

CITY OF STERLING HEIGHTS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016
IN CITY HALL

Mayor Michael C. Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mark Carufel, City Clerk, gave the Invocation.

Council Members present at roll call: Deanna Koski, Joseph V. Romano, Maria G. Schmidt, Nate Shannon, Doug Skrzyniarz, Michael C. Taylor, Barbara A. Ziarko.

Also Present: Mark D. Vanderpool, City Manager; Jeffrey Bahorski, City Attorney; Mark Carufel, City Clerk; Susan Pitrone, Recording Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Koski, seconded by Romano, to approve the Agenda as presented.

Yes: All. The motion carried.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER

Mr. Vanderpool reported that the City of Sterling Heights is excited to announce the 2016 Dodge Park Road Improvement Project. The City of Sterling Heights has secured over \$6.3 million in Federal funds to enable almost two miles of road construction of Dodge Park Road. The City of Sterling Heights will be holding a Community Information Meeting tomorrow, February 3, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. A presentation providing an overview of the project was presented by Mr. Brent Bashaw, City Engineer. Mr. Bashaw stated that a 1.7

mile stretch of Dodge Park Road from Metropolitan Parkway to Utica Road will be reconstructed. In 2013, federal dollars were secured to enable this project. The \$8,000,000 project will take place in 2016 and will be 80% financed with federal funds. Existing pavement will be entirely removed and replaced with new pavement, a dedicated turn lane, a northbound and southbound lane, deceleration lanes will be provided, the entire road will be curbed and existing ditches will be enclosed. In addition to road improvement, non-motorized improvements will also be made, including a ten foot concrete path on the east side of Dodge Park Road from Metropolitan Parkway to 17 Mile Road, and crossover to the west side of the road, from 17 Mile Road continuing to Utica Road. New landscaping will be installed with stamped and colored crosswalks at major road intersections. The project will be broken up to two stages so the entire 1.7 mile parkway will not be under construction at any one time. Stage 1 is Metropolitan Parkway to 17 Mile Road. Stage 2 will begin once Stage 1 has been completed, from 18 Mile Road to Utica Road. Stage 1 will begin mid to late March and continue through the end of July. Stage 2 will commence early August with an estimated completion date of mid-November. All landscaping for Stages 1 and 2 will be completed in October of 2016. In preparation, the City of Sterling Heights Police and Fire Departments, along with Utica Community Schools, have been involved in this project from the onset, anticipating minimal impact. These projects coordinate with the City Center improvements, which will begin in the spring. In addition, the Community Relations Department has been involved to insure important events will continue in 2016. Regular construction

updates will be posted on the City of Sterling Height's website under the engineering section. Future mailings and communication will be made to all property owners of parcels confronting the project. The Office of Engineering can be reached at (586) 446-2720 and is available to answer any questions.

Mr. Vanderpool stated that the improvements will vastly change the look of the Dodge Park corridor leading to the gateway at the City's Center Campus. Mr. Vanderpool reported that the City of Sterling Heights will continue to steadily progress making infrastructure improvements.

Mr. Vanderpool stated that City offices will be closed on Monday, February 15 for Presidents' Day, including all facilities. The closure will not affect the City's refuse schedule; trash will be collected on the normal collection day.

Mr. Vanderpool reported that the Friends Used Bookstore will be closed for remodeling from Thursday, February 11 to Monday, February 15. The bookstore will reopen on Tuesday, February 16 with more shelving and an innovative layout of the center. Residents are invited to visit the updated bookstore on February 16 for cookies and special sales. The Friends have a treasure trove of books, audiobooks, DVDs, music CDs, records, and more, available for purchase.

Mr. Vanderpool provided a development update on a gas station improvement that will be going on at the corner of Schoenherr Road and M59. The improvement will incorporate the City's new architectural feature when gas stations are improved. A second update is a development on Van Dyke, south of Metropolitan Parkway. A vacant fuel site, is being redeveloped into a commercial center consistent with its

existing zoning classification. This location will also incorporate the City's new architecture features, and will open sometime this year. In addition, land south of this property, is expected to be developed as well.

Mr. Vanderpool presented a video presentation highlighting one of our successful businesses in the City, Serapid. This company engineers, designs, and builds systems that move generally very heavy loads. The company finds innovative solutions for customers and continues to grow every year,

Mr. Vanderpool stated he was very proud to have Serapid in Sterling Heights.

