

CITY OF STERLING HEIGHTS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 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: Jeffrey Bahorski, Assistant City Manager; Marc D. Kaszubski, 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

Mr. Bahorski reported on the recent successful conclusion of the 15th annual *Sterlingfest Art & Music Fair*. He stated that, as a community event, *Sterlingfest* is unsurpassed in bringing the Sterling Heights community together to have fun in the heart of the City, and he thanked all who gave time and effort to this year's successful event.

Mr. Bahorski reported that the Sterling Heights Assembly Plant (SHAP) announced a \$1.5 billion investment to move production of the next generation RAM 1500 pick-up truck to SHAP. In addition to the capital investment, there will be a workforce of over 4,000, and he stated the City worked closely with partners at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the County of Macomb for this project.

Mr. Bahorski reported on an act of heroism by a member of the Sterling Heights Police Department, where Officer Kevin McLellan assisted a resident whose husband was found unresponsive. He commenced CPR and continued until paramedics arrived, and the man is alive as a result of Officer McLellan's lifesaving actions. A recap of the WXYZ Channel 7 news story highlighting Officer McLellan's actions was shown.

Mr. Bahorski reported that *Re*Creating Recreation, which will be on November's ballot, has been garnering more interest, and he introduced Community Relations Director Bridget Doyle to highlight where more information on this initiative can be found.

Ms. Doyle informed that the City will be kicking off its public information campaign about *Re*Creating Recreation, which will be on the ballot this November. She informed that inserts in the water bill will be included in the mailings through the next three cycles in August, September and October. There is a Q&A brochure that will be available at City Hall and all public buildings. There will be a video series that will be kicking off at this meeting, displays at all

City events, and A-frame signage outside City buildings. Ms. Doyle informed there is a lot of information available through their website (www.sterling-heights.net), where there are multiple links to find more information on this initiative. She informed that the unique URL is www.sterling-heights.net/recreatingrecreation and that will link directly to the webpage, which include a slide show of images, a photo gallery, the plan, and a tax calculator where anyone can plug in their home's estimated market value to see what this will cost them on an annual basis. She stated the ballot language is also included on the webpage, and as the videos are created and populated, and this information will be shared on social media. She urged any residents with questions on this proposal to contact her, Mr. Kyle Langlois, the Parks and Recreation Director, or Ms. Denice Gerstenberg, the City Development Director. The first of three videos created by SHTV was shown, which she hoped will shed light on *ReCreating Recreation* and what it can do for the community. Following the video, Ms. Doyle stated if anyone has questions or finds there is not information on this part of the website, they can email her at bdoyle@sterling-heights.net and she will make sure the site is updated.

Mr. Bahorski commended Ms. Doyle and other staff for their outstanding production explaining what *ReCreating Recreation* is all about, and he stated that concludes his report.

PRESENTATION

Police Chief John Berg stated that as of today, including the three officers being sworn in, Sterling Heights has hired 35 new officers in the last 18 months, and he added they still have 18 more to hire. He explained that they will be starting a new process of recruiting and putting out information to all of the academies in the area. Chief Berg thanked Mr. Bahorski for highlighting Officer McLellan's lifesaving efforts, adding is proud of the position he holds and the people he oversees in his department. He introduced the three officers, recognizing that Julian Arche is the nephew of Sterling Heights Police Officer Al Arche, and Brian Browning was born and raised in Sterling Heights, graduating from Sterling Heights High School. He stated that Phillip Descamps is also from Sterling Heights, graduating from Cousino High School. He stated they all bring in a lot of knowledge and experience to the City.

Chief Berg swore in Officers Julian Arche, Brian Browning and Phillip Descamps.

Officer Phillip Decamps thanked the City Council, the Mayor, and his family and friends for their help and support, and looked forward to serving the City of Sterling Heights for many years.

Officer Brian Browning stated he grew up in Sterling Heights, and thanked the City Council, the Mayor and the Police Chief for affording him the opportunity to serve the city that he loves. He is looking forward

to moving back into this community and thanked his family and fiancé for their support.

