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Quick Hits

Could be a warmer winter

By Alan Madlane

It's that time of the year, where we all like to play the winter weather prediction game.

Both Michigan and the larger Great Lakes region are expecting a likely warmer, and possibly wetter, winter than usual.

Although that may be becoming "the usual," if latest trends reveal anything.

This information comes to us courtesy of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The data given is primarily for the months of Dec. 2021 through Feb. 2022. Average temps for Dec. in the Detroit area are 31.3 degrees, with 2.25 inches of precipitation; for Jan., 25.8 degrees, with 2.23 inches; and for Feb., 28.0 degrees, with 2.08 inches.

Recent years have

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Hamtramck makes history with new Yemeni-American mayor

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck has a new mayor.

In Tuesday's General Election, Amer Ghalib, who has never held elected office, beat four-time incumbent Mayor Karen Majewski, 3,232-1,485, winning 68 percent of the vote.

Ghalib, 41, is the city's first Yemeni-American to hold the position of mayor in Hamtramck – and he may even be the first Yemeni-American in the country to become mayor of a city.

His victory, which is a

historical moment in Hamtramck, is likely to be a bellwether of how future elections go here. The Yemeni community has become a political powerhouse in the city.

That political influence will affect any future controversial ballot proposals, such as gay rights and marijuana retail sales. Both of those issues have been controversial in Hamtramck, and are especially sensitive to the mostly social-issue conservative Yemenis.

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Amer Ghalib made history in Hamtramck after winning the Tuesday election to become mayor. He is the first Yemeni-American in Hamtramck to hold this position.

Mayor releases her concession statement, and new mayor has a message

By Charles Sercombe

Mayor Karen Majewski published this concession statement on her Facebook page after Tuesday's election. Majewski lost her bid for another term:

"As Election Day draws to a close, I offer my congratulations to the win-



Karen Majewski

ners in this historic race. Serving this city for the last 18 years has been a great challenge and an even greater honor.

"I'm sure this new cadre of leaders will find it so as well, and I wish them and our city every success.

"Thank you to all the

people who have shown me such kindness and support through the years. You've helped sustain my spirit when things were difficult, and inspired me to fight the good fight for this place that is like no other on earth.

"You still have a role to

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More changes at schools

By Charles Sercombe

The Hamtramck Public School District continues to have staffing shakeups.

At last week's School Board meeting, it was announced that Sherry Lynem will step down as co-Interim Superintendent.

Lynem will return to her role as Chief Financial Officer.

Nagil Nagi, who is the district's English Language Director, is now the sole Interim Superintendent.

Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed unexpectedly announced she was taking a leave of absence, beginning over a week ago. She said the stresses of the Covid pandemic have caused her to "prioritize and address my own physical, mental health and well-being."

Ahmed is on leave until Jan. 10, but there is speculation that she might not return.

And last Thursday, an email was circulated by Nagi to district employees, announcing that Michelle Imbrunone, the district's head of Human Resources, is on leave. No reason was given.

Since then, Imbrunone has been eliminated as being a member of the administration from the district's website.

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On both of those issues, Majewski has been a supporter.

Majewski, 66, was seeking a fifth term, and will have served 16 years as mayor by the end of her term this Dec. 31. Had she won and then served out the term, Majewski would have been the city's longest-serving mayor.

She is now also the last in line of those of Polish heritage to have been the city's mayor since Hamtramck became a city. Majewski said she wanted one more term to ring in the celebration next year for Hamtramck's 100th anniversary of becoming an incorporated city.

Ghalib ran on a platform of change being needed. While he professed to have "bold" ideas to fix the city's financial and infrastructure problems, he did not offer specifics, other than that he would work with the council and administration.

His critics called him

out for not answering their questions about what specifically he would be proposing, and also for pointing out that working with the council and city administration are normal functions of the mayor.

Weather-wise, it was a partly sunny day with temperatures in the 40s, although there was a chilly fall breeze, and later in the day a light rain.

Turnout was low: only 36 percent of the registered voters participated, a total of 4,822. There are a little over 13,000 registered voters in Hamtramck.

