

CITY OF STERLING HEIGHTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016
IN CITY HALL

Mayor Michael C. Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:30 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; Carol Sobosky, 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

Mayor Taylor indicated they will be skipping the report and going right into the presentation.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Taylor introduced Mr. Karl Oskoian, Executive Director of the Sterling Heights Community Foundation, who will make the presentation this evening.

Mr. Oskoian welcomed everyone to their 18th Annual Scholarship Award Ceremony. He noted that the Foundation was established in 1991 to strengthen the overall quality of life of Sterling Heights residents by improving their cultural, recreational and educational opportunities by continually initiating and implementing visionary projects that reach a wide segment of the community, and works in partnership and collaboration with area businesses, companies, organizations and other non-profits. He informed that their ten scholarship partners are awarding a total of 35 scholarships worth \$34,500 this evening. The organizations awarding scholarships this evening include BAE Land Systems, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles Foundation, Ford Motor Company Foundation, Friends of Tom Kroll, General Dynamics Land Systems, Macomb County Chiropractic Association, Former Mayor Richard J. Notte Endowment for Government Public Service, Rotary Club of Sterling Heights, Selfridge ANG/Base Community Council, and Sterling Heights Community Foundation. Mr. Oskoian reported that the Foundation began awarding scholarships in 1999, and, including this evenings awards, they will have presented scholarships totaling \$309,500 to 360 area students pursuing degrees in general studies, technical training programs, science, technology, engineering, math, health care, and other public service fields. He added the awarding of these scholarships are based upon the sponsors' unique requirements, which include academic performance, leadership, community service, career plans and need. Mr. Oskoian introduced the Board members present tonight, including Doug Dinning (Dinning

& Greve), Angela Lommen (BAE Land Systems), Wayne Oehmke (recently retired President of Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry), Dr. Martin Brown (President of the Foundation/Macomb Chiropractic Centers) and John Bozymowski (Macomb Intermediate School District).

Mr. John Bozymowski congratulated the 35 award winners and indicated that the Foundation is very proud of the students' accomplishments. He stated the first award sponsor is BAE Systems, and they have been a scholarship program sponsor for five years. They are awarding two \$1,000 scholarships to students pursuing an undergraduate degree in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Mathematics).

Ms. Angie Lommen, BAE Land Systems, stated they are proud to have opened their facility in Sterling Heights in 2010 and enjoy the opportunity to engage in the community and help build the pipeline for future engineers to help build the combat vehicles that serve their soldiers. She presented the two \$1,000 scholarships to Cody McKay (University of Michigan) and Christina Thomas (Eisenhower).

Mr. Bozymowski stated Fiat Chrysler Foundation is awarding five \$1,000 scholarships to Sterling Heights residents graduating from high school with plans to pursue mechanical/electrical engineering, manufacturing, computer science or automotive technician careers. He noted that Mr. Oskoian will present the awards.

Mr. Oskoian informed that Fiat Chrysler Foundation was the initial scholarship award sponsor when they started this program in 1999, and it began with their \$50,000 grant to the Foundation. He presented the awards to Marcus Djokic (Henry Ford II), Steven Dubey (Stevenson), Kyle Finley (Warren Mott), Dylan Gaines (Stevenson) and Michael Maguran (Stevenson).

Mr. Bozymowski announced that Ford Motor Company is awarding ten \$1,000 scholarships to Sterling Heights residents pursuing undergraduate degrees in STEM curriculum. He introduced Mr. Mike Schulhoff, HR Director at the Sterling Axle Plant.

Mr. Schulhoff presented the awards to Matthew Polgar (Sterling Heights High), Joseph McMullen (Henry Ford II), Brenda Wyffels (Utica Academy for International Studies), Darshil Patel (Utica Academy for International Studies), Colin Roach (De LaSalle), John Krieg (Sterling Heights High), Gregory Lauerman (De LaSalle), Adam Kogut (Stevenson), David Osinski (Stevenson) and Joshua Eck (Stevenson).

Mr. Bozymowski stated that General Dynamic Land Systems has been a generous supporter of this program since its inception, and are awarding four \$1,000 scholarships to high school students pursuing degrees in engineering.

