

CITY OF WAYLAND, MI
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 15, 2010
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Bala opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. PRELIMINARY

1.1 Call to Order and Welcome by Mayor Bala

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

1.3 Roll Call: Mayor Bala & Councilmembers Patrick, Hudson, Antel, Kobish & Maichele

Absent: Councilmember Hamilton, Trent Podskalan

Others Present: City Manager Chris Yonker, Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Bhamu Cairns, Fire Chief Joe Miller, Police Chief Dan Miller, Karen Gregersen, Ann Kilmartin & Ray Antel

1.4 Excuse absent Councilmembers: Moved by Councilmember Antel, seconded by Councilmember Hudson to excuse Councilmember Sheryl Hamilton from the meeting due to her being out of town; **passed unanimously.**

1.5 Approval of Meeting Agenda: Moved by Councilmember Kobish, seconded by Councilmember Hudson to approve the meeting agenda; **passed unanimously.**

2. CEREMONIAL ITEMS: Proclamation honoring the 100th Birthday of the Boy Scouts of America was made by Mayor Tim Bala.

3. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS

3.1 Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held February 1, 2010

3.2 Regular Invoice Register dated 2/11/2010 totaling \$72,794.91

3.3 Recurring Invoice Register dated 2/11/2010 totaling \$20,427.60 and \$240.00

3.4 Bond Invoice Register dated 2/11/2010 totaling \$ 30,597.81

Moved by Councilmember Kobish, seconded by Councilmember Antel to approve the routine agenda items. There was no discussion on any of the items. **Passed unanimously.**

4. BRIEF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

6. OLD BUSINESS: None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 FY 10/11 City Budget Preparation & Review Schedule. City Manager Yonker went through the Budget Schedule. He also alerted the Council regarding the significant drop

in property tax revenues by about \$100,000 in the General Fund for 2010/11 budget year, resulting from the County's equalization factors. Due to this, the next budget year will be a challenging year and that all options for balancing the budget remain on the table at this point.

Councilmember Patrick inquired regarding a Finance Committee to review the budget. City Manager Yonker stated that the Charter does not allow for such a committee and that the preparation and presentation of a balanced budget was the responsibility of the City Manager and Finance Director. Councilmember Antel mentioned that she would like to see the whole Council have input during the budget review.

Moved by Councilmember Antel, seconded by Councilmember Patrick to adopt the FY 2010/11 Budget Preparation & Review Schedule. **Motion passed.**

- 7.2 Resolution 2010-01: Supporting the findings & Recommendations of the MI Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates.** City Manager Yonker briefly discussed the findings by the LCSM regarding unfunded mandates, where Legislatures ignored the provisions of the Headlee Amendment to the MI Constitution since 1978 by continuously pushing mandated, but unfunded activities and requirements on county and local governments. Elected officials in Lansing have vowed to implement the recommendations of the LCSM during the remaining months of the 95th Legislature. The GVMC Board recently approved a resolution in support of the findings and recommendations of LCSM.

Moved by Councilmember Antel and seconded by Councilmember Hudson to adopt the Resolution in support of the findings and recommendations of the LCSM.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilmembers Patrick, Hudson, Kobish, Antel & Maichele and Mayor Tim Bala

Motion passed.

- 8. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:** Moved by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Antel to accept the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Ryan Martin to the Planning Commission and Sewer Commission to fill the vacancy of Doug Schafer.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Announcements/Reports

- **City Manager** - City Manager Yonker gave a report on the MI Main Street meeting he attended in Howell on 2/11/2010 and also noted that if the DDA desired to get to the Selected Level that a letter of intent needs to be sent by March 5, 2010; the full application for the program is due by May 7, 2010.

Mr. Yonker also mentioned that the *City Lites* newsletter will be mailed out with the assessment notices on Friday 02/19/2010.

In regards to removing the old streetlights on West Superior Street, Mr. Yonker stated that the preliminary estimated cost to be around \$20,000. However, he will be receiving a written estimate from the local representative from Consumers Power.

- **Police Chief Dan Miller** – Chief Miller announced that the streetlight on Hanlon Court has been repaired.
- **Mayor and Councilmember Comments.**

Councilmember Patrick also talked about the MI Main Street meeting held in Howell and how impressive and beneficial it was. He also informed the Council of the upcoming Small Town Rural conference that will to be held on April 20-22 in Crystal Mountain.

Councilmember Antel stated that there would not be a Parks Committee meeting for this month; she also mentioned that she had registered for the MML meeting.

9.2 **Written Communications Transmitted with Meeting Packet:**

2nd Quarter Financial Reports for Major Operating Funds. The Finance Director presented the financial report.

Summary of Building Permits Issued during Calendar Year 2009. The City Manager Yonker presented the summary.

Business Letter: Sign Ordinance Enforcement: Karen Gregersen of Harlequin Hair Fashions brought up the issue of the letter she received regarding the scissor sign. She stated that her sign was not a distraction to the public and that it did not interfere with the City's traffic flow. She also mentioned that the sign, which motions/animates, is eye catching and is vital to attract new clientele. Ms. Ann Kilmartin, a friend of Ms. Gregersen, thought that the sign ordinance was not intended to preclude a sign such as the one used by Harlequin. She mentioned that the sign in question helps to attract people to the downtown district and that it will aid downtown revitalization. She urged the Council to give its approval to the Planning Commission in order to revisit the sign issue in the ordinance.

City Manager Yonker stated that the sign ordinance is very clear regarding moving signs. Councilmember Kobish stated that the ordinance took over four years to write and adopt and that he is satisfied with the language. Councilmember Patrick stated that it is important for the City to enforce the existing ordinances. Mayor Bala mentioned the existence of a scrolling sign of Hastings City Bank. Councilmember Antel stated that she thought that at times the definition of moving signs seems subjective. Mayor Bala referred Ms. Gregersen to go through the Zoning Board of Appeals, in order to address the sign issue.

10. **EXTENDED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Ray Antel from Friends of the Interurban Trail reported that he is working on the easement agreements involving three property owners and Consumers Energy for Phase 1 of the proposed non-motorized trail (Dahlia to 133rd). He has secured two signatures and was waiting on the third. Once signed, these documents will allow the trail to go through their premises.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business before the Council, Mayor Bala adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bhama Cairns, Finance Director

Tim Bala, Mayor