Most of those votes, 3,218, were from absentee voters. Only 1,604 voters physically came out to the polls.

City Council election

In the city council race, there are now three new faces that will be taking seats next to the current three councilmembers.

As expected, Khalil Refai was the top vote-getter,

just as he was in the August Primary Election.

Following him were Amanda Jaczkowski, and Adam Albarmaki. The council race was also historic: the new council will be all-Muslim. While Jaczkowski is of Polish heritage, she converted to Islam.

Ballot proposals

Also on the ballot were two proposed changes to the city charter. Both passed.

Charter Proposal 1 requires candidates seeking local office to live here for at least one year before they can file to be on a ballot. Charter Proposal 2 now sets a three-term limit for city council and mayor.

As of Tuesday afternoon, there were over 3,500 absentee ballots. According to sources, there were a number of bundles of absentee ballots found in the city's drop box – indicating that one or more people were illegally delivering those ballots.

According to state law, only a person connected with a family member, a person of a household, or one otherwise allowed by law, can drop off another person's absentee ballot.

How the votes went

Here is a breakdown on the vote count:

Mayor's Race

Amer Ghalib: 3,232
Karen Majewski: 1,485

City council race

Khalil Refai: 1,901
Amanda Jaczkowski: 1,860
Adam Albarmaki: 1,794
Muhith Mahmood: 1,746
Abu Musa: 1,455
Lynn Blasey: 1,141

City Charter proposals

Proposal 1:

Yes: 3,384

No: 898

Proposal 2:

Yes: 2,777

No: 1,522

More changes at schools

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A number of teachers and staff members have privately complained about her handling of staffing issues.

District employees were told not to contact her, and have also been told not to contact Ahmed.

The board will be offering Nagi a contract as Interim Superintendent in the near future. There was no mention about what his salary would be, but Lynem and Nagi were splitting \$380 a day for their dual roles as Interim Superintendent.

The shakeups come at a time when the district is facing a number of challenges.

At Wednesday's board meeting, which was technically called a Committee of the Whole meeting, it was announced that the district lost 150-200 students in the annual head count.

Lynem said that represents a loss of \$1.4 million in state education revenue.

Board President Jihan Aiyash noted that the district has a \$16.8 million budget surplus.

Also discussed at the meeting was the fact that some vacancies at the preschool in the Early Childhood Elementary School could lead to shutting down that portion of the school, unless the district is able to fill the critical positions that require special qualifications.

The program can continue, as long as the district shows good faith toward filling those positions.

The district has been racked with mass resignations in the past few months. Teachers have complained bitterly about Ahmed's leadership.

Their resignations come at a time when there is a shortage of qualified teachers nationwide.

As for the two buildings that the district recently

purchased, plans for their use are still up in the air.

There has been a snag with the Conant building, located at Holbrook. One of the current tenants, a dentist, claims they have a lease agreement that goes until 2025.

If the lease is legitimate, that could hold up plans to remodel the building.

It was originally planned to become an elementary school, but that plan was scrapped because it was feared that parents would pull their students from Dickinson West Elementary School, which is located at Kosciuszko Middle School. Parents said that transferring the students to the new building was too far from their neighborhood, at Burger and Fleming streets.

Plans now call for building an addition to Kosciuszko Middle School, to handle the overflow and to get students out of what were supposed to be temporary portable classrooms that are located outside of the school.

On top of all that, according to sources, there has been an ongoing problem at Hamtramck High School with fights between African-American and Yemeni-American students.

The high school has a long history of ethnic tensions among the students, and several years ago the Department of Justice was brought in to conduct courses in easing those tensions.

This week at the Library . . .

November 5, 2021

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Big Read Continues: The Big Library Read is on until 15th of November. Take part in this digital book club by reading Natalie D. Richards' YA thriller "Five Total Strangers". Then, join up with other members for engaging virtual chats. Get all the details, including title preview and author bio, by visiting (www.biglibraryread.com).