Mr. Vanderpool stated that a water drive is being conducted for Flint. He welcomed everyone to bring cases of water to City facilities this week. The donated water will be delivered to Flint next week. Residents can visit the City's website for more information.

Mr. Vanderpool addressed the Flint water crisis. He reported that the City of Sterling Heights does not have lead based service leads going into homes. Approximately 99% are either copper or iron based. Regular testing is done, taking random samples of our water system throughout the year in addition to, every three years, extensive testing is done for lead as well. So far, lead has not been found in our system. A report is done and mailed to all residents in June of each year, showing what testing is done along with the results. Feel free to call the City Manager's office with any questions.

Mr. Vanderpool stated that the municipal funding system in Michigan is broken and is getting worse every year. Since 2000, the state has reduced revenue sharing

payments to cities across the state by \$5 billion dollars. A few years ago, the state eliminated the personal property tax, a local tax revenue source for cities across the state paid by businesses. A reimbursement plan was developed by the state. It remains to be seen if the state will honor the replacement by 100%. Cities had to implement local millages to save public safety jobs and invest in infrastructures. State legislatures have now made it difficult to pass those millages, imposing a 60 day gag order in which local officials cannot share important information about such proposals prior to elections. This legislation could cause a reduction in bond rating for communities across the state, including school districts. This is an example how the system is broken in Michigan and getting worse. Property values are going up, revenue to cities is only increasing this year by .3 percent, less than a half-percent. Until the broken financial structure funding communities is fixed; there will be more systematic failures in cities across the state like Flint. He stated we need to work in collaboration with state legislators to fix the broken system. Mr. Vanderpool encouraged residents to reach out to state legislators, asking them to stop attacking local revenues and start fund the communities across the state.

Mr. Vanderpool was pleased to report that the Sterling Heights Fire Department was rated among the best in the state by the insurance services organization. Fire departments are rated 1-10 by ISO, with 1 being the best. ISO rates fire departments across the country. The City of Sterling Heights has raised their rating from 4 to a 2, joining only two other communities in the state, Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo.

There are no communities in Michigan with an ISO rating of 1. Some of the factors

used in evaluating the rating included: dispatching services, water flow pressures, and manpower station locations. The City of Sterling Heights' Fire Department is proud being among the premier and exemplary Fire Departments across the state. Only 3 Fire Departments have an ISO rating of 2. He stated this is a tribute to City Council's commitment to public safety, and illustration of strong leadership in the Fire Department recognizing Chief Martin for doing an excellent job, along with the men and women in the Fire Department who have worked very hard to achieve this distinction. Mr. Vanderpool thanked City Council for their commitment to the Fire Department which has received this very deserving rating, among the best in the state. Mayor Taylor thanked Mr. Vanderpool and congratulated the Fire Department on their achievement.

1. ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Moved by Romano, seconded Ziarko, **RESOLVED**, to adopt the ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article II, §§2-17, 2-18 and 2-19 of the City Code to conform the listing of departments and administrative officers to the confirmed Administrative Code and Plan.

CITY OF STERLING HEIGHTS

MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 444

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, §§2-17, 2-18, AND 2-19 OF THE CITY CODE TO CONFORM THE LISTING OF DEPARTMENTS AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND PLAN AS CONFIRMED BY CITY COUNCIL EFFECTIVE JANUARY 19, 2016.

THE CITY OF STERLING HEIGHTS ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 2-17 of Article II, Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances shall be amended to read as follows:

2-17. ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS.

The administrative service of the city shall consist of the following departments:

- (A) City Administration;
- (B) City Development;
- (C) Community Relations;
- (D) Fire;
- (E) Public Library;
- (F) Parks and Recreation;
- (G) Police;
- (H) Public Works.

(1968 Code, § 2-17; Ord. No. 201-C, § 1, 12-16-86; Ord. No. 201-D, § 1, 6-21-88; Ord. No. 201E, § 1, 10-31-88; Ord. No. 201-F, § 1, 5-2-89; Ord. No. 201-G, § 1, 12-19-89; Ord. No. 201-H, § 1, 6-7-94; Ord. No. 201-J, § 1, 4-18-95; Ord. No. 201-K, § 1, 8-17-99; Ord. No. 357, § 1, 12-18-01; Ord. No. 415, § 1, 7-5- 11; Ord. No. 420, § 1, 10-16-12; Ord. No. 444, §1, 2-2-16)

SECTION 2. Section 2-18 of Article II, Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances shall be amended to read as follows:

2-18. CHARTER-CREATED ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS.

