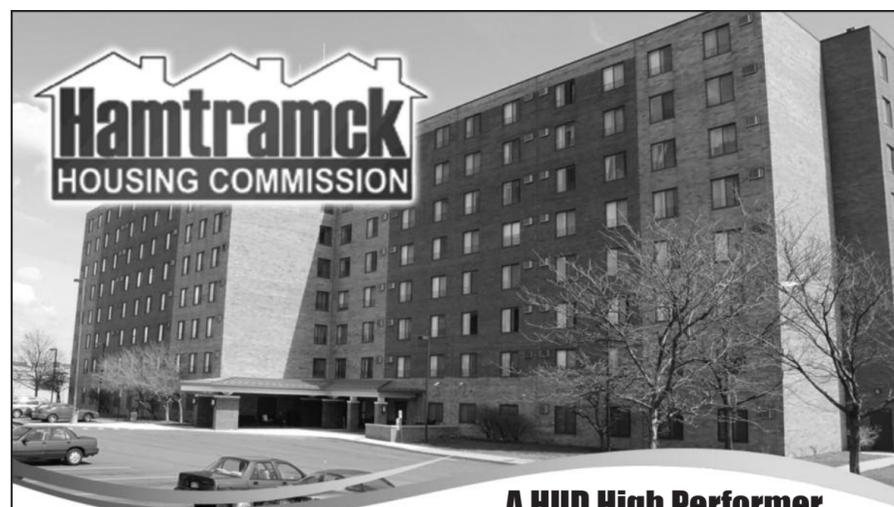
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ESL Class with Christine Templin - Saturday, September 15 at noon. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Christine Templin, free to the public.

State of the City Address - Sunday, September 16 at 2 p.m. Mayor Karen Majewski will present her 2012 State of the City Address in the library's main hall. Everyone is invited, refreshments will follow.

Toddler Time at the Library - Monday, September 17 at noon. Join us for story time, arts & crafts, games and other fun activities. This week we will try to create a masterpiece of art. (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

ESL Conversation Class - Tuesday, September 18 at 4 p.m. Ms. Trisa conducts English Conversation classes each Tuesday night. Free of charge to Hamtramck residents.

Math Kangaroo Club - Tuesday, September 18 at 3:30 p.m. Learn math in a fun way, and prepare for the annual international math contest, while improving your grades in school.

ESL Class with Latisha Edge - Friday, September 21 at 3 p.m. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Latisha Edge, free to the public.

Michigan Reads Program - Thursday, September

29 at 5 p.m. Join us and thousands of readers in Michigan Libraries for the reading of "Moose on the Loose." It's all part of a program called, "One State, One Book, Michigan Reads 2012," everyone is invited.

Movie Night - Thursday, September 20 at 4 p.m. All children are invited for a movie and some popcorn.

Friends of the Library Meeting - Thursday, September 20 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

Story Time for Children - Saturday, September 22, at 11 a.m. Join your friends at the library for a reading of "The Boy That Was Raised by Librarians."

Make'n Take Crafts - Tuesday, September 25, at 4 p.m. All children are invited for this back to school arts and crafts to take home workshop.

Family Game Night - Thursday, September 27 at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate in games and contests during the family night. This week it is bingo night.

Financial Activist Club - Tuesday, October 9 at 5 p.m. Hamtramck residents of all ages are invited to join the financial workshops designed to expand your knowledge at budgeting and investing. Registration required.

Meeting of the Library Board - Thursday, October 11 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

For more information about events at the library call (313) 365-7050, or visit our website at <http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us> where you can also access our online catalog.

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meetings for the last several weeks to speak out against it, simply refers to the mural as "the casket."

The first flash of anger about the mural came about in May when someone at night — a witness said one or two women — scrawled "This is not my city" next to the mural.

The witness said the women then went into New Dodge Lounge, which is located just a couple of storefronts down from the mural. The witness could not identify the women to police because they melted into the crowd.

That graffiti was taken care of.

What came next was someone threw paint over part of the mural, and purposely

smearing paint over the part that said "STREET ART."

The mural was part of several other public murals that were painted by a number of national and international street artists, all sponsored by a paint company.

Friedmann said the murals have attracted a number of visitors and groups of bicyclists on organized tours of the metro area.

Assuming Friedmann does repair the mural, the next question is: Will someone continue to vandalize it?

Friedmann said he is considering installing a security camera system on the building since it is a city-owned building and it is standing vacant.