Officer Julian Arche stated it is great to be back in his home town and he looks forward to many years of successful police work in this city. He thanked the City Council and the Police Department for allowing him this opportunity, and he thanked his family and fiancé as well for their support.

Mayor Taylor welcomed the new police officers, and added that it is always encouraging to see people who have grown up in Sterling Heights finding a way to come back, which he felt is a reflection on the kind of community and Police Department here in Sterling Heights. He thanked the officers for their commitment and wished them well.

Ms. Denice Gerstenberg, City Development Director, informed that this evening the City is the honored recipient of an award from the Michigan Concrete Association (MCA). She stated that the City's Engineering Department is led by Mr. Brent Bashaw and a team committed to excellence, designing not only roads, water mains and sanitary sewers but also parks and parking lots, and the improvements at the Civic Center. Ms. Gerstenberg introduced Ms. Carrie Sutton, Director of Engineering for MCA.

Ms. Carrie Sutton stated that the MCA is comprised of contractors, consultants, material suppliers, testing firms and others involved in building infrastructure in Michigan. They hold an annual conference and look at projects they feel were outstanding the previous year, and she informed that the 19-1/2 Mile project

(between Merrill and Utica Road) was submitted and won in the category of Industrial Roads. She stated over 70 projects were submitted, and only 25 were selected as winners. She explained the road was recognized for its use of concrete and design in the complete reconstruction of the road pavement, the base and the storm sewer, all done while keeping the businesses open. She recognized the contractor, Toby Construction; the sub-contractor, GM and Sons; the concrete supplier, Superior Materials; and City Engineer Brent Bashaw, Civil Engineer II Scott Charron, and Lead Engineering Inspector Adam LaClair of the City of Sterling Heights. She presented the 2016 Award of Excellence from the Michigan Concrete Association for the 19-1/2 Mile Road Reconstruction, City Project #14-255.

Mayor Taylor commended and thanked the Engineering Department for their great work, and commented on the large number of compliments he received from citizens with regard to the parking lot improvements following the Sterlingfest.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Mr. Dwayne McLachlan, City Assessor, presented the request by Chardam Gear Company, Inc. to establish an Industrial Development District (IDD) at 40810 Brentwood Drive, 40765 Mound Road, 40805 Mound Road and 40821 Mound Road. He stated the petitioners will have to come back before this Council to ask for a formal tax abatement. He stated the petitioners have indicated they would like to delay this request indefinitely; however, since this is a public hearing that

was already advertised, he encouraged City Council to hold the public hearing and then postpone it indefinitely.

Mayor Taylor opened the discussion to the audience.

There was no audience participation.

Mayor Taylor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Romano, seconded by Ziarko, **RESOLVED**, to postpone indefinitely consideration of the application by Chardam Gear Company, Inc., to establish an Industrial Development District at 40810 Brentwood Drive, 40765 Mound Road, 40805 Mound Road and 40821 Mound Road.

Yes: All. The motion carried.

2. Mr. Dwayne McLachlan, City Assessor, presented the request by Ric-Man Construction, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate at 42600 R Mancini Drive, located off of 19 Mile Road. The district was created at an earlier meeting this year. He stated the applicant is constructing a new facility and intends to build products for their continued business use in utility mining and maintenance of construction equipment. They will invest approximately \$3.3 million in building this facility, and anticipate adding an additional \$680,000 of new personal property, and those assets are taxed directly by the State. The real property investment will generate approximately \$12,644 annually in new city tax revenue over the eight-year abatement term, and the tax revenue is in addition to the current city taxes, which over the same eight-year term, would equate to approximately \$168,263 annually for all Mancini-affiliated entities. This is

expected to create ten new jobs within the City, and will have a positive economic effect.

Mayor Taylor opened the public hearing.