The charter-created administrative officers of the city are the City Manager, Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, Director of Finance, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Superintendent of Public Works, and Director of Parks and Recreation. In the Administrative Code, Clerk is renamed City Clerk and Risk Manager, Director of Finance is renamed Finance and Budget Director, Superintendent of Public Works is renamed Public Works Director, and Director of Parks and Recreation is renamed Parks and Recreation Director.

(1968 Code, § 2-18; Ord. No. 201-C, § 1, 12-16-86; Ord. No. 201-K, § 1, 8-17-99; Ord. No. 357, § 1, 12-18-01; Ord. No. 389 § 1, 4-3-07; Ord. No. 415 § 2, 7-5-11; Ord. No. 432 § 1, 11-6-13; Ord. No. 444, §2, 2-2-16)

SECTION 3. Section 2-19 of Article II, Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances shall be amended to read as follows:

2-19. CREATION OF ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS.

The following additional administrative officers are created in accordance with § [7.01\(A\)](#) of the City Charter: Public Library Director, City Development Director, Building Official/Facilities Maintenance Manager, City Engineer, City Planner, Community Relations Director, Controller, Assistant City Manager and Human Resources Director, Information Technology Director, City Development Manager, and Purchasing Manager.

(1978 Code, § 2-19; Ord. No. 201-C, § 1, 12-6-86; Ord. No. 201-D, § 2, 6-21-88; Ord. No. 201E, § 2, 10-31-88; Ord. No. 201-F, § 2, 5-2-89; Ord. No. 201-G, § 2, 12-19-89; Ord. No. 288, § 1, 12-11-90; Ord. No. 201-H, § 1, 6-7-94; Ord. No. 201-J, § 1, 4-18-95; Ord. No. 201-K, § 1, 8-17-99; Ord. No. 357, § 1, 12-18-01; Ord. No. 389 § 2, 4-3-07; Ord. No. 415 § 3, 7-5-11; Ord. No. 420, § 2, 10-16-12; Ord. No. 432 § 2, 11-6-13; Ord. No. 444, §3, 2-2-16)

SECTION 4. All other provisions of the Code of Ordinances not specifically amended shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication of a notice of adoption.

This ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sterling Heights on the 19th day of January, 2016, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sterling Heights on the 2nd day of February, 2016.

MICHAEL C. TAYLOR, Mayor

MARK CARUFEL, City Clerk

INTRODUCED: January 19, 2016
ADOPTED: February 2, 2016
PUBLISHED: February 10, 2016
EFFECTIVE: February 10, 2016

Councilman Romano stated we have done a lot of promotions and new positions and administration formulated this plan to let everyone know what positions we have and their job duties.

Motion carries. 7/0

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Michael Lombardini spoke regarding Consent Item 2G about the publication of a book entitled *Modern Images of America Series: Sterling Heights*. He stated the Historical Commission is working with the Library putting together and publishing this new book. The first book was called *Sterling Township 1875-1968* and is available at the Sterling Heights Library. The new book will be focusing on the history of the City following the passage of a charter in 1968. Residents have the opportunity to assist the City with content to use for this project, i.e. pictures of life in Sterling Heights starting in 1968, historical buildings, shops, intersections, general photos, etc. In addition to the City receiving a royalty on each copy sold, there is no cost to the City for making of the book. He encouraged residents to contact Tammy or Debby at the Library for further information.

Moved by Koski, seconded by Romano, **RESOLVED**, to approve the Consent

Agenda:

- A. To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2016, as presented.

- B. To approve payment of the bills as presented: General Fund - \$552,906.48,
Water & Sewer Fund - \$65,008.10, Other Funds - \$1,354,689.87, Total Checks
- \$1,972,604.45.
- C. **RESOLVED**, to adopt the resolution establishing a schedule of City Council
Workshops for the purpose of reviewing and acting upon the fiscal year 2016/17
proposed budget and to direct the City Clerk to provide the appropriate notice as
required by Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

- RESOLUTION -
To establish a schedule of City Council Workshops
for the purpose of reviewing and acting
upon the recommended 2016/2017 fiscal year budget

UPON MOTION BY MEMBER _____and SUPPORT BY MEMBER_____THE
FOLLOWING PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED AND ADOPTED ON
FEBRUARY 2, 2016.

