

**CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN
REGULAR MEETING
January 24, 2011**

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

Present on roll call by City Clerk Stack: Councilpersons: Baun-Crooks, Gillespie, LeFevre, McLeod, Taylor and Teifer.

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

Other Officers Present: John Dahlquist, City Assessor; Randy Schoen, City Treasurer; Wallace Long, City Attorney; Robert Cady, City Administrator; Christine Arnoczki, City Controller; William Hogan, City Engineer; Bruce Vick, Fire Chief; Scott Church, Human Resources Director; Patrick Hawkins, Parks and Recreation Director; William Lilienthal, Police Chief; and Eric Witte, Department of Public Services Director.

MINUTES

Moved by Councilperson Gillespie, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2011.

Carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Councilperson Gillespie, seconded by Councilperson Taylor, to approve the reappointment of Robert Cady to the Building Authority with a term ending January 1, 2014.

Roll Call: Brown, Abstain; Gillespie, Yes; LeFevre, Yes; McLeod, Yes; Taylor, Yes; Teifer, Yes; and Baun-Crooks, Yes.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

AUTHORITIES, CITY COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES

- A-1. ELIZABETH PAFFHAUSEN: Letter of Resignation from the Traffic Safety Commission
- A-2. CAROL MANS: Letter of Resignation from the Civic Commission

GENERAL

- B-1. 33RD DISTRICT COURT: Fines/Costs/Fees for December 2010

- B-2. 33RD DISTRICT COURT: Court Technology Quarterly Payment
B-3. SENIOR ALLIANCE: Match Request for FY 2011

DEPARTMENT HEADS, OFFICIALS, C.S.S. REFERRAL

- D-1. DPS: 2011 Lawn Mowing Contracts
D-2. CONTROLLER: 2011 SEMCOG Membership Dues

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

- L-1. ATTORNEY: Ordinance 745, Amendment to the Duties of the City Treasurer (1st Rdg)

COMMUNICATIONS

(A-1)

ELIZABETH PAFFHAUSEN

Letter of Resignation from the Traffic Safety Commission

Moved by Councilperson Taylor, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, to receive and place on file, the letter submitted from Elizabeth Paffhausen, resigning from the Traffic Safety Commission and to request Administration to send a letter of commendation to her for her services.

Carried unanimously.

(A-2)

CAROL MANS

Letter of Resignation from the Civic Commission

Moved by Councilperson Taylor, seconded by Councilperson Baun-Crooks, to receive and place on file, the letter submitted from Carol Mans, resigning from the Civic Commission and to request Administration to send a letter of commendation to her for her services

Carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

City Beautiful Holiday Decorating Awards

Moved by Councilperson LeFevre, seconded by Councilperson Taylor, to make the Presentation part of the regular minutes.

Carried unanimously.

Sharlene Datini, Chairman of the City Beautiful Commission and members Mona Whitaker and LuAnn Kamin, along with DTE representatives, Molly Lumpert-Coy, Dan Braker, and Bill Jasman, announced the winners of the Holiday Decorating Awards and DTE gift certificates: fourth place to Joe and Lynn Plemmons, third place to Mike and Annette David, second place to Joe and Marcia Ross, and first place to Scott Szumanski.

(B-1)
33RD DISTRICT COURT
Fines/Costs/Fees for December 2010

Moved by Councilperson LeFevre, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, to receive and place on file the Fines, Costs, Fees for December 2010, submitted by the 33rd District Court showing the City of Trenton owing \$8,038.61.

Carried unanimously.

(B-2)
33RD DISTRICT COURT
Court Technology Quarterly Payment

Moved by Councilperson LeFevre, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, to receive and place on file the Court Technology Quarterly Payment to the SINC Consortium, submitted by the 33rd District Court.

Carried unanimously.

(B-3)
SENIOR ALLIANCE
Match Request for FY 2011

Moved by Councilperson Taylor, seconded by Councilperson Baun-Crooks, to approve the payment of \$1,567.00, to The Senior Alliance for the FY 2011 Match.

Carried unanimously.

(D-1)
DPS
2011 Lawn Mowing Contracts

Moved by Councilperson McLeod, seconded by Councilperson Gillespie, to concur with the recommendation of the Department of Public Services Director and extend the Lawn Mowing Contracts under the same terms and conditions for 2011.

Carried unanimously.

(Request made by Council to ask the vendors to take a voluntary 5% cut)

(D-2)
CONTROLLER
2011 SEMCOG Membership Dues

Moved by Councilperson McLeod, seconded by Councilperson Baun-Crooks, to approve the payment of the 2011 SEMCOG Membership Dues for the period of January 15, 2011, through January 15, 2012, in the amount of \$2212.00.

Roll Call: Gillespie, Yes; LeFevre, No; McLeod, Yes; Taylor, Yes; Teifer, Yes; Baun-Crooks, Yes; and Brown, Yes.

Motion carried.

