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Quick Hits

HatchArt celebrates

By Alan Madlane

Hard to believe, but those rascals over at HatchArt have been at it for a score now – 20 big years, and counting – and they’re aiming to celebrate it most bigly this Saturday night, with a juried exhibition as part of a reception open to the public.

Called “Hatchback 20,” it will happen this Saturday evening, April 11, from 6-9 p.m. at their space in the old police station, 3456 Evaline St.

Wait a minute – police station? Jury? What are we dealing with here?

The high crime of Art, is what.

At this point, some 40-plus artists will feature their work for your eyes, but also for those of lone juror Scott Northrup, who will ultimately decide which art is the artiest. He is the current Chair of the Film, Photography, and Interdisciplinary Art + Design programs at the College for Creative Studies.

Northrup holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from CCS, and a Master of Arts degree in Media Studies from renowned institution The New School in New York City. He has exhibited his work both across the U.S. and abroad.

For a preview list of tomorrow night’s accepted artists, go to the Hatch Facebook page: facebook.com/Hatch Art



— HAMTRAMCK’S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Recall election underscores division in city hall

By Charles Sercombe

The public backlash is growing against Councilmember Mohammed Hassan.

He is apparently facing a potential recall challenge that is being promoted on social media.

Whoever is behind the social media campaign has not yet submitted ballot language for approval to schedule a recall election, however. Getting a recall’s ballot language approved is more challenging now, since state legislators tightened up the requirements.

Critics say that Hassan bullies other councilmembers, and acts like he is running the city. Hassan is also scheduled for a jury trial on April 13, in Wayne County Circuit Court, on felony charges involving election fraud.

In an email to The Review, an unidentified person representing the group behind the recall effort said they are conducting it now because “we see no hope in anything being done by the courts based on recent rulings and so we decide take the matter to our own hands.”

On the social media page calling for Hassan’s



Councilmember Mohammed Hassan, the longest serving member of the council, is now facing increasing blowback from the public about his behavior. A recall effort is apparently underway. File photo

removal from office, the following charges are leveled at him:

Fraud
“Pending felony election fraud charges against Councilman Mohammed Hassan raise serious questions about his suitability to lead our community. We cannot allow this violation of trust to go unchecked.”

Hostility
“A documented history of hostile actions toward residents demonstrates a lack of respect for the very people he represents. This behavior undermines community well-being and engage-

ment.”

Interference
“Interference with official council proceedings disrupts governance and erodes public confidence in our elected officials. It is time to demand better leadership for our community.”

The Review reached out to Hassan for comment but he did not respond.

The person connected with the recall also said this is just the beginning of targeting others on council.

“We’re starting with the elephant in the room to show others that we,

the residents, will take you out when you cheat in elections, bully the residents and do nothing for the city.”

On social media, the recall effort appears to have community support.

“Exactly what we were looking for!” said Mohamed Alharbi.

Penny Bowler said she is willing to sign a recall petition: “He is a horrible person and should not have any role in our local government.”

Lawrence Macks was succinct, pleading “Stop the Insanity!”

Historical museum gives its monthly update of happenings

By Alan Madlane

The Hamtramck Historical Museum has its March newsletter out, and we’re here to summarize it for you.

Museum tours are all the hotness right now, as their season cranked up early this year, with some 120 people taking part in three private tours arranged by Board Treasurer Cindy Cervenak alone.

Another public tour brought in 10 more folks. The museum looks forward to a busy season of private tours and the growth of their public tour program – remember, free on the last Saturday of each month.

The museum held its Annual Board Retreat recently, where they dealt with a laundry list



The Hamtramck Historical Museum has had another busy month with visitors. File photo

of positive issues, from the financial report to the volunteer program to a couple of intriguing

exhibits forthcoming.

Basic stats:

- The museum had a total visitor count, for

the 2025 year, of 2,167 persons

- In 2025, volunteers logged 1,320-plus hours

- The museum took in \$51,178 in unrestricted income (donations, Friends memberships, gift shop sales, events like the Prohibition dinner, and so on) and \$27,895 in restricted income from two grants, the PCS Building Capital Grant (\$22,895) and the Wayne State U. Deep Mapping Project Grant (\$5,000) for a total of \$79,073

- The museum spent \$45,770 for expenses over nine categories, most on insurance (\$15,300) and occupancy (\$14,602), and spent another \$5,419 on restricted expendi-

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Councilman responds to critics

By Charles Sercombe

Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury’s social media war appears far from over.

