

CITY OF WAYNE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING NO. 2010-01 - JANUARY 5, 2010
WAYNE CITY HALL
3355 SOUTH WAYNE ROAD
8:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Wayne City Council was held on Tuesday, January 5, 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 8:02 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: Richard S. Clark, City Attorney; John J. Zech, City Manager; Mary E. Carney, City Clerk

01-10-0001 Motion by McEachern, seconded by Rowe and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 15, 2009, as printed.

01-10-0002 Motion by McEachern, seconded by Dobrowolski and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2009, as printed.

Presentation of a plaque was made to Patricia Ditmore for 50 years of service to the City.

A Public Hearing was held to consider the proposed uses of the City's FY '10-'11 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Funds.

Community Development Director Peter McInerney presented an overview of the proposed uses. There were no questions posed by the Council or the audience.

01-10-0003 Motion by Rowe, seconded by Mulholland and unanimously carried, to close the Public Hearing and approve the uses of the City's FY '10-'11 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Funds as follows:

PROGRAM

Code Enforcement \$ 18,000.00

Public Facilities and Improvements
Recreation

Walz Quadraplex
Playground replacement \$ 20,000.00

Public Services
Senior Citizens \$ 24,000.00

Community Housing Rehabilitation \$ 52,300.00

Administration \$ 12,700.00

Total \$127,000.00

01-10-0004 Motion by McEachern, seconded by Dobrowolski and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Re-adoption of the resolution concerning the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

01-10-0005 Motion by Dobrowolski, seconded by Damitio and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the request from Working America to conduct a door-to-door canvass.

01-10-0006 Motion by Rowe, seconded by McEachern and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the reappointment of Terry Shenk to the Board of Review until December of 2010.

01-10-0007 Motion by Dobrowolski, seconded by McEachern and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the reappointment of Lawrence Chastang to the Board of Review until December of 2010.

01-10-0008 Motion by Rowe, seconded by Damitio and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the reappointment of Bruce Foulk to the Board of Review until December of 2010.

Upon the request of Mayor Haidous for comments from persons in the audience on matters not covered by the Council Agenda, none were expressed.

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

- a. Memo from the Assistant City Manager concerning Comcast
- b. Memo from the Police Chief and thank you letter regarding the Citizens Police Academy Program

- c. Memo from the Parks & Recreation Administrative Specialist I concerning the 2010 Winterfest Health & Wellness Expo
- d. Memo from the Parks & Recreation Director regarding upcoming programs
- e. Memo from the Parks & Recreation Director concerning Seussical

01-10-0009 Motion by Damitio, seconded by Henley and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the funds for the 2009 Employee Suggestion Awards.

01-10-0010 Motion by Dobrowolski, seconded by Rowe and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the 2010 Poverty Exemption Guidelines as follows:

1. The property being appealed must be the applicant's Homestead.
2. Poverty exemption applications must be submitted annually and be complete. A poverty exemption shall not be granted in a given year if no application is submitted or if an application is submitted where information is left off or is incomplete.
3. The Board of Review may deviate from the following guidelines if there is sufficient reason to do so and the reasons for the deviation are recorded in writing on the application.
4. An applicant must file a written application and appear personally, by appointment, before the Board of Review annually. An applicant who cannot appear because of illness or infirmity may appoint, in writing, an agent to appear on the applicant's behalf who is knowledgeable about the applicant's personal affairs.
5. The poverty exemption application must include a copy of the current and/or prior year's income tax returns, both Federal and State of Michigan, for all persons residing in the Homestead. This must include the MI-1040CR form showing the Household Income and Homestead Property Tax Credit Claim. Any additional information to be presented to the Board of Review must be in writing and attached to the petition.
6. All applications shall be processed by the Assessor's office to calculate the percentage of Household Income (as defined by the State of Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit Claim) consumed by property taxes. A poverty exemption may be granted only when property taxes exceed five (5) percent of Household Income of individuals under age 65 and three and one-half (3½) percent of qualifying individuals (as defined by the Homestead Property Tax Credit Claim) who are a. Age 65 or older; or an unremarried spouse of a person who was 65 or older at the time of death; or b. Deaf, blind, hemiplegic, paraplegic, quadriplegic, or totally and permanently disabled and their maximum Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit.
7. Household Income (as defined by the Homestead Property Tax Credit Claim) may not exceed the level established using the following thresholds using the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines
1	\$10,800
2	\$14,600
3	\$18,300
4	\$22,100
5	\$25,800
6	\$29,500
7	\$33,300
8	\$37,000
Each add'l person add	\$ 3,700

