

**CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN
REGULAR MEETING
April 6, 2009**

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 8:07 p.m. on the above date in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Absent: Councilman Teifer.

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Gillespie, to excuse the absence of Councilman Teifer.

Carried unanimously.

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; Jeff Davis, Deputy Fire Chief; Scott Church, Human Resource Specialist; Patrick Hawkins, Parks and Recreation Director; William Lilienthal, Police Chief; and Alan Bober, Department of Public Services Director.

MINUTES

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2009.

Carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Bob Brown, Senior Alliance

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to make the Presentation part of the regular minutes.

Carried unanimously.

Bob Brown, Executive Director of Senior Alliance gave a brief overview of the programs and services available, and the financial status of the agency.

APPOINTMENTS:

Historical Commission

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to approve the appointment of Veronica Pinto to the Historical Commission for a term ending July 1, 2012.

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

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- C-1. MOSLEM SHRINERS: Annual Hospital Fund Drive
- C-2. FRIENDS OF THE DETROIT RIVER: Detroit River Cleanup Project

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

- D-1. TREASURER: City Investment Policy – Revision to Permit Investment With the CDARS Program
- D-2. ATTORNEY: Bike Path Release and Maintenance Agreement
- D-3. DPS: Police Cars Conversion Bid Award
- D-4. DPS: Request to Auction Surplus Vehicles
- D-5. DPS: Bid Award for Mowing of Foreclosed Property
- D-6. DPS: Household Hazardous Waste Collection

COMMUNICATIONS

(C-1)

**MOSLEM SHRINERS
Annual Hospital Fund Drive**

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to concur with the recommendation of the Civic Commission and grant permission to the Moslem Shriners to hold their Annual Hospital Fund Drive in the City of Trenton on June 11 through June 13, 2009, to sell in front of local businesses, with permission only; without standing on street corners; with no Sunday Sales; under the direction of Police Department.

Carried unanimously.

(C-2)

FRIENDS OF THE DETROIT RIVER
Detroit River Cleanup Project

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to grant permission to the Friends of the Detroit River to use Rotary Park on Saturday, April 18, 2009, for their Detroit River cleanup project including the boat launch and to allow the use of three of the city's disposal dumpsters for the collected refuse.

Carried unanimously.

(Robert Burns Detroit Riverkeeper, gave a brief overview of the project.)

(D-1)

TREASURER

City Investment Policy – Revision to Permit Investment With the CDARS Program

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to concur with the recommendation of the City Treasurer and revise Section 7.1 of the City Investment Policy to state that “The Treasurer will only utilize financial institutions that maintain an office in the state of Michigan or as otherwise authorized by Public Act 20”.

Carried unanimously.

(D-2)

ATTORNEY

Bike Path Release and Maintenance Agreement

**CITY OF TRENTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-13
BIKE PATH RELEASE AND MAINTENANCE RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton is a Michigan municipal corporation, existing under the laws of the State of Michigan: and

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton, desires the completion of the DOWNRIVER LINKED GREENWAYS ALONG N. WEST JEFFERSON AVE. Project (the “Project”).

WHEREAS, the Project involves installing a new ten foot wide asphalt bike path within that portion of the road Right-of-Way located in the City of Trenton and under the jurisdiction of the County of Wayne (the “County”).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon completion of the project and approval by the City Engineer, City Building Official, and City Council, the City agrees to accept the responsibility for the long term maintenance in perpetuity of said Path, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County may require the City to pay for its removal in the event of road widening or reconstruction, should it be determined necessary, in the sole discretion of the County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Trenton shall indemnify, save harmless, and defend Wayne County, the Wayne County Department of Public Services, it's officials, agents, and employees against any or all claims, suits and judgments of every name and description arising out of the design, construction, operations, and/or maintenance of the bike path and related appurtenances located within that portion of the right-of-way of W. Jefferson Ave. located in the City of Trenton (such responsibility of the City shall not be construed as a responsibility, or liability for damage, caused by or resulting from the sole negligence of the County, it's officials agents or employees).