Mr. Eddie Mancini, applicant, explained they have been in this City for 51 years and would like to stay here. He stated they are creating a new 42,000-square-foot facility and growing their business. They manufacture construction equipment that facilitates their needs for doing jobs throughout the State of Michigan, and they also manage and develop properties in Sterling Heights, including one property along Van Dyke where they will be breaking ground for a 72,000-square-foot facility. He distributed and reviewed an informative packet showing the machinery they can build at their facility.

Mayor Taylor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Romano, **RESOLVED**, that the application for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate by Ric-Man Construction, Inc. at 42600 R Mancini Drive is hereby approved for a period of eight years in accordance with the guidelines established by City Council and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign, as applicable, all documents required in conjunction with this approval.

Councilwoman Schmidt commented that 51 years in the community is a long time, and she thanked the petitioner for staying here and continuing to invest in

this City. She also appreciated the new jobs being created, and she wished him well.

Mayor Taylor echoed Councilwoman Schmidt's remarks. He stated it is good to see companies like this that do a good job and want to stay in the city, and he thanked them for being invested and committed to the City of Sterling Heights and the local economy.

Yes: All. The motion carried.

3. Mr. Jason Castor, City Development Manager, stated that at the July 7, 2016 Regular Meeting, the City Council scheduled a public hearing to hear any objections to changing the street name of "Ford Country Lane" to "Suburban Drive". Since that time, the Notice of Public Hearing has been posted in three places on the street and has been published in the Sentry Newspaper for at least ten days as specified in the Ordinance. Mr. Castor showed the proposed road on a map, and stated it is a private access drive on the west side of Van Dyke Avenue, between 17 and 18 Mile Roads. It was constructed along with the development of the Jerome Duncan Ford Automobile Dealership, which has since been renamed to Suburban Ford of Sterling Heights. He advised that the name change request has been reviewed by the city's Police, Fire, Public Works and Engineering Departments, and all have indicated no objection to the request. He stated the petitioner, Mr. David Fisher, General Manager, was unable to attend this evening but submitted a letter indicating their primary reason for the name change is to

reflect their company name. Mr. Castor stated that Mr. Fisher's designated representative is present tonight to answer questions.

Mayor Taylor opened the public hearing.

There was no audience participation.

Mayor Taylor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Ziarko, seconded by Schmidt, **RESOLVED**, to approve the request to change the name of "Ford Country Lane" to "Suburban Drive" and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign all documentation required in conjunction with this approval.

Councilwoman Ziarko stated the request was explained to the City Council, as well as the reason for the petitioner asking for this change, and she indicated that she has no objection to the request.

Mayor Pro-Tem Romano pointed out that if this is approved, the City maps will still reflect "Ford Country Lane" unless the maps are changed. He inquired as to whether there are any buildings on that street that would be having mail addressed to "Ford Country Lane".

Mr. Castor replied to inquiry that there are three or four buildings with addresses on "Ford Country Lane". He clarified, however, that after contacting the post office, the City was advised to supply the post office with a copy of the official recommendation to change the street name, and they will update their address records to reflect "Suburban Drive".

Mayor Pro-Tem Romano stated that companies on that street will all have to change their letterhead, and he inquired as to whether they were notified of tonight's public hearing.

Mr. Castor clarified that all of the properties located on that drive are owned by the Suburban Collection so they are all aware of the proposed name change.

Yes: All. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

4. Mayor Taylor stated that this is to consider introducing an ordinance amending Sections 8-28 and 8-28A of Chapter 8 of the City Code to update the City's requirements relating to dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs.

Mr. Donald P. DeNault, Assistant City Attorney, stated that in 2011, the City put together a unique model that has not been followed in other communities, but the City's Animal Control Department, City Development Director and City Clerk all agree that it is working very well. He stated it is time to look at it again to see if it can be streamlined. He explained the proposed amendments to the process for determining a dog to be dangerous, including new requirements which would provide notice of any appeal hearings to any victims involved in the incident, and microchipping the involved dog if another community authorizes the dog to be relocated to that community. Mr. DeNault also explained the proposed amendments involve the process for determining a dog to be potentially dangerous, and also for keeping a potentially dangerous dog in the City.