8. Poverty reductions will not be given if an applicant has a. Other real estate holdings, or b. Savings or investments of \$5,000 or more.
9. Applicants must submit a written explanation for all Homestead residents over the age of 18 who do not contribute to Household Income.
10. The Board of Review may require a driver's license, deeds, or other proof of ownership, or any form of documentation necessary for verification.
11. Application should be RECEIVED at the Assessor's office two full business days prior to the to the published poverty hearings of the Board of Review to allow for processing.

01-10-0010 Motion by McEachern, seconded by Damitio and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve entering into a Professional Services Agreement with BS&A, for an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, to provide online access to property tax, assessment and utility billing information, to be paid from the Management Information System/Information Technology (MIS/IT) Budget.

01-10-0011 Motion by McEachern, seconded by Rowe and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve declaring 3444 Winifred Street a Hazard/Nuisance, on an emergency basis, and assess the charges to the owner of record.

01-10-0012 Motion by McEachern, seconded by Dobrowolski and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a resolution to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), which authorizes Thomas MacDonald, Ramzi El-Gharib, Peter McInerney and Michael Buiten to apply for permits to work within MDOT rights-of-way.

01-10-0013 Motion by McEachern, seconded by Rowe and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the third year of a potential five year contract with Weed Man Lawn Care, in the amount of \$2,186.00, for the fertilization and weed control of city-owned properties, to be paid from the City Property and Cemetery Budgets.

01-10-0014 Motion by McEachern, seconded by Mulholland and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a contract with Tri-City Builders, in the amount of \$6,605.00, for a new roof at 31429 Pierce Street, on an emergency basis, to be paid from

the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Tax Reversion Budget.

01-10-0015 Motion by Rowe, seconded by Dobrowolski and unanimously carried, it was resolved to call a Special Meeting for Monday, January 11, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the City's financial situation.

01-10-0016 Motion by Rowe, seconded by McEachern and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve establishing a Receiving Board for up to 8 voting precincts and one absentee counting board precinct for all elections in 2010.

01-10-0017 Motion by Damitio, seconded by Rowe and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a Deficit Elimination Plan for the Neighborhood Stabilization Fund.

01-10-0018 Motion by McEachern, seconded by Dobrowolski and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve Change Order No. 1 with Kone, Inc., in the amount of \$1,800.00, for emergency repairs to the Parking Structure Elevators, to be paid from the City Properties Repairs & Maintenance Budget.

01-10-0019 Motion by Rowe, seconded by Henley and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a payment to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) in the amount of \$2,212.00, for 2010 dues, to be paid from the City Council Memberships & Dues Budget.

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

Councilwoman Dobrowolski wished everyone a Happy New Year and expressed her hope for a prosperous and happy year.

Mayor Pro Tem McEachern stated that she had read in the newspaper that Judge Laura Mack of the 29th District Court has started an innovative program to make the court friendlier and fairer by having 2nd & 3rd year law students represent people in court on minor violations, thereby giving the students hands-on court experience. She commended Judge Mack for the program.

Councilman Mulholland congratulated the Michigan State University Hockey Team for their win in the Great Lakes Invitational.

Mayor Haidous wished everyone a happy new year and stated that the Council, the City Manager and employees will have to work through a difficult budget but that the City has to keep moving forward and look for success.

01-10-0020 Motion by Rowe, seconded by Mulholland and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept the Consent Calendar with one correction in the Parks & Recreation Foundation Minutes of December 2, as follows:

- a. Board of Review Minutes for December
- b. Beautification Minutes of November 2
- c. Beautification Minutes of December 7
- d. Retirement Board Minutes of December 21

- e. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of November 12
- f. Retirement Board Minutes of December 21
- g. Parks & Recreation Foundation Minutes of December 2

01-10-0021 Motion by Dobrowolski, seconded by Rowe and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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