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council the City of Trenton, this 6th day of April, 2009.

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the Bike Path Release and Maintenance Resolution and the Path Maintenance Agreement between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the portion of the Downriver Linked Greenways along N. West Jefferson Ave. located in the City of Trenton.

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

Motion carried.

(Dr. John Hartig gave a brief overview of the design of the path, the hours of the Refuge Center and a controlled burn of "elephant grass" in the river to take place this spring.)

(D-3)
DPS

Police Cars Conversion Bid Award

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Gillespie, to concur with the recommendation of the Department of Public Services and award the bid for the conversion of three 2009 Police Cruisers to Priority 1 Emergency, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$20,901.78, with \$6,437.26, to be funded from the State Forfeiture Funds Account (289.307.989.000) and \$14,464.52, from the Federal Forfeiture Funds Account (289.307.985.032), and to reject the other bids.

Carried unanimously.

(D-4)
DPS

Request to Auction Surplus Vehicles

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to authorize the Department of Public Services to dispose of the following vehicles: 1999 Pontiac Grand Prix, 2003 Ford Crown Victoria, 2000 Ford Explorer, 1999 Ford Expedition, 1999 Chevy Tahoe, 1998 Ford Crown Victoria, 1999 Ford Crown Victoria, 2000 Ford Crown Victoria, and 1999 Ford Crown Victoria by utilizing the services of Martin's Towing, at their next regular auction.

Carried unanimously.

(D-5)

DPS

Bid Award for Mowing of Foreclosed Property

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilman LeFevre, to concur with the recommendation of the Department of Public Services and award the bid for mowing of abandoned and foreclosed properties to D.J.'s Lawn Service, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$35.00, for cutting at 6" height and \$45.00, for cutting at 12" height; and to return the bid bonds to the contractors that bid on the 2009 mowing contract.

Carried unanimously.

(D-6)

DPS

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to grant permission to participate in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2009, at the City of Taylor Department of Public Works, at the cost of \$39.26, per vehicle, with funds from the Sanitation Dumping Expense Account (101-528-928.000), and to authorize the Department of Public Services Director to register for the event on behalf of the City.

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

Motion carried.

AUTHORIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, that the Authorized Disbursements, per the April 6, 2009, schedule, be approved.

MONROE BANK & TRUST: Cash Disbursements \$1,307,111.44

General Fund	215,589.81
Local Street Fund	2,673.65
Kennedy Rec. Complex Fund	47,275.89
Library Operating Fund	34,644.22
Tax Receiving Fund	50,761.93
Special Revenue Funds	9,302.69
Grant Funds	29,080.70
Capital Project Fund	352,674.76
DDA Fund	64.99
SINC Fund	6,875.00
Water & Wastewater Fund	195,284.34
Motor Vehicle Pool	34,548.09
Restricted Self Ins.	328,875.37

Motion carried.

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the disbursement payable to Certified Alarm in the amount of \$540.00.

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

Motion carried.

REPORTS

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Gillespie, to receive and place on file the Commission and Board Reports, April 6, 2009, and the Traffic Safety Division Report, February 2009.

Carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS

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| Councilwoman Baun-Crooks | * Complimented Everyone for All They Did to Get City Hall Back in Business; Good Luck to Spartans |
| Councilman LeFevre | * 33 rd District Court is Losing Money, Fines not Covering Costs; Happy Easter |
| Councilwoman McLeod | * "Sparty On" |
| Mayor Brown | * Asked Council on Interest of Lawn Mowing Contract Decision |
| Parks & Rec Director Hawkins | * Drop In Hockey Everyday During Spring Break |
| DPS Director Bober | * Yard Waste Pickup Started |

PUBLIC COMMENT

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| Nicki Bonomo | * City Beautiful Project, Get It Planted, May 16th |
| Bob Baker | * Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 11 th ; City Wide Garage Sale, April 18th |

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, at 9:10 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. DEQ: City of Trenton Transfer Station. (03/17/2009)