

**CITY OF TRENTON
PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 5, 2015**

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, a Public Hearing of the City of Trenton, Michigan was called to order at 7:45 p.m., on the above date in the City Hall Council Chambers to receive community input regarding the City of Trenton's proposed use of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for 2015-2016 program year.

Present on roll call by Deputy City Clerk Debra Devitt: Councilpersons Timber Baun-Crooks, Robert Howey, William LeFevre, MaryEllen McLeod, Steven Rzeppa and Mayor Kyle Stack.

There being a quorum present, the Council was declared in session.

Absent: Councilperson Dan Gillespie.

Moved by Councilperson Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilperson Rzeppa, to excuse the absence of Councilperson Gillespie.

Carried unanimously.

Other Officers Present: James Wagner, City Administrator; Wallace Long, City Attorney; Christine Arnoczki, City Controller; Scott Church, Human Resources Director; Paul Haley, Emergency Management Coordinator; Joann Gonyea, Parks and Recreation Director; and Tim Beaker, Recreation Business Operations Manager.

The Deputy City Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing that was posted at Trenton City Hall, Trenton Veterans Memorial Library and the Westfield Activity Center.

Mayor Stack asked for comments from the public.

City Administrator Wagner stated Administration will take into consideration the comments received tonight for the proposed use of the CDBG funding for 2015-2016 program year.

There was no comment from the public.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilperson Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, at 7:48 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

KYLE F. STACK, MAYOR

DEBRA R. DEVITT, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Debra R. Devitt, Deputy City Clerk
APPROVED ON: _____

**CITY OF TRENTON
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2015**

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the Regular Meeting of the City Council of Trenton, Michigan, was called to order by Mayor Stack, at 8:00 p.m. on the above date in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Present on roll call by Deputy City Clerk Debra Devitt: Councilpersons Timber Baun-Crooks, Robert Howey, William LeFevre, MaryEllen McLeod, Steven Rzeppa, and Mayor Kyle Stack.

There being a quorum present, the Council was declared in session.

Absent: Councilperson Dan Gillespie.

Moved by Councilperson Howey, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, to excuse the absence of Councilperson Gillespie.

Carried unanimously.

Other Officers Present: Michael McCullough, City Treasurer; James Wagner, City Administrator; Wallace Long, City Attorney; Christine Arnoczki, City Controller; Paul Haley, Emergency Management Coordinator; William Hogan, City Engineer; Jeff Evans, Fire Chief; Scott Church, Human Resources Director; Joann Gonyea, Parks and Recreation Director; Tim Beaker, Recreation Business Operations Manager; James Nardone, Police and Fire Services Director; and Steven Voss, Police Chief.

MINUTES

Moved by Councilperson McLeod, seconded by Councilperson Howey, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2014.

Carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

GENERAL

- B-1. 33RD DISTRICT COURT: Fines, Costs, Fees, November 2014
- B-2. FREEDOM FROM RELIGION FOUNDATION: Nativity Scene at Trenton Pavilion
- B-3. PHIL DEJAEGER: Request to Purchase Portion of City Park Property
- B-4. ATRS-MICHIGAN: Requested Amendments to Ordinance 705-10, Textile and Donation Bins
- B-5. FRIENDS OF THE DETROIT RIVER: National Priorities List Designation, Letter of Support

DEPARTMENT HEADS & OFFICIALS

- D-1. CITY ATTORNEY: Ordinance 705-10, Textile and Donation Bins (2nd Rdg.)

- D-2. PARKS AND RECREATION: Ratification of the Honeywell Contract Addendum for Energy Conservation, KRC
- D-3. CITY ADMINISTRATOR: DCC and DMA Annual Dues
- D-4. CITY ADMINISTRATOR: SEMCOG Membership Dues
- D-5. CITY ADMINISTRATOR: DSC/McLouth Site, National Priorities List Designation by Governor
- D-6. CITY ENGINEER: Petition to Combine Property, Lot 4 & 5, ATP 1, 2230 4th, (Scott)

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

- L-1. MAYOR: Proposed Council Study Session for Monday, February 9, 2015
- L-2. ADMINISTRATOR: Railroads Seek One Person Crews

COMMUNICATIONS

(B-1)

33RD DISTRICT COURT
Fines, Costs, Fees, November 2014

Moved by Councilperson LeFevre, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, to receive and place on file the Fines, Costs, Fees, November 2014, submitted by the 33rd District Court showing the City of Trenton receiving \$4,670.42.