Mr. Jeffrey Norgrove - affect on the future dog park, including access and prohibiting vicious dogs, fences to separate the dogs, keeping dangerous or potentially dangerous dogs out of the dog park.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Ziarko, **RESOLVED**, to introduce the ordinance amending Chapter 8, Sections 8-28 and 8-28A of the City Code, to update the City's requirements relating to dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs.

Councilwoman Schmidt stated Mr. Norgrove brought up a good point, and inquired as to whether these concerns would be more appropriately addressed in rules for using the dog park, or whether it would be pertinent to address them in this ordinance.

Mr. DeNault replied it was not included in the proposed amendments because they do not have a dog park at this time; however, he stated it would be a valid consideration at such time as a dog park is being developed and they will have to talk about it at that point. He clarified that if a dog has been deemed to be dangerous, it is not allowed in the City, and so it will not be an issue as to whether or not it can enter the dog park. They are only talking about the dogs on the watch list.

Mr. Bahorski replied that a dog park is preliminary at this time, but he stated that any dog that would be admitted to a dog park through a card swipe system would have to be vaccinated, licensed and meet every city requirement. He added it would involve cross-referencing a database, and he was confident the City can

handle that situation. With regard to large dogs versus small dogs, they would be looking at best practices and what dog parks work. He anticipated they would separate large dogs from small dogs based on size but not breed identification.

Mayor Pro-Tem Romano stated nothing is foolproof, estimating that probably 99% of the dogs in Sterling Heights are well-mannered dogs, but it is the 1% for which they have to be concerned. He stated most people are smart enough to realize if they have a potentially dangerous dog they need to take proper precautions by keeping the dog chained or leashed because they could be facing a large liability. He agreed with the idea of separating the large dogs from the small dogs when a dog park is created, but added that the City will come up with rules and regulations at that time. He complimented Mr. DeNault and Ms. Gerstenberg for doing a good job on this ordinance amendment.

Yes: All. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE ADOPTION

5. Mayor Taylor stated they are considering the adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 37 of the Sterling Heights City Code to increase the setback distances from public sidewalks and public roadways by 7 feet for enclosed utility trailers in single-family residential areas and to require an approved surface for storage in side and rear yard areas.

Ms. Linda Godfrey - individuals and business owners affected by this ordinance, consider waiver of permit fees.

Moved by Romano, seconded by Ziarko, **RESOLVED**, to adopt the ordinance amending Chapter 37 of the Sterling Heights City Code to increase the setback distances from public sidewalks and public roadways by 7 feet for enclosed utility trailers in single-family residential areas and to require an approved surface for storage in side and rear yard areas.

Mayor Pro-Tem Romano inquired as to whether there have been any allowances made for people who have already pulled permits.

Ms. Gerstenberg replied that the change in the setback is going to be for people who keep large utility trailers in their driveways. They are hoping to encourage these people to move these large trailers off of their driveways. She estimated that there are four persons in the City that this ordinance would affect.

Mayor Taylor did not feel the grandfathering will be an issue because residents who had their side lots improved and obtained permits will not have to do it again. Those who are parking the utility vehicle in their driveway have to pay a permit fee regardless, and the purpose of this ordinance is to encourage those people not to park large utility trailers that extend from their garage almost up to the sidewalk. He could see no reason to exempt those for whom the City is trying to influence to stop parking their large utility trailers in their driveways.

Yes: All. The motion carried.

CITY OF STERLING HEIGHTS
MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 448

AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE CHAPTER 37 OF THE CITY CODE BY INCREASING THE SETBACK DISTANCE FROM SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC ROADWAYS BY 7 FEET FOR ENCLOSED UTILITY TRAILERS IN SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AREAS

THE CITY OF STERLING HEIGHTS ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 37-23 of Chapter 37 of the City Code shall be amended to add the following definition in alphabetical order:

UTILITY TRAILER, ENCLOSED. Any utility trailer with an interior that is fully or partially enclosed.