This week, Choudhury responded to criticism leveled by former city clerk Rana (Faraj) Allen. In a social media post Choudhury accused Allen of acting “unprofessional and disrespectful,” and added she is “not a good person.”

Allen, in turn, characterized Choudhury as someone who “plays both sides like it’s a full-time job. Whatever keeps him safe, whatever keeps him liked.”



Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury

Allen went further, saying that he was “complaining that my deputy wouldn’t let him ‘help’ residents vote, and calling him rude because he wouldn’t bend the rules for him. Translation: he was mad he couldn’t get away with cheating.”

Allen continued: “He knows damn well I ran a fair, clean election. He said it himself. Just not where it counted. But now suddenly I’m ‘not a good person’? Please. The only thing consistent about him is the switch-up.”

Allen was fired by the city after November’s election, in which 37 uncounted ballots were found the day after the election. There was also a matter of Allen having had a punching bag with a photo of mayoral candidate Muhith Mahmood’s photo attached to it in her office.

Choudhury also called a resident who criticized him on social media a “fake bitch,” and called a political rival a “douchebag.”

A number of residents called out Choudhury for his foul language.

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tures from the grant monies, for a total of \$51,189

John Kochut went over his presentation on Feb. 10 at Birmingham's Next, a non-profit community center, which went well.

The museum also recounted having worked with 10 students from Hamtramck High

School's AP African American Studies class, aligned with National History Day's theme of Revolution, Reaction and Reform.

The students will be moving on in the competition to the State Finals on April 25 at Saginaw Valley State University.

Feb. 7 was a clean-up day, where volunteers

helped clean out the back room of the museum. They even helped relocate some heavier items upstairs without the help of the non-working building elevator.

Some upcoming calendar events:

• Sat., April 25, 1 p.m. – Free tour of the museum

• Sun., May 3, 2-6

p.m. – St. Florian Church tours in conjunction with the annual Strawberry Festival

• Sat., May 9, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Polish Genealogy Workshop Part 2 with Valerie Koselka

The museum is located at 9525 Jos. Campau, and it's open Friday-Sunday.

Councilman responds to critics

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The Review reached out to Choudhury a few weeks ago for comment on the community blowback over those previous remarks, but he did not respond until Monday.

Here's what he told The Review, verbatim:

"She (Allen) never gave anyone respect and kind attention except those who she likes. Everyone knows she was a wrong person for that clerk position. at you sir I DO NOT APPRECIATE WITH YOUR WRITING ALL THAT IN NEWS PAPER AND SPAWNING UNNECESSARY WRITING AGAINST A GOOD PERSON REPUTATION. I guess that's job. I don't think anyone is a good person who get fired and they sue us for no valid reason. Please don't keep spinning the for same thing. I don't have a time for nothing sir: Thank you."

While Choudhury appeared to want to have the last word on his feud with Allen, the public wasn't

done weighing in on the matter.

Former Councilmember Joe Strzalka said Choudhury needs to show respect to the community.

"So the councilman who calls a female resident a 'fake bitch' doesn't like the comments people make of him? Perhaps if he showed respect he'd get some in return. A good start would be a public apology and showing some humility."

The woman who was on the receiving end of Choudhury's "fake bitch," comment, Diana Elizabeth, also wasn't done criticizing Choudhury.

"If you cannot tolerate social media or have the patience to or follow the rules of social media interaction, than you should not hold office

or seek a position as a public official like a politician."

Choudhury's verbal attacks come at a time

when the city council has become increasingly divided.

This is his second term on council.



Car Rescue LLC Auction
Car Rescue will be holding a car auction on **April 20 at 11 AM at 10230 Livernois Ave., Detroit, MI. The following vehicles will be available for auction:**

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2016	Buick Encore	vin: KLHCJBSB7GB614380

This week at the Library . . .

April 10, 2026

Medicare: A team from Priority Health will conduct a meeting answering questions about Medicare options. The next presentation will take place on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 2:15 pm.