Obituaries

GESINSKI

Helen Elizabeth Gesinski, 92, died September 9, 2012.

Mrs. Gesinski was a former Hamtramck resident, and was retired from Jan-Els Uniform on Jos. Campau.

She was a member of the St. Ladislaus Rainbow Citizen, Daughters of Isabella and Queen of Apostles Seniors.

Mrs. Gesinski was preceded in death by her husband, Martin, and sisters, Jane Musial and Bertha Evano.

She is survived by her daughters, Betty Suwinski and Irene Brewczak; brother, Joseph Gruca; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, and funeral services were held on September 13 at St. Ladislaus Church. Burial was at Meadowcrest Cemetery.

PRIEUR

Pearl "Jean" Prieur, 74, died on September 2, 2012.

Mrs. Prieur was the owner of Hank's Lounge in Hamtramck for 45 years.

Mrs. Prieur was predeceased by her husband, Hank. She is survived by her daughters, Jeanette Zielinski, Rayette (William) Robertson

and Dawn (David) Dykla; sister, Mary; brother, Lester; grandchildren, Michael, Christopher, Veronica and Jacob; and five great-grandchildren.

Services are Saturday, September 8, 2012 at Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home, 25800 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores. Memorial Gathering is at 10 a.m., followed by the service at 11 a.m.

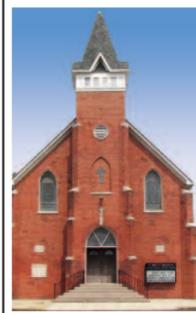
LA BUDA

Dorothy La Buda, 91, died on September 12, 2012.

Ms. La Buda was retired from the Ludington News. She had previously worked at Detroit Tomato and the Michigan Liquor Commission. Ms. La Buda was a member of the PLAV Post #1 Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoyed crocheting, cooking, bingo, and the casino.

Ms. La Buda was predeceased by her parents, Anna and August La Buda; sister, Helen Janke; brother, Edward La Buda. She is survived by cousins, Sharlene and Claudia Konieczny, George Hess and her caregiver Paul Szwest.

Visitation is Friday, September 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. with prayer service at 7 p.m., at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home. Funeral service is September 15, at St. Florian Church in Hamtramck, instate at 10:30 a.m. Burial is at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.



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Hamtramck remembers 9/11 anniversary



Phillip Leslie of the Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition builds a "campfire of flowers" for a 9/11 ceremony at the public library.

By Charles Sercombe

The 11th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on our country didn't go unnoticed in Hamtramck.

The Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition held a ceremony at the public library on Tuesday. About 40 people came out, including a cross section of Hamtramck's diverse ethnic communities.

Organizer Phillip Leslie noted that 9/11 showed two things about the nature of people:

"People are capable of atrocious acts, but at the same time it showed us people can all come together," he said.

In the center of the library main hall, where the event was held, a ring of rocks were formed with flowers placed inside it.

Leslie called it "a campfire of flowers."

In a back room, photos of the 9/11 attack were displayed along with the names of the victims, all 2,740 of

them.

Leslie asked those attending to make a paper cutout of their hand and write on it what they thought "brings us together."

But the concept of war was, ironically, not far away from those who came together to remember the cost of violence.

Several kids sitting at the library's bank of computers were playing war games online as the event took place, seemingly oblivious to the message of the day.



Science Corner

Voyager 1 and 2: Next stop – interstellar space.

By Dennis Lukas

To use the quote from Buzz Lightyear of Star Command: "To infinity and beyond."

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Sailing past these planets brought more and more new discoveries about our solar

system, and the discoveries are continuing.

The spacecrafts are 11 billion miles beyond the orbits of the planets in our solar system, but they are still within the system. They are continuing to detect solar winds or electrically charged gases ejected from our sun.

Based on new data from the crafts, Voyager 1 is nearing the Heliopause, which scientists believe is the border between our solar system and interstellar space.

The heliopause is the point where solar winds stop and magnetic fields shift from the solar system to that of deep space. At this point the Voyagers are encountering echoes of low-frequency radio bursts heard only in the outer reaches of the solar system.

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SEPTEMBER 26, Wednesday, noon – The Daughters of Isabella Mystical Rose Circle 736 will hold a card and bunco social, featuring door and table prizes, raffle, share the wealth and lunch all for \$7. The event is held at Queen of Apostles Activity Center, with the entrance on Harold St. There is fenced parking.