SECTION 2. Section 37-24(A)(2)(b) of Chapter 37 of the City Code shall be amended to add a new subsection (i) to read as follows:

37-24. REGULATION OF PARKING AND STORAGE.

b. The unit shall be parked or stored no closer than 8 feet from any public sidewalk or no closer than 7 feet from the front lot line where no public sidewalk exists.

- (i) Exception: Effective January 1, 2017, an enclosed utility trailer shall not be parked or stored any closer than 15 feet from any public sidewalk and no closer than 14 feet from the front lot line where no public sidewalk exists.

SECTION 3. Section 37-24(B)(1) of Chapter 37 of the City Code shall be amended to add a new subsection a. to read as follows:

(1) The unit shall be parked or stored no closer than 8 feet from any public sidewalk or no closer than 7 feet from the front lot line, where no public sidewalk exists;

- a. Exception: Effective January 1, 2017, an enclosed utility trailer shall not be parked or stored any closer than 15 feet from any public sidewalk and no closer than 14 feet from the front lot line where no public sidewalk exists.

SECTION 4. Section 37-24 of Chapter 37 of the City Code shall be amended to add a new subsection (J) to read as follows:

(J) Effective January 1, 2017, units shall at all times be parked or stored on a surface consisting of asphalt, concrete, pavers, or an alternative material approved by the Building Official as suitable for ensuring proper maintenance of the area where the specific unit is being parked or stored. The surface must be maintained in accordance with all applicable provisions of the City Code, including any applicable provisions of the International Property Maintenance Code, as may be adopted and locally amended from time to time.

SECTION 5. Section 37-24 of Chapter 37 of the City Code shall be amended to add a new subsection (K) to read as follows:

(K) For purposes of this section, distance limitations shall be measured from any part of the unit closest from a direct line to the location from which it must be set back, including the body of the unit, the tongue of the unit, and any other protrusion of or from the unit, and length limitations shall include the body of the unit, the tongue of the unit, fender, wheel, and any other protrusion of or from the unit.

SECTION 6. All other provisions of the Code of Ordinances not specifically amended shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. 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 July, 2016, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sterling Heights on the 3rd day of August, 2016.

MICHAEL C. TAYLOR, Mayor

MARK CARUFEL, City Clerk

INTRODUCED: 07-19-16
ADOPTED: 08-03-16
PUBLISHED: 08-17-16
EFFECTIVE: 08-17-16

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Mr. Jeffrey Norgrove - Item 6-C, requested more reporting on local issues.

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

Agenda:

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

- B. To approve payment of the bills as presented: General Fund - \$701,197.28, Water & Sewer Fund - \$52,312.95, Other Funds - \$1,534,966.87, Total Checks - \$2,288,477.10.
- C. **RESOLVED**, to award the bid for the official city newspaper for the publishing of legal notices and advertisements to C&G Publishing, 13650 11 Mile Road, Warren, MI 48089 for a one-year period based on the following unit prices: One full page at \$350.00; column inch at \$7.00; and classified help wanted per line at \$2.00.
- D. **RESOLVED**, to purchase a Caterpillar model 299D2 skid steer loader with accessories from Michigan CAT, 12550 23 Mile Road, Shelby Township, MI 48315, at pricing available through the State of Michigan cooperative bid, MiDeal Contract #071B1300092, in the amount of \$164,159.
- E. **RESOLVED**, to purchase auto, truck and specialty equipment parts from Motown Automotive Distributing Co., 24701 Hallwood Court, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 and Genuine Parts Company of Michigan, d/b/a NAPA Auto Parts, 30550 Ecorse Road, Romulus, MI 48174 at unit pricing available through the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network cooperative proposal, Contract #FH-13-14-1748, from July 31, 2016 through July 31, 2019.
- F. **RESOLVED**, to purchase Dell OptiPlex 3040 Small Form Factor Workstations, Dell Latitude E5470 Laptops, and Microsoft Office/Windows licensing from Access Interactive, LLC, 46665 Magellan Drive, Novi, MI