Space Shuttle: The first space shuttle flight occurred on April 12, 1981 with the launching of Columbia with astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen aboard. Columbia spent 54 hours in space, making 36 orbits, the landed at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

American-style English: On April 14, 1828 the first dictionary of American style English was published by Noah Webster as the American Dictionary of the English Language.

Titanic: In the icy waters of Newfoundland, the luxury liner Titanic with 2,224 persons on board sank on April 15, 1912 at 2:27 am after striking an iceberg just before midnight. Over 1,500 persons drowned while 700 were rescued by the liner Carpathia which arrived about two hours after Titanic went down.

Slavery: On April 16, 1862 Congress abolished slavery in the District of Columbia and appropriated one million dollars to compensate owners of freed slaves.

American Revolution: On April 19, 1775 at dawn in Massachusetts, about 70 armed militiamen stood face to face on Lexington Green with a British advance guard unit. An un-ordered shot heard around the world began the American Revolution. A

volley of British rifle fire was followed by a charge with bayonets leaving eight Americans dead and ten wounded.

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Exercise at the Library: The RIM Foundation was begun exercise classes again this fall. On Tuesdays, its back to Yoga at 2:30 pm. and on Fridays, it is Tai Chi at 10:00 am. To register for the program, stop by the library circulation desk.

Story Time: These programs conducted by the library staff are scheduled for Wednesdays afternoon at 4:00 pm. All children are invited.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Political division in city hall is getting worse

You have to wonder about this city council.

As we've mentioned before, there is a growing division between some councilmembers and the mayor and the city manager.

It appears that this power struggle is far from being resolved, and having seen this

play out before, things will get worse to the point where the city can become frozen in a political standoff.

This, obviously, doesn't bode well for the community, especially in what appear to be uncertain times in this country and the world.

Get it together, folks.

We're not sure where things went wrong on council, but none of their antics are helping better the lives of residents.

We urge councilmembers to remember why they are representing the community, which is to serve it – not for personal gain or status.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Secretary of State says Trump election order is illegal

By Jocelyn Benson
Michigan Secretary of State

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson made the following statement on the president's unlawful attempt to interfere with states' Constitutional authority to run safe and secure elections via executive order:

This executive order is illegal on its face. States run elections, not the president.

The president couldn't convince Congress to pass his disastrous voter suppression bill, so he's resorted to this. This order will only make it harder for eligible Michigan citizens to vote and will create chaos at every step of the election process.

The truth is that our elections are already secure. By ordering the DOJ to target state and local election officials, this administration is co-

ming after hardworking local public servants for doing their jobs safeguarding democracy. It is meant to sow fear, confusion, and doubt among voters.

As Secretary of State, I will protect the votes and voices of Michiganders. The law is on our side, and I will take swift action to fight this illegal order in court.

(Jocelyn Benson is a Democratic candidate for governor of the state.)

Obituaries

SCALVINI



Tina Scalvini (Allen), 61, passed away peacefully at home on

April 7, 2026, in Clinton Township, Michigan. Born on July 19, 1964, in Detroit, Michigan, she was the beloved daughter of the late Shirley Birkenhauer (parent) and Francis Allen.

Tina was a devoted wife to her husband, Daniel, and a loving mother to her daughter, Nicole. She

took great pride in being a grandmother to her two granddaughters, Gabriella and Aubrianna. Tina also will be deeply missed by her siblings—Karen, Beverly, Peggy, Sharon, and David - whom she will always watch over.

Tina's life was marked by her caring spirit and unwavering strength. She touched the lives of those around her with kindness and compassion, leaving behind a legacy that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

In addition to her

parents, Shirley Birkenhauer (parent) and Francis Allen, Tina was predeceased by other loved ones who undoubtedly welcomed her into eternal rest.

May Tina's memory bring comfort to those who mourn her passing and serve as a lasting reminder of the love she shared throughout her life. Private services were held by the family and arrangements entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

Odds & Ends

Clean-up time ... If you can spare an hour or more on Saturday, May 2, the city is asking you to lend a hand.

On that day, the City Beautification Commission is hosting the annual "City-Wide Spring Clean Up."

Here's what the group has to say about the event:

"Hamtramck's streets and parks need your help to beautify our neighborhoods, streets, and parks!