Every Wednesday, 5-8 p.m. – The Hamtramck Farmer's Market is open at Pope Park, located at Jos. Campau and Belmont. The market offers a wide variety of locally grown food.

Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition meets every second Thursday of the month (next meeting: Sept. 13), 11 a.m. at The Piast Institute, 11633 Jos. Campau.

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Review: Opinion Page

So-called education reform smacks of a political power-play

What is going on in the world of state education?

The Hamtramck Public School District is going to lose over \$700,000 because it has two underperforming schools.

Yes, you read that right, because the district has two schools that didn't do well in state tests, the district will lose money.

Just how will taking away money from a district that needs help make it get better?

Leave it to the folks in state's Department of Education to come up with this solution. The thinking is that money will go toward the costs of bringing in experts who will turn the schools around.

Boy, those must be some super special, and high-priced, experts. We bet for all that money, this district is going to be turned around in no time. (Yes, that's sarcasm.)

In the meantime, school officials here have to lay off employees and cut back on school supplies. Yes, fewer supplies for kids and the district equals better performance.

Somehow, state officials think this is the magic solution for the district's ills.

It sounds like a load of BS to us.

What happened to education in the country? It used to work fine, until so-called educators, bureaucrats and politicians got involved.

What's worse, if these schools and the district don't improve, the state could step in and dissolve the district, or set up charter schools or just tell local parents to send their kids to existing charter schools.

You know what this sounds like to us? A power play to smash the teachers' union, which just happens to be major supporters of the Democratic Party.

Republicans are doing all this dirty work under the guise of education reform.

No, it has more to do with reforming who gets to be in charge of things. And Republicans will stoop to anything to get that.

Athlete of the week ...

Each week we will highlight the athlete of the week from Hamtramck's Public Schools.

Name: Dominique Davis, 11th grader at Hamtramck High School

What she plays: Varsity volleyball

What she did: Dominique had four aces, three kills, and according to her coach, she is "an awesome inspiration to our team."

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Odds & Ends

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There's more good news. By the end of the month, their salsa will be carried by several metro area Kroger supermarkets.

The retail store is located at 11411 Jos. Campau, just a few blocks north of Caniff.

Good luck ... City Clerk Ed Norris is moving on to a new



job as Oak Park's city clerk. He's been with Hamtramck for five years, and credits his office assistant Marie Kedzierski for "training me well."

Ed has always been easy to work with and truly enjoyed engaging with the public. Thanks, Ed, for all the help and doing your job with a smile.



School Bell

Just what the doctor ordered ...The school district's health center had a busy year last school year.

The center reported to the School Board on Wednesday that it had 1,424 patients visit the clinic, out of which 239 were new patients and 2,306 immunizations were provided, among other services.

Despite the need for the clinic, there is some bad news this year. The budget for the service is \$19,000 short. The loss in money will result in – you guessed it – a cutback in services.

A new plan ... The board also got a lengthy overview of the district-wide plan to replace its curriculum.

For students, it means a lot more work and a lot more explaining about how you know what you know.

For teachers, it also means a lot more work, and plenty of studying up on how to teach

the new coursework.

In short, the new plan is called "Common Core State Standards," which is also a curriculum plan being adopted by many other districts.

In short, it is meant to make American students to be able to better compete with students from other countries.

Those who put the plan together conceded it will be "difficult" for students.

"It's a new kind of thinking and teaching," said Dr. Pat Hartwig.

Another organizer trotted out a 1990s corporate power cliché, calling it a "paradigm shift."

Boardmember Eric Burkman questioned how kids in this country, in which 25 percent of the population live in poverty, can possibly cope with the change.

Some students may be poor, said Hartwig, "but they can think."

(Editor's note: Hard to think, though, when there is no money at home for dinner or to

turn on the heat during winter.)

The new style of teaching starts right at Kindergarten and continues to 12th grade, at the end of which the goal is for students to be ready to join the workforce or be ready for the rigors of college.

(Editor's note: Western Michigan University excluded.)

Student discipline... The School Board agreed to hold once a month expulsion hearings for students, instead of hearing the cases after monthly board meetings, or calling for special meetings.

The board also agreed to give the superintendent the authority to expel a student for up to 30 days until the board meets to decide what to do. Any student who fails to show up for their hearing will be automatically expelled.