Learning Channel Challenge Continues: Preschool to 3rd grade readers from now until the end of November can take part in the Michigan Learning Channel's 1000 minute reading challenge. Teachers and parents keep track and you can win awesome prizes. Visit (www.michiganlearning.org/resource/etsread/) for full details.

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WEDNESDAY, Nov. 10, 7-8 p.m. - The 3C7/Midtown Block Club will meet at Bank Suey, 10345 Jos. Campau Ave., Hamtramck. Come and meet your neighbors and plan activities to build and benefit our community.

SATURDAY, Nov. 20, 3:30-5:30 p.m. - Drive-thru/Take-out Polish Dinner at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. \$10 Adult/\$5 Child 12 & under. Menu: Pork chop, Kielbasa, Pierogi/sour cream, Stewed Cabbage (Bigos), Mashed Potatoes/gravy, Dessert. Cars will be staged in parking lot for delivery in front of church. Masks to be worn for pick-up.



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Second Front Page

Mayor: COVID-19 cases continue to decrease here

By Charles Sercombe

Unless another variant comes along, it looks like Hamtramck is on its way to being Covid free.

Well, perhaps that's just wishful thinking.

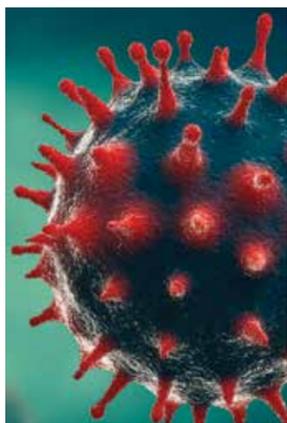
In her weekly Covid update to the community, via Facebook, Mayor Karen Majewski didn't quite say that, but she sounded pretty optimistic given the latest case numbers.

This past week there were 14 new COVID-19 cases, compared to the prior week's 16 cases.

"There's been a steady decline for the last month," Majewski said. "Keep up the good work."

That brings the grand total of Covid cases for the past two years, since this pandemic swept the globe, to 3,227.

The number of deaths



here during that same time period remains at 58.

Majewski credited this decline to the many residents who continue to wear masks while out in public.

"That's paying off in Hamtramck," she said. "We're doing the right thing."

Booster shots are now being offered for those

who received their last shot at least six months ago. There are exceptions for those with health conditions to jump ahead in line.

And there is now a vaccine approved for youngsters age 5-11. Those vaccines are at lower doses, and they should be available now.

As for the news that the city found a slightly elevated level of lead in the drinking water at six sample houses, Majewski said the best thing to do is run your faucet after water has been sitting in the water line for a long time – such as overnight while you sleep.

Majewski stressed that the problem is with some lead water lines.

"The water itself is good," she said.

It's also recommended you get a water filter. The city, through the state Department of Health and Human Services, handed out about 2,000 free filters recently.

You can get the lead level in your house tested through the city, and if you are concerned, you get your blood checked to see if you have a high amount of lead in your body.

The Wayne County health clinic in Hamtramck can do that. Call (313) 871-1926 to make an appointment.

Houses built after 1987 do not have lead water lines. But most of the houses in Hamtramck are much older, with some being about 100 years old.

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steadily replacing lead water lines throughout the city. The state has mandated that all cities begin replacing lead lines over the next 20 years.

Majewski said there is no cost to homeowners to have the city replace your water line, but you do have to wait for whenever the city has your neighborhood scheduled.

Or, you can have your line replaced by hiring a company.

Majewski said the city

has replaced about 500 lead lines in the past couple of years.

She also said the city is now compiling a list of houses where lines have been replaced, so that the public can refer to.

She closed by saying that, because of the "hard work" of residents, the number of new Covid cases continue to drop.

The effort by residents to take preventative steps, she said, "is keeping us all alive."

Police release little information on latest shooting deaths

By Charles Sercombe

A man and his girlfriend were found by family members last Friday, shot to death in the man's apartment in the Rotana building last Thursday.

The Hamtramck Police Department is being tight-lipped about the shooting deaths of the two people, and are not releasing details of the incident nor a possible motive for the slayings.