"Volunteers will pick up supplies at City Hall any time during the event and be sent out to one of four 'zones' in the city to pick up litter. Please plan to join us, and bring friends and family with you!"

Volunteers will first meet at city hall at 10 a.m. to receive supplies and find out where to go.

Can't make it?

No matter what, do your civic duty by at least cleaning up your property and your portions of the alley and street.

A reader writes ... Hey elected officials, the public is getting fed up with your antics at city council meetings.

One reader emailed us this:

"It saddens me to know the state of chaos our city government is currently in.

"All the bickering, name calling, and disrespect for other human beings is mind boggling. For a councilman, or anyone, to call another human being a 'bitch' is unacceptable and shows insecurities within self.

"While all this is going on, who is taking care of the needs and well-being of Hamtramck and its precious residents? I will continue to keep our city and city government in my prayers. And, I pray that future elections will give us better qualified individuals who have respect and compassion for all residents of this great city we live in."

Trump's Easter message furor ... By now, most of us have heard what President Trump had to say in his Easter message, which contained foul language and, strangely, ended with the phrase

"Praise be to Allah."

It's likely he meant that sarcastically – but, with Trump, one never truly knows.

Nevertheless, local Imams from Dearborn were not amused. They lashed out at Trump for his message overall, and particularly the reference to Allah.

They said that Allah is a sacred Islamic phrase, and called for him to show respect for all faiths.

So far, no one in Hamtramck's Muslim community, including our elected officials, has publicly spoken out about the matter. Stranger still, many in the Muslim community here supported Trump for president – including former Hamtramck mayor Amer Ghalib, who is now working for the Trump administration.

Reminder ... The Hamtramck Historical Museum – the city's repository for all things Hamtramck, dating back to almost before there even was a Hamtramck – is seeking volunteers.

An informational meeting was held last Saturday, but it's not too late to still become a volunteer.

The museum is located at 9525 Jos. Campau, between Norwalk and Poland. Their phone number is (313) 262-6571, and they are there to answer calls at least on Fridays (11 a.m.-3 p.m.), Saturdays (11 a.m.-4 p.m.) and Sundays (noon-3 p.m.).

For the uninitiated, check them out at hamtramckhistory.com.

Energy emergency ... Gov. Whitmer has declared an Energy Emergency to help Michiganders at the gas pump.

Whitmer recently issued an Executive Order allowing for the easing of requirements on fuel blends.

This, in turn, allows for the sale of "higher vapor pressure" gasoline, which is typically 10 to 20 cents per gallon cheaper. The measure comes in response to the skyrocketing national gas prices being driven by the Iran conflict, as well as by recent tariffs.

Whitmer explained: "Right now, countless Michigan families are struggling with rising costs on the essentials, from groceries to gas..."

As governor, I can't end a war overseas or undo bad policies at the federal level that led to (these) higher gas prices, but I will do what I can to try to give (Michigan) families a break."

Various crude oils have routinely crossed the dreaded \$100 per barrel benchmark in recent months, resulting in price hikes of 30 percent in the Detroit area, with stations in some of the tonier suburbs hitting close to, or even over, \$5 a gallon, and late night talk shows out of Los Angeles have shown photos of stations gouging to the tune of almost twice that much.

Eastern Market does Detroit ... This Sunday, April 12, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Eastern Market will host its 12th annual "All Things Detroit Day."

Founder Jennyfer Crawford-Williams brings the event back to Sheds 3, 4, and 5, where more than 200 local vendors will have a chance to shop local and small for everything from original art and handmade goods, to home and garden items, to "inventive" food and beverages.

The event is \$7 at the door for general admission beginning at noon. To get in before noon, Beat the Crowd tickets are available for \$15. Kids age 6 and under are free. BtC entrants also receive a complementary tote bag.

You can connect and learn more on Facebook, Instagram and Tik Tok.

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers March 31-April 6.

Tuesday, March 31

- A domestic assault was reported in the 11300 block of Fleming.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- A fight was reported in the area of Dyar and Commor.
- A stolen vehicle was recovered in the 9400 block of Conant.
- A theft was reported in the 9700 block of Conant.
- A business in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau reported trouble with a customer.
- An assault was reported in the 9200 block of Jos. Campau.
- A fight was reported in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.
- A narcotics crime was reported in the 9400 block of Conant.