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Budget savings hinges on firefighters agreeing to concessions

By Charles Sercombe

City officials and firefighters might be close to reaching an agreement on contract concessions.

The city administration has been negotiating with the firefighters' union for a few months now, and lately the two sides have come to verbal blows about each others' sincerity.

Firefighters have complained that once a general agreement is reached, the city then abruptly changes the terms.

City officials have told The Review that's not true, and that it's the firefighters who keep changing the terms.

Well, apparently cooler heads have prevailed, and the city council agreed to concessions laid out by union representatives.

The proposed deal now has to go to a vote among union members, which should happen within the next two weeks.

Finance Director Nevrus Nazarko said the city originally thought firefighters agreed to a deal worth

about \$600,000 in savings. Firefighters say their calculation was closer to \$700,000.

But now, Nazarko said, the savings amount is closer to \$400,000, but he is still reviewing the matter.

Contract concessions are critical for the city in order to remain financially stable, city officials say.

But there is only a short-term hope for stability, city officials say. At best the next three years will be OK.

The city's financial health also relies on receiving a federal firefighter grant that will pay the salaries of firefighters for two years.

The city also must get an emergency state loan of up to \$3 million.

Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag told the city council this week that he recently met with state officials and is encouraged that a state loan will come through.

"I don't want to be overly optimistic, but I felt good about the meeting," Tertzag said.



City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days? We have the scoop and the highlights – as well as the lowlights – of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Sept. 11 (yes, the 11th anniversary of 9/11), and the meeting ran for two hours, which also included a closed session. Only Council Mayor Pro Tem Abdul Algazali was absent.

Councilmember Robert Zwolak asked for a moment of silence in commemoration of the victims of the 9/11 attack. (Almost as if on cue, a faint wailing of a police siren could be heard in the background.)

Councilmember Cathie Gordon also asked for condolences to West Bloomfield police officer Patrick O'Rourke who on Monday was shot to death while in the line of duty. Gordon noted that this was the first police fatality in the city's history.

She said the council should remember this when it comes to talk of budget cuts.

Mayor Karen Majewski noted that the officer's death

had nothing to do with budget cuts.

Councilmember Zwolak also noted that City Clerk Ed Norris has submitted his letter of resignation, effective Sept. 25.

"We're going to miss you, we're going to miss you," Zwolak said.

Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag credited city contractor Platinum for cleaning up the memorial area of Veterans Park before the Polish Day Parade.

(Editor's note: Tertzag had been tasked a few weeks ago with investigating incomplete invoices submitted by city contractors, including Platinum.)

A woman who described herself as an artist talked about an agenda item about a controversial mural on a city-owned building on Jos. Campau and Goodson.

The mural had recently been vandalized. Paint had been thrown on part of the mural.

She said although the mural is a part of youth culture and independently-owned stores, the mural has to be accepted by the community at large. To restore the mural, she said, "doesn't make economic sense."

She suggested covering it up because it will only cause further vandalism.

"It's had its run," she added.

Former city councilmember Catrina Stackpoole said she supports restoring the mural.

"It represents a very important part of the community – the artist community," Stackpoole said.

She added that if the city covers it up, it will be an insult to local artists, and that could lead to people moving out of the city and others to stop visiting here.

She also added that although not everyone likes all art, the mural is art nonetheless.

Art, she said, "is a reflection of the world."

Nasr Hussain, who is a member of the Hamtramck School Board, said he is in favor of restoring the mural. Despite claims of some who said it offends people on the southend, he said he talked to a number of people in that area of the city and they said they were not offended at all.

"It gives value to the city," Hussain said.

A lengthy discussion was held on whether to move ahead on posting an advertising seeking a permanent city manager. A lengthy discussion followed, and we mean lengthy.

Councilmember Tom Jankowski suggested holding off on posting the job until Acting City Manager Tertzag gets things in order.

"As time has gone on, he (Tertzag) has discovered the need to fix more things," Jankowski said.

Councilmember Zwolak said he's opposed to waiting, but agreed to lengthen the publishing time for the advertisement for the position.

Councilmember Anam Miah said he, too, is against holding

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City Hall Insider ...

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ing off, saying: "Postponing is not getting us anywhere."

And Councilmember Gordon agreed. She said the council didn't hire Tertzag "to clean and repair for the next guy who comes in."

Mayor Karen Majewski advised against posting the position for a lengthy period, saying it's not fair for those who apply to wait so long.