According to a press release issued today (Friday, Oct. 29), officers responded to a call about a "medical emergency" on Thursday (Oct. 28).

When they arrived on the scene, at an apartment in the 3500 block of Caniff Ave. at 2:45 p.m., "officers discovered two victims deceased from apparent gunshot wounds."

According to media reports, the man was

identified Khalileo Anderson and his girlfriend as De'Angelique Thomas.

Anderson's family say they did not know of any motive for the shooting, nor who the shooter could be.

Hamtramck police are not yet calling this a homicide.

But if it is ruled a homicide, it would mark the fifth and sixth ones for the year – an abnormally high number for the city, which usually experiences one or two per year, and sometimes none at all.

The apartment building, on Caniff at Moran, has been the scene of trouble in the past.

If anyone does have information about the incident, they are asked to call (313) 800-5280.

So far this year, there have been four homicides in Hamtramck.



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In Our Opinion

Public School District overcame challenges in past

The news lately coming out of the public school district has not been good.

Over 30 teachers have resigned in recent months, and now, with a national teacher shortage, the district is scrambling to fill many key positions.

And then the superintendent took a surprise leave of absence, along with the director of the

Human Resources Department.

Before that, a newly-elected school board member abruptly resigned.

The district is now in the hands of an interim superintendent.

There is some doubt that the superintendent on leave will be coming back. But then again, who knows?

Add that all up, and

we have problems.

But the district has bounced back in the past.

There is, however, much-needed work to be done to repair the damages and reverse the losses.

We have faith that the current board of education can help steer the district back.

Odds & Ends

Hamtramck Disneyland... The restoration effort of Hamtramck's beloved folk art creation is still moving forward.

It's been a while since we touched base with the folks behind the project, and as always, a little cash infusion would go a long way toward completing the project.

For those unfamiliar, the folksy whimsy was created by the late Dmytro Szyrak, and it is mounted on the roof of his former house on Klinger St. and spills into the backyard.

An art collective now operates the house and display, which is filled with whirligigs and what-not that Szyrak created.

People from all over the world have stopped by to take a look.

Anyway, there is an online fundraiser at:

<https://gofund.me/d32dd4dc>

Any little bit will be appreciated.

Taking care of business... Hamtramck's very own local State Representative, Abraham Aiyash, recently saw one of his bills successfully pass through the chamber.

That would be House Bill 4767, which Aiyash (D-Hamtramck) sponsored. The bill is part of a package of bills, Nos. 4766-4771, that deal with environmental issues and, in particular, with asbestos remediation.

The bill passed on Oct. 28, receiving a bi-partisan show of support, 513-95 with 14 not voting. It in-

cluded several stricter protocols for how contractors in the state will henceforth be allowed to deal with asbestos abatement.

"My bill would establish the Asbestos Inspection Fund," said Representative Aiyash in a press release statement, "to ensure that we are responsibly handling asbestos.

He continued, "This is especially important for Detroit, as demolitions of



Dmytro Szyrak stands next to his folksy creation called "Hamtramck Disneyland." Photo by Allan Barnes

blighted homes continue to happen."

Taken together, the six-bill package would greatly tighten the rules surrounding the process, for instance by ensuring that, moving forward, abatement contractors cannot have any prior criminal convictions specifically related to environmental compliance.

The bills now move on to votes in the State Senate.

Brew and learn...

Those innovators at Planet Ant are at it again.

That is to say, they're coming up with innovative ways to entertain the locals.

Last month – yep, October's already in the rear-view mirror too – they debuted a new concept that essentially marries up two old college concepts: learnin', and drinkin'.

Great for those therefore waxing nostalgic for such times (and they were pretty awesome), Planet Ant has put together "Profs and Pints," their spin on the old standard.

Sunday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. will come their next take on it. Wayne State University historian Dr. Eric H. Ash will look at ancient occult practices, and how the former boundaries between the occult and science weren't always as clear as might be guessed.