(L-1)
ATTORNEY
Ordinance 745, Amendment to the Duties of the City Treasurer (1st Rdg)

**CITY OF TRENTON
ORDINANCE NO. 745**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE
TRENTON CITY CODE ENTITLED "OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES" BY
AMENDING SECTION 2-63 TO SET FORTH THE DUTIES OF
TREASURER AND CONTROLLER'S OFFICE FOLLOWING
REORGANIZATION.**

Whereas, the City of Trenton has determined that it can better serve the community while reducing the cost of local government through reorganization and consolidation of certain services, and

Whereas, Section 4.9 of the City Charter provides that the Council may by ordinance, create additional administrative offices and departments, and may combine any administrative offices and departments in any manner it deems necessary or advisable for the proper and efficient operation of the city, and prescribe the functions of each office and department and the duties, authorities and responsibilities of the officers of each department, and

Whereas, in accordance with Section 4.9, the City wishes to consolidate and transfer several current responsibilities of the Treasurer to the Office of the City Controller, with the objective of eliminating duplication of tasks and achieving greater efficiencies in the financial operations of the City.

THE CITY OF TRENTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 2-63 of the Trenton City Code entitled Salary of the Treasurer shall be deleted, renamed and amended to transfer certain duties of the City Treasurer to the Office of the Controller, which Section shall then read as follows:

Sec. 2-63 Duties of the Treasurer.

As part of the 2011 consolidation and reorganization of City Departments, and pursuant to Section 4.9 of the Charter, the duties of the City Treasurer shall be reduced to those which may be required under State Law and those incorporated in the City's Charter at Section 4.16.(a)(c)(d) and(e). All other duties and responsibilities performed by the Treasurer at the time of enactment of this Ordinance, including but not limited to, those set forth in Charter Section 4.16(b) for the collection of fees and other receivables, shall hereinafter be transferred to, consolidated and reside with, and become duties and responsibilities of the office of the City Controller, to be performed in addition to those currently held and performed by the Controller and set forth in Section 4.13 of the Charter.

Section 2. Saving Clause. Nothing in this Ordinance or in the Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance. Pursuant to Section 13(5) of the Act, if Section 8 of the Act is found to be invalid or unconstitutional, the modification of fees under Section 11 above shall be void from the date the modification was made.

Section 3. Severability. Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this Ordinance be held in a manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such work, sentence, phrase or any portion of the Ordinance held to be so invalid shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Conflicting Ordinances. All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Trenton inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.

Section 5. Readings. This Ordinance shall be given a first reading on January 24, 2011, shall be enacted on February 7, 2011, and shall be published on or before February 20, 2011, and shall be effective November 14, 2011.

Moved by Councilperson Gillespie, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 745, Amendment to the Duties of the City Treasurer.

Carried unanimously.

(Council requested a Study Session be held to discuss the duties with the City Treasurer before the second reading.)

AUTHORIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Councilperson LeFevre, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, that the Authorized Disbursements, per the January 24, 2011, schedule, be approved.

MONROE BANK & TRUST: Cash Disbursements	\$747,346.16
General Fund	127,145.69
Major Street Fund	2,540.64
Local Street Fund	1,470.60

Kennedy Rec Complex	13,265.55
Library Operating Fund	13,903.46
Tax Receiving Fund	405,963.10
Special Revenue Fund	5,663.18
Grant Funds	3,694.64
SINC Fund	89,726.76
Water & Wastewater Fund	44,471.89
Motor Vehicle Pool	36,932.65
Restricted Self Insurance	2,568.00

Carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Moved by Councilperson LeFevre, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, to receive and place on file the Financial Statement dated December 31, 2010; Commission and Board Reports, January 24, 2011; Police Department Report, December 2010; and the Fire Department Overtime Budget, December 2010.

Carried unanimously.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Moved by Councilperson LeFevre, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, to hold a Closed Session immediately following the regular meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

Carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS

Councilperson Gillespie	* Mission Trip to Haiti
Councilperson McLeod	* Proud of Councilperson Gillespie for work in Haiti
Councilperson LeFevre	* Congratulated Award Winners and Complimented Civic Commission on City Awards Banquet; Recyclable Program
Councilperson Baun-Crooks	* Thanked Civic Commission for Great Awards Banquet; Complimented Councilperson LeFevre for a Great Job at Banquet and Councilperson Gillespie on Haiti Trip
Mayor Brown	* Geri Heskett complimented Wayne County for Ice Rinks at Elizabeth Park
DPS Director Witte	* Recyclable Program at Transfer Station

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY Councilperson McLeod, seconded by Councilperson Gillespie, at 8:42 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

GERALD R BROWN, MAYOR

KYLE F. STACK, CITY CLERK

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Patricia M. Gearhart, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED ON: _____

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. JANET MILLER: Notice of Retirement. (01/18/2011)
2. CONTROLLER: FY 2012 Budget Timeline. (01/12/2011)
3. CONTROLLER: Commercial Delinquent Water Accounts. (01/21/2011)