Carried unanimously.

(B-2)

FREEDOM FROM RELIGION FOUNDATION
Nativity Scene at Trenton Pavilion

Moved by Councilperson McLeod, seconded by Councilperson Baun-Crooks, to receive and place on file the letter submitted by the Freedom from Religion Foundation regarding the nativity scene at the Trenton pavilion.

Carried unanimously.

(B-3)

PHIL DEJAEGER
Request to Purchase Portion of City Park Property

Moved by Councilperson McLeod, seconded by Councilperson Baun-Crooks, to deny the request from Phil Dejaeger to purchase a portion of City park property, based on legal information.

Carried unanimously.

(B-4)

ATRS-MICHIGAN

Requested Amendments to Ordinance 705-10, Textile and Donation Bins

Moved by Councilperson Howey, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, to refer the letter submitted by Patrick Bennett, of American Textile Recycling Services, requesting amendments to Ordinance 705-10, Textile and Donation Bins, to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

Carried unanimously.

Patrick Bennett, of American Textile Recycling Services spoke to the Mayor and City Council and expressed an interest in meeting with the Planning Commission to offer his support and discuss issues of textile and donation bins.

(B-5)

FRIENDS OF THE DETROIT RIVER

National Priorities List Designation, Letter of Support

Moved by Councilperson McLeod, seconded by Councilperson Baun-Crooks, to receive and place on file the letter submitted by the Friends of the Detroit River, supporting the City's interest in having the old Trenton McLouth Steel property added to the EPA's National Priority List.

Carried unanimously.

(D-1)

CITY ATTORNEY

Ordinance 705-10, Textile and Donation Bins (2nd Reading)

Moved by Councilperson McLeod, seconded by Councilperson Howey, to table the second reading of Ordinance 705-10, Textile and Donation Bins, pending further review and recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Carried unanimously.

(D-2)

PARKS AND RECREATION

Ratification of the Honeywell Contract Addendum for Energy Conservation, KRC

Moved by Councilperson McLeod, seconded by Councilperson Baun-Crooks, to approve the addendum to the contract with Honeywell for Energy Conservation improvements at the Kennedy Recreation Center, replacing wording of "will endeavor" to "shall" in item 8.2.1 of the addendum.

Carried unanimously.

(D-3)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR
DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE and DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID
Annual Membership Dues

Moved by Councilperson LeFevre, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, to approve the payment of \$4,750.00, to the Downriver Community Conference, with funding from Miscellaneous Account (101-999-883.002) and \$12,569.72, to Downriver Mutual Aid, with funding from Miscellaneous Account (101-999-883.003), for the annual membership dues.

Carried unanimously.

(D-4)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR
SEMCOG Membership Dues

Moved by Councilperson Howey, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, to approve the 2015 SEMCOG Membership Dues in the amount of \$2,231.00, for the period of January 15, 2015 through January 15, 2016.

Carried unanimously.

(D-5)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR
DSC/McLouth Site, National Priorities List Designation by Governor

**CITY OF TRENTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-1**

WHEREAS, the CITY OF TRENTON ("City") has within its corporate boundaries an approximately 199 acre site formerly occupied for 50 years by a steel mill operated by McLouth Steel Corporation, which site has a lengthy history of contamination adversely affecting the prospects of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the property was subsequently acquired out of the bankruptcy of McLouth Steel Corporation by the TRENTON LAND HOLDINGS, LLC, aka Detroit Steel Company, LLC (DSC); and

WHEREAS, DSC has been unable to resurrect the integrated steel operation of McLouth into a viable and productive enterprise leaving an unsightly and contaminated collection of dilapidated buildings, abandoned rail track and piles of scrap littering the landscape adjacent to the City and along the Detroit River, an international waterway connecting the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, reclamation plans by private developers have failed because of the costs associated with the environmental cleanup of the site.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Trenton does hereby petition the Honorable Rick Snyder, Governor of the State of Michigan, to support and endorse the addition of the former McLouth Steel sites, including those located at 1491 W. Jefferson Ave, Trenton MI., now owned by Trenton Land Holdings, LLC, to the National Priorities List (NPL).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this petition be served on the Governor and Legislature of State of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Remediation and Redevelopment Division, and the County of Wayne; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and immediately deliver this Resolution of the City of Trenton to the persons and entities identified above.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Trenton this 5th day of January, 2015.