The success of these kinds of events tends to ride on the competence and ebullience (now there's a college word) of the speaker, so we'll assume that he'll be outstanding, plus, you know, there's them pints to lively things up, should it get stale any.

Advance tickets are \$12, or \$15 at the door (\$13 with a student I.D.), which does not include the price of any pints, but hey, you'll dig deep, we know you will.

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District message

Interim Superintendent Nabil Nagi sent this message out to the community about ongoing changes in the district:

Thank you for your continued commitment to Hamtramck Public Schools. As you may be aware, I am serving as the interim superintendent during Superintendent Ahmed's temporary leave.

I am proud to expand my duties to serve our families and community, and I greatly look forward to working closely with you and your children in the upcoming months.

At HPS, it's vital we provide our scholars the support needed for continued growth. To that end, we wanted to make you aware of recent staff changes at Kosciuszko Middle School and Hamtramck High School to benefit our scholars.

Mr. Anthony Kiner will be back at Hamtramck High School serving as interim principal effective today, Nov. 1.

Mr. Kiner was previously assistant principal at Hamtramck High School before he was named principal at Kosciuszko Middle School. We are eager to see him expand his role at the high school to support the district as we, like the majority of school districts across Michigan, deal with staffing changes resulting from the pandemic in a way that will minimize disruption to our high school students.

As Mr. Kiner joins the high school, Ms. Kristen Hurt will be elevated from her role as assistant principal at KMS to serve as interim principal. Her familiarity with the students, faculty and staff at KMS will help ease the transition, allowing us to continue to achieve the academic, social and emotional growth of our middle school students during a critical time in their development.

These shifts ensure each school is equipped with expertise, talent and resources for its students and staff members to thrive. I am confident our new interim principals will step into their roles with the same integrity and tenacity they have provided

our district for years and will make an excellent fit as interim principals.

I know our interim principals look forward to meeting our families and students in their new roles.

Should you have any questions regarding these staffing changes, please contact your children's school directly.

ECE

Fall and Halloween have arrived at the Early Childhood Elementary School! Teachers shared the spirit as numerous stories were shared from The Little Old Lady Who wasn't Afraid of Anything to Spookley the Square Pumpkin.

Students learned how pumpkins grow and even did hands on pumpkin dis-

The rain couldn't squelch the spirits on Friday as the students and staff donned their Halloween costumes and enjoyed the day. Cute witches, Transformers, The Hulk, a banana, scare-

crows and so much more could be seen walking the hallways.

Although you couldn't see the smiles on everyone's faces through the masks, you could see the sparkle in their eyes!

November promises to be a very busy month as well. Students have November 2nd off for staff professional development. Report cards and parent-teacher conferences are around the corner on Nov. 11.

Students will be learning about the story of the



Scenes from the Halloween festivities at the Early Childhood Center.

coveries in Miss Lesko's second grade and Miss Rakoczy's first grade. Mr. Helminiak's second graders even tried pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

Many of the students, this was their first experience tasting the delicious dessert!

First Thanksgiving, Veterans Day, and Indigenous Peoples Month.

Students will learn how the many nations of the Indigenous Nations contributed to the formation of the United States and their contributions.

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play in creating the kind of community in which everyone feels protected and respected. I hope you will greet this new era in Hamtramck's history with a commitment to helping our new elected officials make this city the best it can be.

"My love to you all, and to Hamtramck."

Amer Ghalib released this statement regarding his victory in become Hamtramck's new mayor (his term begins Jan. 1, 2022):

"Tonight is a real example that the American Dream is alive.

"Our victory tonight is a testament to the possibility that an immigrant like myself, who came here, worked in a factory job at the age of 18, now has the honor and opportuni-

ty to serve the community that raised him as your next mayor. I recognize the historic nature of this moment, and know the weight that it will bear.

"I also know that the gravity of the work ahead will be long and will be tough. But I am committed to uniting and building a better Hamtramck for all people together.

"I would also like to take this moment to address those who are uncertain about the next four years. Thank you for making the democratic process engaging and competitive.