- 48377 through the Midwestern Higher Education Commission master price agreement, #MHEC-07012015, at a cumulative cost of \$65,856.00.
- G. **RESOLVED**, to set a public hearing on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. regarding the application by FCA US, LLC to establish a Plant Rehabilitation District (PRD) at 38111 Van Dyke.
- H. **RESOLVED**, to set a public hearing on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. regarding the application by Chalk Spade Investments (USA), Inc. to establish an Industrial Development District (IDD) at 7191 Seventeen Mile Road.
- I. **RESOLVED**, to approve the Cost Sharing Agreement for Schoenherr Road Concrete Pavement Repairs, from 14 Mile Road to 15 Mile Road, subject to approval by the Macomb County Department of Roads, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Sterling Heights.
- J. **RESOLVED**, to receive the lawsuit, *Ezra George v. Sterling Heights Police Department*, 41A District Court Case No. S-16-2452-GZ.

Yes: All. The motion carried.

CONSIDERATION

7. Mayor Taylor stated there are four vacancies on the Beautification Commission. It has been postponed a few times and he has contacted four applicants, Manny Gonzales, Jennifer Gubin, Nancy E. Kijek and Robert Ljucovic who have all expressed interest and all confirmed today that they are still interested in serving

on this Commission. He added that these four individuals do not currently serve on other boards or commissions, and they all ranked it high on their list. He stated they each expressed that they are interested in the Beautification Commission to help keep the City of Sterling Heights looking aesthetically pleasing. He respectfully requested the Council to appoint these four individuals to the Beautification Commission.

Moved by Romano, seconded by Schmidt, **RESOLVED**, to appoint Manny Gonzales, Jennifer Gubin, Nancy E. Kijek and Robert Ljucovic to the Beautification Commission to a term ending June 30, 2019, subject to the appointees meeting the qualifications set forth in Charter §4.03 and taking the oath of office within two weeks.

Yes: All. The motion carried.

8. Mayor Taylor stated there are two vacancies, and although he has put in a couple of calls, he has not been able to secure anyone for either of these boards.

There were no nominations from any of the Council members.

Mayor Taylor recommended postponing this item until the first meeting in September.

Moved by Romano, seconded by Schmidt, **RESOLVED**, to postpone nominations to the boards and commissions to the September 6, 2016 regular City Council Meeting.

Yes: All. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

Ms. Linda Godfrey – Thanked the DPW for taking care of a graffiti issue, errors in the July 5th City Council minutes with regard to her comments. *ReCreating Recreation Initiative*, comments regarding a former board/commission member.

Councilman Romano stated personal issues should not be brought up before the City Council.

Mr. Jeffrey Norgrove –Primary election results. Thanked and complimented Mr. Mike Lombardini for his contributions as a former board and commission member.

Ms. Jazmine Early –Primary election results, neighbors helping neighbors, *ReCreating Recreation Initiative*.

Mr. Joel Thomas – Primary election results, *ReCreating Recreation Initiative*.

Mr. Bob Moffa – Sterlingfest, Primary election results, *ReCreating Recreation Initiative*, handout and comment concerning Ballot Question Committee.

REPORTS FROM CITY ADMINISTRATION AND CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Bahorski stated he had no items for which to respond.

Mr. Kaszubski stated there is no closed session.

Mayor Pro-Tem Romano thanked residents who cast their vote for him in the recent election. He stated Sterlingfest was fantastic and the weather held up all three days. He commented that it is a pleasure driving on Dodge Park Road, but

cautioned that the northbound lanes from 17 Mile to Utica Road will be closed starting this week.

Mayor Taylor stated that Sterlingfest was fantastic, complimenting all who were involved in making it a success, and added that the bands and the food were great. He addressed a resident's earlier comment about the *Re*Creating Recreation Initiative, clarifying that his wife has the right to be in support of the plan, and he added he is in favor of it as well and voted his support of it when it came in front of the City Council to be placed on November's ballot.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

ADJOURN

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

Yes: All. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

MARK CARUFEL, City Clerk