AYES:

NAYS:

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter, the City Manager forwards the recommended budget
to the City Council together with such supporting information and schedules as required by
April 1; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter requires that the City Council adopt a final budget no later
than May 10th of each year;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City Council will conduct televised workshops in the City Council Chambers in
accordance with the following schedule:

2016/2017 Budget Workshop Schedule

Thursday, March 24

**- Budget Submitted and Distributed to City Council
(Thursday packets)**

Tuesday, April 12 6:30 p.m.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

- Presentation of Budget

Annual Budget Message Vanderpool
Executive Summary Vanderpool/Baker
Trends & Summaries

- Capital Project & Other City Funds

Capital Equipment & Vehicles Vanderpool/Baker
Major Road Fund
Local Road Fund
Economic Development Corp. Fund
Comm. Development Block Grant Fund
Land & Water Conservation Fund
Public Safety Forfeiture Fund
Local Development Finance Authority Fund
Debt Service Funds
Capital Projects
Road Bond Construction Fund

- City Administration Department

City Management Vanderpool/Baker/Blessed

Administrative Services Division

City Clerk Carufel
Act 78 Civil Service Commission
Information Technology Deon

Finance & Budget Division

Assessing McLachlan
Financial Services Reinhart/Makie
Purchasing Buhlinger
Treasury Varney
General Employees Retirement System Baker
General Expenditures

- **Fire Department**

Fire Administration & Training Martin
Fire Extinguishment
Fire Prevention

- **City Development Department**

Building & Facilities Maintenance Viazanko
Economic Development Gerstenberg/Bonner
Engineering Bashaw
Neighborhood Services Gerstenberg
Planning McLeod
 Planning Commission
 Zoning Board of Appeals

Tuesday, April 19 7:30 p.m.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Budget Workshop continued after
Regular meeting (if necessary)

Tuesday, April 26 6:30 p.m.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

- **Public Library Department**

Public Library Turgeon
 Historical Commission

- **Parks & Recreation Department**

Parks & Recreation Langlois

- **Police Department**

Police Administration Berg
Police Investigations
Police Operations
Police Support Services

- **Community Relations**

Community Relations Doyle
 Beautification Commission
 Arts Commission

- **Public Works Department**

Fleet Maintenance Moore

TO: B&W Landscape Supply Inc., 43291 North Ave., Clinton Twp., MI 48036

B. Mason Sand \$9.98 per ton

M. Limestone Athletic Meal \$21.00 per ton

TO: Ajax Materials Corp, 1957 Crooks Road, Suite A, Troy, MI 48084

C. 21AA RAP Gravel \$6.25 per ton

TO: Troy Aggregates, 6075 Elmridge Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48313

F. Fine Crushed Concrete \$10.00 per ton

G. Coarse Crushed Concrete \$12.00 per ton

L. Clean Topsoil \$12.00 per cubic yard

Q. Stone Aggregate \$23.25 per ton

TO: Harrell's LLC, 53410 Grand River, New Hudson, MI 48178

I. Athletic Marking Chalk \$7.11 per bag

P. Red Infield Conditioner 536.00 per pallet

TO: PPG Architectural Finishes, Inc., One PPG Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15272

J. Athletic Field Marking Paint \$5.60 per gallon

TO: Richmond Transport, Inc., 4020 County Line, Lenox, MI 48050

K. 30A Slag Sand \$16.75 per ton

TO: Dale's Landscape Supply, Inc., 16720 13 Mile, Roseville, MI 48066

N. Mulch \$17.95 per cubic yard

TO: Brink Wood Supply, Inc., 16720 13 Mile Road, Roseville, MI 48066

O. Playground Mulch \$18.96 per cubic yard

TO: Asphalt Materials, Inc., 940 N. Wynn Road, Oregon, OH 43616

R. Asphalt Emulsion – AE-90 \$3.15 per gallon

S. Asphalt Emulsion – APME \$3.15 per gallon

- F. **RESOLVED**, to award the bid for snow removal services to Landscape Services, Inc. 22932 Rasch Drive, Clinton Township, MI 49035, through June 1, 2016 based on unit prices bid.
- G. **RESOLVED**, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Sterling Heights and Arcadia Publishing, Inc. and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign all documents required in conjunction with this approval.
- H. **RESOLVED**, to adopt the resolution assigning all of the City of Sterling Heights' allocation of Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds to the State of Michigan.