Mr. Oskoian presented the awards from General Dynamic Land Systems to Calvin Hawkins (Henry Ford II), Casey Hempel (De LaSalle), Ryan Henigan (Henry Ford II/Utica Academy for International Studies) and Katherine Wolff (Henry Ford II/Utica Academy for International Studies).

Mr. Bozymowski introduced the Macomb County Chiropractic Association, another loyal supporter of the scholarship program, and informed they will be presenting five \$1,000 scholarships to students pursuing a career in chiropractic health.

Dr. Martin Brown outlined some of the advantages of chiropractic care, and he urged anyone desiring a referral to a doctor of chiropractic care who subscribes to their code of ethical conduct, to contact their association. He presented the awards to Bradley Annas (Palmer College), Austin Hibner (Palmer College), Janelle Mackowiak (National University of Health Science), Chanel Metzler (Palmer College) and Julia Wood (International Academy of Macomb).

Mr. Bozymowski stated the next \$1,000 scholarship award is the result of a donor-advised endowment fund in honor of the dedicated service of long-time Sterling Heights Mayor Richard J. Notte. This is for Sterling Heights college students pursuing a degree in government public service. He introduced Mr. Michael Notte to present the award in his father's name.

Mr. Michael Notte stated, on behalf of his father, he is proud to award the scholarship to Amanda Ibrahim (Utica Academy for International Studies).

Mr. Bozymowski announced that the Rotary Club of Sterling Heights is awarding two \$1,000 scholarships to Sterling Heights high school or college residents.

Dr. Martin Brown, Rotary Club President and Sterling Heights Community Foundation President, introduced Jonathan Hinzman, incoming Rotary Club President scheduled to be inducted on July 1st, 2016. The Sterling Heights Rotary

Club was founded in 1969, and its primary goal is to make the world a better place through local and international community service projects, and he outlined some of the services they provide. He presented the awards to Maria Muzzi (Stevenson) and Madeline Noechel (Cousino).

Mr. Bozymowski announced that the next partner is the Sterling Heights Community Council Scholarship Program, and it serves Selfridge Base Community Council. There will be two \$1,000 awards this year to students of military parents attached to the Selfridge ANG/Base. He introduced the presenter, Dr. Keith DeFever, President of the Selfridge Base Community Council and also a doctor serving at the Bay Area Family Physicians.

Dr. DeFever explained they serve as a support group for the military base and the military families attached to Selfridge ANG Base. It consists of 300 local business and professionals with a super-patriotic dedication to military personnel, and he explained the ways in which they help these military families. He presented the awards to two individuals who are children of soldiers attached to Selfridge ANG Base: Andrea Dobson (Salem) and Selena Joarder (Allen Park).

Mr. Bozymowski introduced Mr. Ken Lampar, who presented the award for this year's Tom Kroll Scholarship to Kevin Ruba (Stevenson). He explained that Tom Kroll was a teacher and a wrestling coach at Stevenson High School.

Mr. Bozymowski thanked the Utica Schools Alumni Association for this award. He indicated the last three \$1,000 awards presented tonight are from the Sterling

Heights Community Foundation for students pursuing college degrees or vocational training. He added he is proud to present these awards on behalf of the entire Sterling Heights Community Foundation, the Mayor, all Council Members and the Community Relations Department, with Ms. Bridget Doyle, Director, and Ms. Karen Kasmer, Citizen Services Specialist. He presented them to Ashley Demick (Henry Ford II), Lilia Duncan (Utica Academy for International Studies) and Austin Piontkowski (De LaSalle). Mr. Bozymowski announced that this concludes the presentation this evening, and he congratulated all 35 scholarship winners.

Moved by Romano, supported by Schmidt, **RESOLVED**, to recognize and congratulate the 2016 recipients of scholarships awarded through the Sterling Heights Community Foundation Scholarship Program and to thank partners BAE Systems, Fiat Chrysler Foundation, Ford Motor Company, General Dynamics, Macomb County Chiropractic Association, The Family of Richard J. Notte, Rotary Club of Sterling Heights, Selfridge/ANG Base Community Council, Sterling Heights Community Foundation, and Utica Community Schools Alumni for their continuing generosity and support.

Yes: All. The motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Romano was confident the scholarship recipients will all thank their parents tonight because without their help, the students would not be where they are today.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

There were no comments from citizens.

ADJOURN

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

Yes: All. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

MARK CARUFEL, City Clerk