"It's a professional courtesy," she said.

Majewski also said the city loses credibility by extending the posting.

At a later point in the discussion, she mentioned that the council has already rejected one batch of applicants. If the city keeps posting the job, she said, it will look like "we don't know what we are doing."

Kathy Angerer, a consultant hired by the council to help recruit applicants for the city manager's job, said that if someone applies for the job, he or she will likely know what they are doing.

But she suggested that it appeared councilmembers

still had some issues to work out and she suggested a work session to hammer them out.

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan said he's in favor of just keeping Tertzag on indefinitely and see what he can do.

Councilmember Zwolak said that the city is in a "management crisis" and needs to get a permanent city manager.

Councilmember Jankowski said there is no need to rush since the city has been in a management crisis for five years. He said Tertzag is doing a good job.

"Let's take advantage of the situation," he said.

The upshot to all this?

The council agreed to postpone a discussion on whether to postpone the search for a new city manager until the next council meeting on Sept. 25.

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By Charles Sercombe

Here's the round-up of daily crime reports from Sept. 5 through Sept. 11.

Wednesday, Sept. 5:

- A man was arrested after being involved in a hit-and-run accident. The location of the accident was not given, but the daily log noted that the man was arrested for drunk driving.

- A woman reported that her granddaughter ran away from their Evaline St. house.

- A landlord said a former tenant stole light fixtures from his Hanley St. house.

- A Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license and for possessing marijuana.

- A St. Aubin resident said someone kicked in his door, entered his house and stole two rings.

- A Dorothy St. resident said someone threw a rock through the rear window of their 2002 Dodge Caravan.

Thursday, Sept. 6:

- A Hanley St. woman reported someone "tore a hole" in her garage. It was unknown if anything was missing.

- A man reported that while working outside, a stranger distracted him while two men snuck into his house through the rear door. The man said the suspects ransacked his house and stole an unknown amount of money. He added that the suspects fled in a burgundy-colored van.

Friday, Sept. 7

- No report was available.

Saturday, Sept. 8

- At nearly 3 a.m., police received complaints of a loud party and officers ended up arresting a man.

- At about 3 a.m., a resident reporting seeing a man attempting to steal three trees on the 3000 block of Holbrook. The man was last seen pedaling away on a yellow mountain bike, without the trees.

- A man reported being struck in the back of his head with a gun at about 8 a.m. while at Jos. Campau and Commor. The suspect did not

take anything and fled in a black truck.

- A Holbrook woman said that she found her stolen lawnmower in the Once Again resale shop on Jos. Campau. The name of the person who brought in the lawnmower was turned over to police.

- A man was arrested for open intoxicants while at St. Aubin and Commor. The man also had outstanding warrants.

- A juvenile was arrested at a Neibel St. house after he threatened his mother with a knife.

Sunday, Sept. 9

- A Grand Haven resident reported her son – a minor – was missing.

- A woman reported that her boyfriend was missing and that he had been at St. John's Hospital being treated for depression. She said the man left the hospital on Sept. 4 and no one has seen him since.

- A woman living on the 8000 block of Jos. Campau reported a break-in while her son was at home. She said her 32-inch RCA television was taken.

- A 60-year-old man with

health problems was reported missing since Sept. 4.

Monday, Sept. 10

- A woman living on the 3800 block of Dorothy reported someone broke out her front window with a brick.

- A man reported someone attempted to steal his 1986 Chevrolet from an address on the 2900 block of Evaline. The suspect was last seen driving off in a green Mercury Villager.

- At about 3:30 a.m., police issued an LCC violation to Carbon Bar for allegedly having customers staying after hours.

- A man reported someone took his wallet while he was at Mr. Alan's shoe store on Jos. Campau.

- A woman reported that her sister had been using her identity.

- A man reported someone

stole \$700-\$800 worth of lumber from a construction site on Mitchell St.

- Officers captured a loose brown pit bull in the Florian-Dubois area.

Tuesday, Sept. 11

- A Trowbridge St. man first reported that his Dodge Dakota had been stolen, then told police the truck had not been stolen at all. He said his neighbor had borrowed it.

- A woman reported her boyfriend assaulted her. The couple live together and have a child. Police later arrested the boyfriend for domestic abuse.

- A Casmere St. woman was arrested for assaulting her mother.

- A Pulaski St. resident reported being assaulted by two 17-year-old males at St. Aubin and Commor at about 5:30 p.m.

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