Wednesday, April 1

- Family trouble was reported in the 11400 block of Grand Haven.
- A break-in was reported in the 2200 block of Danforth.
- A break-in at a business was reported in the 11800 block of Jos. Campau.
- A theft was reported in the area of Fleming and Neibel.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau.
- Officers, responding to a call about an assault in the 12000 block of Selfridge, arrested a suspect for property destruction.

Thursday, April 2

- A hit-and-run accident was reported at Jos. Campau and Faber.
- A trespassing complaint was made in the 3300 block of Doremus.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 11400 block of Dequindre.
- A business in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau reported trouble with a customer.
- Family trouble was reported in the 2200 block of Danforth.
- Reckless drivers were reported in the area of Lumpkin and Casmere, and in the area of Gallagher and Caniff.

Friday, April 3

- A fight was reported in the 2400 block of Holbrook.
- A personal protection order was reported in the 3200 block of Yemans.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 2600 block of Evaline.
- A vehicle was reported stolen in the 5400 block of Yemans.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 8800 block of Conant.
- Incidents of fraud were reported in the 3200 block of Trowbridge, and in the 2600 block of Pulaski.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the area of Caniff and Conant.
- Three reckless drivers were reported in the area of Hewitt and Jos. Campau.
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Saturday, April 4

- Officers recovered a stolen vehicle in the 9700 block of Conant, and also arrested a female suspect for possessing the vehicle.
- Disorderly people were reported in the 5000 block of Yemans.
- An assault was reported in the 8900 block of Jos. Campau.
- A complaint was made about a suspicious male on a bicycle who was trying to open car doors.
- At 5:40 a.m., a vehicle rammed into a marijuana dispensary building in the 11800 block of Jos. Campau in connection with a break-in.

Sunday, April 5

- Officers, investigating drag racing in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau, arrested two suspects.
- An incident of retail fraud was reported in the 11800 block of Dequindre.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the area of Edwin and Buffalo.

Monday, April 6

- Masked suspects were reported looking into vehicles in the area of Evaline and Buffalo.
- A business in the 11300 block of Jos. Campau reported trouble with a customer.
- A complaint was made about a male suspect causing a disturbance in the 2700 block of Trowbridge.
- An attempted theft of a vehicle was reported on Yemans.
- An assault was reported in the 3000 block of Jacob.
- An assault was reported in the 8500 block of Jos. Campau.
- Officers, responding to a call about a disorderly male suspect in the 2300 block of Commor, arrested the man for trespassing.

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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 Feb. 24, and all councilmembers were in attendance.

It was announced that the city is giving away 250 trees to be planted, the first step in ultimately planting 1,000 trees over the next four years.

The city said the trees will help “improve air quality, cool temperatures, and reduce storm water flooding.”

For more information, call (313) 800-5233, extension 818. You can also request a tree by emailing the city at: treerequests@hamtramckcity.gov.

In public comment, Lynn Blasey took issue with the council adding on agenda items at the beginning of meetings. Blasey said that, according to the city charter, only the city manager can present urgent matters to be included on the agenda without prior notice.

Otherwise, she said, the city charter says that the agenda is set by the Wednesday before a council meeting on the following Tuesday. Blasey urged councilmembers to read the city charter.

Blasey also criticized the city’s code enforcement for ticketing residents for violations that can’t properly be addressed in cold weather – such as painting the exterior of a house.

She also said she received a code violation for a property that was not hers. Blasey said she called multiple times, but the code enforcement department did not return her messages.

Ibrahim Aljahim complained that the sanitation company the city hires has failed to keep up with emptying trash cans on Jos. Campau.

“Enough is enough, guys,” he said.

As for the code enforcement department, Aljahim said “they play favoritism.” He said code enforcers focus on residential dwellings instead of businesses.

Ahmed Sharaf Aldeen noted that, with the hiring of the city’s new city manager, Adel Al-Adlani, he becomes the city’s first Muslim to be hired into that position.

“I’m expecting it to be good,” he said. “We’re here to help you, everybody.”

Larissa Richardson introduced herself as a representative of Detroit Mayor Mary Sheffield, and talked about Sheffield’s wish to form community partnerships.