"I will make sure that as your mayor I will do my best to represent and serve ALL corners of our community, no matter your faith, your background, who you love, or your political views.

"I hope to gain your trust and I promise to always lend a listening ear and take your opinions, concerns and criticisms into consideration as we lead a united Hamtramck.

"I would like to extend my thanks to Mayor Majewski for a spirited and rigorous campaign. Madam Mayor, the legacy of your leadership and nearly two decades of service to our community is greatly appreciated. And we are forever grateful for your service to Hamtramck during its toughest years.

"I look forward to working with you to best serve our community.

"Next year Hamtramck will be celebrating our 100-year anniversary. I want us to think about the last 100 years, all of

the hope, all of the struggles and all of the communities that have established their roots here.

"These two square miles have had a century of incredible stories and history. I am looking forward to start building the next 100 chapters with our diverse and vibrant community.

"Tonight we celebrate and tomorrow, after a little bit of sleep, we will begin the work of building Hamtramck's next decade, one that is inclusive, transparent and united!

"God bless Hamtramck, God bless the State of Michigan, and God bless the United States of America. Thank you!"



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 Sept. 28, and all councilmembers were present.

A proclamation honoring the life of Abdul Malik Alsanibani was read. Alsanibani, 24, a Yemeni-American living in California, was visiting his family in Yemen, but was killed by militia before he reached them.

"The recent death of 24-year-old Abdul Malik Alsanibani, has moved the hearts of the Hamtramck community as a whole," the proclamation read, in part.

During public comment, Amanda Jaczkowski, a council candidate, had several questions about a proposal to hire four additional police officers.

She questioned whether current officers have had training in street harassment, and whether this is an increase in funding to the police department.

In a related issue, she said she is "happy" that the city is proposing to accept a grant to purchase body cameras for officers.

State Rep. Abraham Aiyash, whose district includes Hamtramck, and who is also a resident of the city, spoke about re-

cent events in Lansing.

He said the state legislature just passed a "historic" state budget that includes a \$700,000 grant to Hamtramck for alley improvements, and a 2 percent increase in the state funding that annually goes to cities.

"This is the first time in 15 years," he said, that the budget includes this infrastructure funding.

He also thanked Mayor Karen Majewski and City Manager Kathy Angerer for their assistance.

Majewski credited Aiyash for his work.

"That's why it's so important to have somebody from Hamtramck to be there (in Lansing)," she said.

A resident spoke about the proposal to hire four more officers, saying it will be a "budget strain" on the city.

Another resident spoke to comments made by a public official, who is a member of a city commission, who speaks in favor of men being allowed to marry underage girls.

She urged the city to expel this public official from his commission.

Kit Parks spoke against the hiring of four officers,

saying the city needs to have social workers aiding police officers to defuse certain situations. Parks also questioned how the city could afford the hirings.

Twyla Meyer also was against the hiring of four officers, saying the budget for the police department is "already inflated."

Later in the meeting, the council deadlocked on whether to approve the proposal to hire four officers.

Mayor Majewski broke the tie in the vote, also rejecting it. Her vote came after she asked the city manager for the source of the funding for the additional officers.

City Manager Angerer said it would come from the city's budget surplus. (Editor's note: the city is currently in deficit spending.)

Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi said he proposed the resolution because it "was long overdue. Our police department is understaffed."

The proposal would have cost the city an additional \$285,000.

In a note to the council about the proposal, it was said:

"For years, due to city budgetary constraints, the police department staffing levels have been decimated to be far below necessary levels. Increasing police staffing levels will provide additional safety to the community.

"It will provide additional resources for response to crimes, traffic-related issues and other police-related matters. It will allow officers to participate in more community patrols and community-related policing.

"It will also assist in reducing costly overtime."

Also supporting the proposal were Councilmembers Mohammed Hassan and Nayeem Choudhury.

Voting against the proposal, besides Mayor Majewski, were councilmembers Saad Almasari, Mohammed Alsomiri and Carrie Beth Lasley.

As for the proposal to accept a state grant worth a little over \$111,000 to purchase body cameras for police officers, the council unanimously approved it.