Moved by Councilperson Rzeppa, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, to petition the Governor to support the City of Trenton's request to add the former McLouth Steel Site to the National Priorities List, and to make the CERCLA Re-Assessment Report for McLouth Steel part of public record.

Carried unanimously.

(D-6)
CITY ENGINEER

Petition to Combine Property, Lot 4 & 5, ATP 1, 2230 4th, (Scott)

Moved by Councilperson Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilperson Howey, to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer to refer the petition to combine property of Lot #5 and #6, Assessor's Trenton Plat No. 1 of the Church and Company Subdivision, 2230 Fourth Street, Gordon Scott, to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

Carried unanimously.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

(L-1)
MAYOR

Proposed Council Study Session for Monday, February 9, 2015

Moved by Councilperson McLeod, seconded by Councilperson Howey, to approve the agenda for the February 9, 2015, Council Study Session to be held at 7:30 p.m. to discuss trash pick-up and recycling issues.

Carried unanimously.

(L-2)

ADMINISTRATOR
Railroads Seek One Person Crews

**CITY OF TRENTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-2**

WHEREAS, the CITY OF TRENTON, Michigan ("City") has within its corporate boundaries multiple rail crossings which, when blocked by moving trains, cause enormous traffic problems, disrupting the community and its transit needs with respect to schools, reporting times for work shifts and emergency response and transport to local hospitals; and

WHEREAS, such crossing blockages become even more aggravated and protracted when they result from personnel issues or rail equipment problems such as Engine and Gate malfunctions, car derailments, and traffic collisions; and

WHEREAS, resolving such problems has become exacerbated as the size of trains have grown while the size of rail crews operating trains and available to address such situations as they arise, has diminished.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Trenton does hereby petition Canadian National Railway (CN), the Surface Transportation Board (STB) in Washington, DC., the National Safety Transportation Board and those Members of the US House of Representatives and the US Senate, representing the downriver communities of Michigan, the Downriver Community Conference (DCC) and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) to oppose the further permissible reduction in train crews to a single operating engineer as advocated by the Association of American Railroads (AAR); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and immediately deliver this Resolution of the City of Trenton to the persons and entities identified above.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Trenton this 5th day of January, 2015.

Moved by Councilperson Rzeppa, seconded by Councilperson Baun-Crooks, to petition Canadian National Railway, the Surface Transportation Board, the National Safety Transportation Board, and those Members of the US House of Representatives and the US Senate representing the downriver communities of Michigan, the Downriver Community Conference and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments to oppose the further permissible reduction in train crews to a single operating engineer.

Carried unanimously.

DISBURSEMENTS AND STATEMENTS

Moved by Councilperson LeFevre, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, that the Authorized Disbursements, per the January 5, 2015, schedule, be approved, in the amount of \$1,574,147.82.

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councilperson LeFevre, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, to authorize EFT #74 to Charter One, in the amount of \$5,493.83.

Carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Moved by Councilperson LeFevre, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, to receive and place on file the Commission and Board Reports, January 5, 2015.

Carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS

- Councilperson Howey * Congratulated and Welcomed Steve Rzeppa newest Rotarian of 2015.
- Mayor Stack * Wished Everyone a Happy New Year, May it be Healthy and Prosperous.
- Councilperson LeFevre * City of Trenton made national news on the radio regarding gas prices; Police Officers attended Memorial Services in NYC.
- Deputy City Clerk Devitt * Pet licenses expired December 31st, renew in Clerk's Office; 2nd Public Hearing regarding CDBG funding for 2015-2016 program year scheduled for Monday, January 19th at 7:45 p.m., Council Meeting to follow.
- Police and Fire Director Nardone * Traveled to NYC along with Office Hawkins to attend Memorial Service.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Eric Massey * Represented AFSCME Union Local #292 on opposition of out sourcing refuge pick-up.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilperson McLeod, seconded by Councilperson Howey, at 8:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

KYLE F. STACK, MAYOR

DEBRA R. DEVITT, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Debra R. Devitt, Deputy City Clerk
APPROVED ON: _____

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. STATE OF MICHIGAN: Before the Michigan Public Service Commission, Notice of Hearing for the Customers of DTE Gas Company, Case No. U-17701.

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