

CITY OF WAYNE  
 CITY COUNCIL  
 REGULAR MEETING NO. 2010-08 - MARCH 2, 2010  
 WAYNE CITY HALL  
 3355 SOUTH WAYNE ROAD  
 8:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Wayne City Council was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road.

Mayor Haidous called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led the Council and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Mayor Abdul Haidous, Mayor Pro Tem Donna M. McEachern, Albert M. Damitio, Pamela Dobrowolski, Susan M. Rowe, Mathew P. Mulholland, James K. Henley,

Members Absent: None

Also Present: John P. McKinney, Attorney; John J. Zech, City Manager; Mary E. Carney, City Clerk

**03-10-0075** Motion by McEachern, seconded by Rowe and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2010, as printed.

**03-10-0076** Motion by McEachern, seconded by Rowe and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, bids were requested by the Public Works Department for snow removal on City-owned parking lots and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, fifteen (15) bids were received, opened and publicly read by the City Clerk at

	<u>Parking Lots</u>	<u>Sidewalks</u>	<u>Total</u>
WH Cannon Company, Romulus, MI	\$ 6,784.00	\$ 27,413.00	\$ 34,197.00
C-Mark Services, Inc., Troy, MI	\$ 17,465.50	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 45,462.50
Great Oaks Maintenance, Novi, MI	\$ 10,650.00	\$ 44,308.00	\$ 54,958.00
Abraham's Landscaping, Ypsilanti, MI	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
HWX Services, Shelby Twp., MI	\$ 32,600.00	\$ 33,566.00	\$ 66,166.00
Davey Comm. Landscape, Flat Rock, MI	\$ 11,357.50	\$ 74,313.66	\$ 85,671.16
Margolis Companies, Ypsilanti, MI	\$ 30,950.00	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 89,950.00
Owens Landscaping, Westland, MI	\$ 16,875.00	\$ 79,952.00	\$ 96,827.00
Brickman/Torre, Canton, MI	\$ 21,350.00	\$ 89,250.00	\$110,600.00
Landscape Services, Clinton Twp., MI	\$ 30,324.00	\$ 81,648.00	\$111,972.00
United Landscape, Washington Twp., MI	\$ 40,743.00	\$104,674.00	\$145,674.00
Sod Solutions, LLC, Livonia, MI	\$ 13,740.00	\$210,938.00	\$224,678.00
ABC Paving, Trenton, MI	\$ 43,520.00	\$200,000.00	\$243,520.00
Audia Construction, Milford, MI	\$ 43,691.68	\$221,189.80	\$264,881.48
MPS Group, Detroit, MI	\$110,300.00	\$316,540.00	\$426,840.00

WHEREAS, the bids were sent to the Department for evaluation and recommendation has been received;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the low bid submitted by WH Cannon Company in the amount of \$34,197.00, to be paid from the Major Streets, Local Streets, City Properties and Downtown Development Authority Budgets, be accepted in the best interest of the City.

**03-10-0077** Motion by McEachern, seconded by Rowe and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept the resignation of Jennifer Rickard from the 2020 Committee, with thanks for time served.

**03-10-0078** Motion by Dobrowolski, seconded by McEachern and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the appointment of Maria Johnson, 35240 Michigan Avenue West, Apt. 511, to the Development Area Citizens Council (DACC), until June of 2012.

Upon the request of Mayor Haidous for comments from persons in the audience on matters not covered by the City Council Agenda, the following were expressed:

Keith Butkovich, 4424 Second Street, stated that he was confused and then read a quote from Mayor Haidous from the previous meeting. He stated laying off five police officers at a closed door meeting was not transparency in government. City Manager Zech corrected him by saying that the issue of laying off police officers was not discussed in closed session as that is not a topic that can be discussed in closed session and that the discussion was in regards to labor negotiations.

Mayor Haidous informed him that the practice of lay-offs is controlled by the budget and is decided by the Department Head and Management. Keith Butkovich inquired as to why the issue was not discussed at a Council Meeting. City Manager Zech informed him that this year's budget had previously been approved and the lay-offs were a part of this year's budget. Assistant City Manager Robert English stated that it was out of respect for the employees that they were told of the lay-offs before the public.

Councilman Damitio stated that Administration is working diligently every day to save the citizens money.

Jennifer Greenshields, 34819 Annapolis Street, stated that she agreed with Mr. Butkovich and was under the impression that no police officers would be laid off before the millage vote and cited a private study that concluded that the police department is already at minimum staffing levels. City Manager Zech stated that he was not aware on any such study. She further asked if there would be other lay-offs in Public Safety. City Manager Zech informed her that it has not been determined as of yet.

Mr. Roberts, representing the Wayne P3 Committee stated he had a problem with the time line coming down to the vote and has lost faith in the leaders of the community. He presented the Council with a list of proposals for the Council and asked that they be placed on the next Council Agenda.