Police Chief Anne Moise said that recordings made by the cameras would periodically be reviewed, and then used to help with the further training of officers.

The cameras, she said, "are one more way to support them (officers)."

Mayor's challenger far outraised and outspent her campaign

By Charles Sercombe

In the race for mayor, not only did challenger Amer Ghalib win, he also raised the most money for his campaign.

According to the Wayne County Clerk's Office, Ghalib's campaign reports for both the primary, and the general election, reported that he raised a total of over \$25,000 and spent almost \$15,000.

Mayor Karen Majewski, on the other hand, raised over \$6,000 for that

same period. She spent over \$3,000.

The final campaign reports aren't due until after the general election.

Both Ghalib and Majewski attracted donations from residents and non-residents.

Ghalib had 19 residents donate and 15 others from outside the city, including donations from people living in New York.

Majewski had donations from 15 residents, and 18 from outside the city.

Most of her expenses went to her campaign manager, who was paid almost \$1,700 for administration fees. She also spent about \$1,500 on signs.

While Majewski has been outraised and outspent, she did have the power of being an incumbent. But that proved to be ineffective, as she lost to Ghalib by an almost 3-1 margin in the vote count.

Ghalib spent most of his donations on his campaign manager, who

was paid \$2,000, and over \$7,000 for printing, including signs, buttons and T-shirts.

One of the vendors who got his business was Nashal Graphics on Caniff Ave., which is owned by Nasr Hussain. He was paid over \$2,000 for campaign signs.

Hussain was a frequent critic of Majewski on various Hamtramck-related Facebook pages, including Hamtramck Square.

He accused her of cor-

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Oct. 26-Nov. 1.

Tuesday, Oct. 26

• At about 1 a.m., a report was made about people who appeared to be getting ready to fight. When officers arrived on the scene there was no one there.

• At about 4:30 a.m., a resident in the 2200 block of Poland St. complained that someone was kicking in his back door, but when officers arrived there was no suspect.

• A Yemans St. resident reported being assaulted.

• A Detroit resident was warned about trespassing at Hamtramck High School.

• A resident in the 12100 block of Lumpkin St. reported that their trash can was stolen.

• A resident in the 2200 block of Caniff Ave. reported that someone stole an item from their car.

• A suspicious person was reported in the 2200 block of Carpenter Ave.

Wednesday, Oct. 27

• A suspicious incident was reported in the 11400 block of Charest St.

• An incident of fraud was reported at a business in the 9500 block of Conant Ave.

• An incident of malicious destruction of property was reported in the 9400 block of Charest St.

• A break-in was reported in the 2600 block of Edwin St.

• A domestic dispute was reported in the 3200 block of Lehman St.

• A suspicious incident was reported in the area of Conant and Trowbridge.

• A complaint was made about an animal in the 3400 block of Comstock St.

Thursday, Oct. 28

• A resident was arrested for driving without a license, being wanted on Hamtramck warrants, and for possessing open intoxicants.

• Officers checking on a report of a suspicious situation in the 11000 block of Jos. Campau Ave. noticed that water was leaking out the rear door of a business. The owner of the building could not be contacted.

• An agent for a Conant Ave. business reported that someone damaged their property.

• A complaint was made about cars being parked on a grassy lot at Commor and Jos. Campau.

• A person in the 9600 block of Jos. Campau Ave. reported that they were getting harassing phone calls.

• An agent for a business in the 12100 block of Conant Ave. reported

an incident of fraud.

• A break-in was reported in the 3300 block of Hamtramck Dr.

• A complaint was made about a disorderly customer in the 2000 block of Caniff Ave.

• A person in the 2700 block of Norwalk St. reported that they were receiving harassing communications.

Friday, Oct. 29

• A complaint was made about loud music coming from a residence in the 9800 block of Winfield St.

• A business in the 11300 block of Conant Ave. reported a break-in.

• Officers intervened with a family in the 9600 block of Buffalo St. who were having trouble.

• A theft was reported in the 9600 block of Jos. Campau Ave.