In the consent agenda, Mayor Adam Alharbi informed the council that he re-appointed the following members of the Board of Review, all for two-year terms: Yeasmin Sultana, Rezaul Chowdhury, and Mohammed Muhit, and alternate members

in good standing Gamal Alturki and Mohamed Al-duais.

In new business, the council OK’d contracts, with the Piast Institute and Passenger Recovery, to continue opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery services funded through the Opioid Settlement Fund.

Funding comes from a lawsuit settlement with the state that will provide \$1.6 billion for the state and municipalities.

In a note to the council, it was said:

“The settlement funds are intended to address the opioid crisis, which has killed more than 11,000 Michiganders since 2018.

“These funds are legally restricted and may only be used for specific opioid remediation and drug intervention activities as defined by the national settlement agreements and corresponding court orders. The funds must be spent on opioid remediation, which includes care and treatment for opioid use and related disorders, mitigating other effects of the opioid epidemic, prevention programs, expanding syringe service programs, and researching the effectiveness of abatement strategies.”

In another matter, the council approved paying Hennessey Engineers to create the design for a parking garage for Public Works vehicles. The building will be on Council St.

The cost of the engineering study is \$112,500.

In another project, the council agreed to award a \$100,000 subcontract to the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy to install a concrete pad for a fitness center in Veterans Park.

That funding comes from a state community development program.

A discussion was held on a proposed employment contract with new City Manager Adel Al-Adlani.

But, before the council got into the details of the contract, Councilmember Mohammed Hassan took issue with an earlier comment, from back during public discussion, that Hamtramck is now run by a Muslim for the first time.

Hassan said the city went through a candidate selection process to fill the position, and only experience and qualifications were considered – not religion.

“It’s not a Muslim person is here today,” Hassan said.

Mayor Alharbi said the city indeed went through a “detailed” hiring process.

“Religion should never be something of discussion,” Alharbi said.

He said the city only looked at qualifications, and that Al-Adlani had a doctorate degree in pub-

lic administration, “and other things that are impressive, and we felt he’s qualified for this position – overqualified for this position.”

(Al-Adlani has no prior experience as a city manager or equivalent experience, which is required by the city charter.)

The contract calls for a salary of \$135,000, with a \$500 a month personal allowance and a one-time signing bonus of \$3,000.

The council approved the contract.

City Manager Al-Adlani later said he’s “deeply honored by your trust ... to serve as your city manager is a great responsibility.”

He said he will serve the community “regardless of the race or religion, with integrity, with professionalism.”

Moving on, a lengthy discussion was held on whether to censure Councilmember Yousuf Saed.

The resolution was presented by Councilmember Mohammed Alsomiri, who accused Saed of using an offensive word to describe him and three other councilmembers on social media.

(A censure carries no punishment, but rather

is a public reprimand – or public shaming – that does not remove a councilmember from office.)

“Never someone speak anything bad for our council,” Alsomiri said.

Saed denied he used an offensive word, and blamed it on a poor translation from Arabic.

He countered that what he said “wasn’t a bad word or anything. Just an opinion for four people.”

Saed also accused Alsomiri of telling him how

to vote on resolutions facing the council.

“How many time did you push me to vote for somebody for resolution,” he said.

Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury attempted to play the role of peacemaker, but it didn’t seem to help much.

“I wish it didn’t come to this point. Things got heated up,” Choudhury said. “This isn’t necessary to censure somebody – unless it’s an extremist way that person behaved.”

Mayor Adam Alharbi, who chairs council meetings, also tried his hand at offering an olive branch.

He said Saed was “wrong with his comment, but it’s not to the point where he needs to be censured.”

Councilmembers who voted in favor of Saed’s censure included: Mohammed Hassan, Muh-tasin Sadman, Abu Musa and Alsomiri. Those voting against the resolu-

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April 22, 2026 9:00 a.m.

Mandatory walk of facilities:

April 22, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Deadline for questions:

April 27, 2026 7:00 a.m.

Final addendum deadline:

April 29, 2026 7:00 a.m.

Bid due date and time:

May 6, 2026 9:00 a.m.

Address for pre-bid meeting:

11645 Klinger Street
Hamtramck, Mi. 48212

E-mail address for any communications related to this bid:

Bruce Coltman
Interim Director of Buildings and Grounds
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tion were Councilmembers Nayeem Choudhury and Saed.