By consensus of Council, Communications and Reports were received and filed or acted upon as indicated:

- a. Letter from Nancy L. Rettinhouse, District Manager, United States Postal Service, regarding the future of the Wayne Post Office
- b. Memo from the Public Works Director concerning an upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, which will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Redford Township Public Services Building, 1220 Beech Daly Road
- c. Letter from Tom Lacey, Public Housing Director, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, regarding a Capital Fund Recovery Grant
- d. Memo from the Fire Chief concerning the Citizen Fire Academy, which will be held on April 16-18, 2010
- e. Flyer from the Library Director regarding "Your Secrets Spilled in Ink", which will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Library
- f. Memo from the Parks & Recreation Administrative Specialist I concerning the 2010 Mardi Gras, which was held on Saturday, February 13, 2010, at the Community Center
- g. Memo from the Parks & Recreation Director concerning auditions for "Alice in Wonderland", which will be held on Monday, March 8, 2010, at the State Wayne Theater at 7:00 p.m.
- h. Memo from the Parks & Recreation Director regarding upcoming programs
- i. Memo from the Parks & Recreation Director concerning the Daddy Daughter Date Night, which was held on Thursday, February 11, 2010, at the Community Center
- j. Memo from the Parks & Recreation Administrative Specialist I regarding a request from the Festival Commission to change them from a commission to a committee. (The request was tabled until a future meeting.)
- k. 2010 Neighborhood Ratio Study prepared by the Wayne County Assessment and Equalization Division and the City of Wayne Finance Department
- l. Memo from the Assistant City Manager concerning the Citizen Satisfaction Survey
- m. Letter from Raymond E. Basham, State Senator, regarding Governor Granholm's proposals for government reform

**03-10-0079** Motion by McEachern, seconded by Rowe and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve an amendment to the contract with South Huron Industrial, in the amount of \$.209 per gallon of liquid Calcium Chloride Brine, for dust control services, to be paid from the Major & Local Streets Budgets.

**03-10-0080** Motion by McEachern, seconded by Rowe and unanimously carried, it

was resolved to approve declaring 35305 Chestnut Street, a Hazard/Nuisance, on an emergency basis, and assess the charges to the owner of record.

**03-10-0081** Motion by Rowe, seconded by McEachern and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a possible 3 year contract with Frank's Landscaping, for weed cutting, for an amount not to exceed \$19.00 for lots up to 20,000 square feet; \$29.00 for lots from 20,000 square feet up to an acre; and \$34.00 per acre, to be paid through special assessments.

**03-10-0082** Motion by Dobrowolski, seconded by McEachern and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a contract with the State of Michigan to participate in the State bid for road salt for the 2010-2011 Winter season.

**03-10-0083** Motion by Rowe, seconded by Dobrowolski and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a three year Professional Services Agreement with Adjusting Services Unlimited (ASU), in the amount of \$14,900.00 per year, to provide services for workers compensation claims, to be paid from the Risk Management Budget.

**03-10-0084** Motion by Rowe, seconded by Damitio and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve an amendment to the contract with B & B Landscaping, in the amount of \$48,222.00, for the mowing of Glenwood Cemetery and various other city properties, to be paid from the City Properties, Cemetery and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Budgets.

**03-10-0085** Motion by Damitio, seconded by Rowe and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve some Early Retirement Incentives regarding health insurance and unused sick leave.

**03-10-0086** Motion by Dobrowolski, seconded by McEachern and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a contract with the City of Westland concerning the repaving of Glenwood Road from Venoy Road to Hannan Road through a Federal Grant, the Road and Sidewalk Millage Program, the Water & Sewer Budget and the participation of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD).

Upon the request of Mayor Haidous for comments from members of the City Council on matters not covered by the Council Agenda, the following were expressed:

Councilman Mulholland expressed his condolences to the family of Jacob Turbett, a local Marine who died in the line of duty and was given a very moving tribute as his funeral procession proceeded along Ford Road.

Councilman Mulholland congratulated City Manager John Zech for being presented with a Community Service Award by Growth Works, Inc. He further stated that it was a very fitting tribute for a very worthy cause.

Councilman Mulholland read a quote by Winston Churchill saying, "for myself I am an optimist, it does not seem to be much use being anything else." He continued by saying that he is an optimist especially with regards to the current financial crisis in the City. He further stated that Ford Motor Company's profits are up 43% as compared to last year.

Councilman Mulholland stated that when information on the upcoming millage ballot will be available. He wanted everyone to know that the committee is working very diligently on the information to present to the community. He further stated that if anyone has a question they should come to the Council meeting and address the Council as it is very important to have the correct information. He further asked everyone to stay optimistic as it is important to keep the things that make us a community. He asked everyone to come together and work together for the good of the community.

Councilwoman Rowe informed everyone that there will be a magician at Karma Coffee on Saturday afternoon after 1:00 p.m. She continued by saying that the business is doing very well and she wishes them well in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem McEachern informed everyone that on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Karma Coffee will be featuring a local singer and author who will have copies of his recent book for sale. She reports that the coffee and goodies are very good!

Councilman Damitio stated that Councilman Mulholland is not the only optimist on the Council and read a quote that he felt was appropriate, "there is no worse mistake in public leadership than to hold out false hopes that could be swept away."

Councilman Henley thanked the citizens that came out to support the community at the meeting. He also thanked Public Works Director Tom MacDonald for negotiating reduced prices on two bid renewals.

Mayor Haidous thanked everyone and stated that everyone knows that he is an optimist. He continued by saying that it is not the first time that the City has been in a difficult situation but the citizens and the Council need to work together. He further stated that he is proud to be in such a great community. He also stated that he appreciates the citizens who are involved in the community.

Mayor Haidous called for a moment of silence for fallen Marine, Jacob Turbett.

**03-10-0087** Motion by Rowe, seconded by Damitio and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept the Consent Calendar without exception as follows:

- a. Housing Commission Minutes of January 13
- b. Housing Commission Minutes of January 27
- c. Personnel Board minutes of December 10
- d. Commission on Aging Minutes of January 12
- e. 2020 Committee Minutes of February 24
- f. Wheelfest Minutes of January 26
- g. Election Commission Minutes of February 17

**03-10-0088** Motion by Rowe, seconded by Mulholland and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

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Mary E. Carney  
City Clerk

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