-- Resolution --

A RESOLUTION OF THE STERLING HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL ASSIGNING ALL OF THE CITY OF STERLING HEIGHTS' QUALIFIED ENERGY CONSERVATION BONDS ALLOCATION TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sterling Heights, County of Macomb, and State of Michigan, held on the ____ day of ____, 2016.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution were moved by _____ and supported by _____;

WHEREAS, Section 54D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5

authorize the issuance of Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds to finance expenditures for purposes of energy conservation and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sterling Heights (“City”) has been allocated Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds capacity; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 54D of the Code, the City may assign all or a portion of such allocation to another entity; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to assign its full allocation of Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds to the State of Michigan (the “State”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The State shall be and hereby is assigned all of City’s Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds allocation in the amount of \$1,317,187.00.
2. Mark D. Vanderpool, City Manager, is authorized to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the foregoing assignment.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as the same conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Sterling Heights, County of Macomb, Michigan, at a

regular meeting held on _____, 2016 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Mark Carufel, City Clerk

Yes: All. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

Mr. Charles Jefferson –Financial manager for cities and schools not working out, Requesting a resolution, asking the Governor to step down from office; how the Flint crisis could affect the City of Sterling Heights; Strategic Planning Meeting; not in favor of the Community Center and questioned how users will be charged and how it will be funded.

Mr. Joel Thomas – Flint water crisis; encouraged people to get involved and reach out to State Representatives and voice their concerns.

Ms. Sanaa Elias – Positive feedback from the Strategic Planning Meeting; suggested each project be segregated with benefits, cost, maintenance, pros and cons, and made available on the City’s website; tax implications for all items.

REPORTS FROM CITY ADMINISTRATION AND CITY COUNCIL

There was no report from Mr. Vanderpool at this time.

There was no report from Mr. Bahorski at this time.

Councilman Skrzyniarz stated that he would talk to Mr. Jefferson offline about his comments. He also commented that the City does not have a plethora of trees, due to ash borer and other things that forced trees down over the years. He stated that the City of Sterling Heights is below other cities in regards to tree coverage, also stating it is important what kind of trees are planted to replace trees lost. With no one objection from City Council, Councilman Skrzyniarz requested City administration to present to the City Council in the next month or two, what can be done about the tree issue in the City. Councilman Skrzyniarz also stated that he agrees with Councilwoman Koski from the last meeting about the nature preserve, and expressed a need to look at that and see what impact it might have. On the issue of parks and recreation, he stated he is going to hold off making a decision until there is a final proposal to evaluate. Councilman Skrzyniarz stated that he surveyed residents on their opinion on the parks and recreation issues stating so far about 32,000 people viewed the questions, 2,100 people clicked on the article in the Macomb Daily, 639 people liked the question, and 261 people wrote comments about the project. He commented that he felt the community is extremely interested in the project and that it needs to be pursued. In regards to the ISO issue, Councilman Skrzyniarz requested Mr. Vanderpool forward correspondence to City Council regarding what investments have been made by the City to achieve the new ISO level. He added that the new rating will benefit residents at a significant cost savings level.

Councilwoman Ziarko inquired if the community meeting on the Dodge Park Road improvements tomorrow will be broadcast. Mr. Vanderpool stated that he did not

think so but taping the meeting and making it available would be an excellent idea.

He will confirm and report back to the City Council.

Councilman Romano commented about the ISO rating and encouraged the community to check with their insurance agent about the possibility of saving money on their homeowner insurance.

Councilwoman Koski inquired if the City will save money with the new ISO rating.

Mr. Vanderpool stated that since the City is self-insured, he did not think there would be a savings in that regard, but it could result in savings to residents via their homeowner's insurance and commercial businesses as well.

Councilman Shannon congratulated Chief Martin and acknowledged all the employees in the Fire Department on the increased and improved ISO rating.

Councilwoman Schmidt commented about the ISO rating and commended the Water Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

ADJOURN

Moved by Ziarko, seconded by Romano, to adjourn the meeting.

Yes: All. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

MARK CARUFEL, City Clerk