The council's censure read, in part: "Councilmember Saed published a post on his personal Facebook account that contained derogatory and

demeaning language directed at fellow members of the Hamtramck City Council regarding votes on prior matters before the council; and the publication of such content undermines the decorum,

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Instructions and minimum specifications are attached. The security service contract will be for a three (3) year period beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

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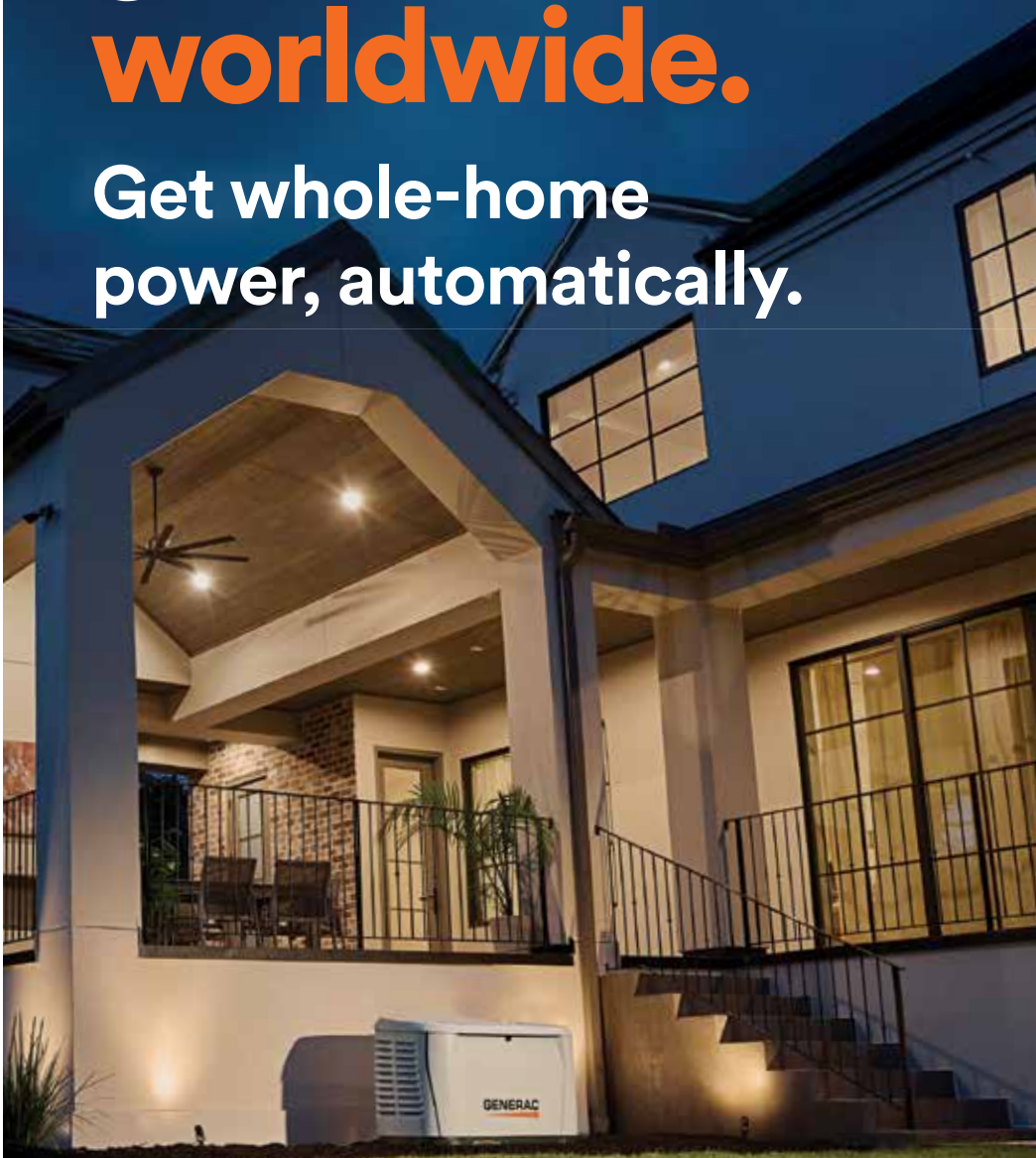
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