• An incident of illegal dumping was reported in the 9400 block of McDougall St.

• A report was made about persons in the 11600 block of Gallagher St. impersonating police officers.

Saturday, Oct. 30

• An agent for a business in the 2100 block of Caniff Ave. reported having trouble with a customer.

• A resident reported receiving harassing communications.

• A large fight was reported in the 9400 block of Jos. Campau Ave. Officers broke up the group.

• A report was made about women in the area of Jos. Campau and Poland who were arguing.

• An auto accident in the area of Conant and Trowbridge led to the arrest of one driver for being intoxicated.

• A theft was reported in the 3300 block of Holbrook Ave.

• An agent for a business in the 3000 block of Caniff Ave. reported having trouble with a customer.

• A complaint was made about a person loitering in the 2200 block of Holbrook Ave.

• A report was made about a large fight happening in the area of Carpenter and Conant, and the possibility that some of the participants were armed with guns.

• A hit-and-run accident occurred in the area of Gallagher and Hanley.

Sunday, Oct. 31

• A complaint was made about a person who refused to leave a residence in the 5100 block of Yemans St.

• A complaint was made about an animal in the 3400 block of Comstock St.

• An incident of malicious destruction of property occurred in the 3500 block of Caniff Ave.

• An agent for a business in the 9400 block

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of Conant Ave. reported a disorderly person who refused to leave.

• An agent for a restaurant in the 8700 block of Jos. Campau complained about a man sleeping inside who refused to leave.

• Officers responding to an emergency scene in the 8700 block of Jos. Campau Ave. noticed a car speeding past both them and an ambulance on the scene. Officers caught up with the motorist, and arrested them

for driving with a suspended license and for being wanted on multiple warrants.

• Two unrelated complaints about animals were reported, one in the 2400 block of Andrus St. and the other in the area of Klinger and Carpenter.

• A suspicious situation was reported in the area of Holbrook and Mc-

Dougall.

• An agent for a business in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau Ave. reported an employee who stole from the business.

• Two people reported that they were robbed at gunpoint while at Holbrook and Gallagher.

• A disorderly person was reported at a business in the 2000 block of Caniff Ave.

• A resident was arrested in the 2700 block of Evaline St. for assault

and for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

Monday, Nov. 1

• A Fleming St. resident reported that a package was stolen from their porch.

• A report was made about a person passed out over the steering wheel of their car while it was parked on Caniff Ave. Officers discovered that the person was awake and was just reading something on their

phone.

• An Evaline St. resident reported being assaulted.

• A Dequindre St. resident reported that their city-issued trash can was stolen.

• An Andrus St. resident reported a domestic violence incident.

• A complaint was made from a residence in the 12000 block of Selfridge St. about an unwanted guest.

Mayor's challenger far outraised and outspent her campaign

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ruption, and of steering city projects toward friends and supporters. At the same time Hussain was relentless in promoting Ghalib on social media.

Hussain defended taking money from Ghalib's campaign while at the same time promoting him to be elected.

"The money I take from him is in return for a product that I print for him. Not for benefits I receive from the city, and I would promote him whether he printed with me or with other places."

Both Hussain and Ghalib are Yemeni-Americans, and represent a growing influence of that community's political muscle.

Majewski was critical of Hussain's accusations about her and city government, as well as of his comments on the display

of support for LGBTQ rights and the role of women.

"Nasr's history of lies, false accusations, misogyny, and homophobia should be no surprise to anyone, and taint those who support him and

whom he supports," Majewski said.

As for his association with Ghalib's campaign, she said: "I doubt those views were bought. I think he's sincerely told us who he is."

Quick Hits

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NOAA data projection models to then create localized prediction models in turn, usually beginning in mid-Nov. At this point, the chances for the warmer version of winter is running close to 50-50, and the same for the wetter version. But there seems to be almost no model predicting it colder or drier.

Increased rain, snow, slush and ice can lead to spring flooding, something this area saw plenty of this past summer, even into fall.

The National Weather Service uses these

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