

CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN
PUBLIC HEARING
May 18, 2009

A Public Hearing of the City Council of Trenton, Michigan was called to order by Mayor Brown at 7:30 p.m. on the above date in the City Hall Council Chambers to receive community input regarding the proposed millage rate and the City Budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010.

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.

Absent: None.

Other Officers Present: John Dahlquist, City Assessor; Randy Schoen, City Treasurer; Robert Cady, City Administrator; Wallace Long, City Attorney; Paul Haley, Emergency Management Coordinator; Christine Arnoczki, City Controller; William Hogan, City Engineer; and Bruce Vick, Fire Chief; Scott Church, Human Resources Specialist; Patrick Hawkins, Parks and Recreation Director; William Lilienthal, Police Chief; Alan Bober, Department of Public Services Director; and Patrick Raftery, WWTP Superintendent.

City Clerk Stack read the notice of the Public Hearing that was published in the News Herald on Sunday, April 26, 2009; and May 3, 2009.

Mayor Brown called upon the public to make any comment regarding the Proposed Budget.

There were no written or spoken comments received from the public.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilman Taylor, at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

GERALD R. BROWN, MAYOR

KYLE F. STACK, CITY CLERK

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

APPROVED ON: _____

**CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN
REGULAR MEETING
May 18, 2009**

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, a moment of silence was observed in memory of Jim Milligan, Planning Commission member who passed away. The Regular Meeting of the City Council of Trenton, Michigan was called to order by Mayor Brown, at 8:09 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, Taylor, and Teifer.

Absent: None.

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

Other Officers Present: John Dahlquist, City Assessor; Randy Schoen, City Treasurer; Robert Cady, City Administrator; Wallace Long, City Attorney; Paul Haley, Emergency Management Coordinator; Christine Arnoczki, City Controller; William Hogan, City Engineer; Bruce Vick, Fire Chief; Jeff Davis, Deputy Fire Chief; Scott Church, Human Resources Specialist; Patrick Hawkins, Parks and Recreation Director; William Lilienthal, Police Chief; Alan Bober, Department of Public Services Director; and Patrick Raftery, WWTP Superintendent.

MINUTES

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting and the Regular Meeting of May 4, 2009.

Carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

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

Carried unanimously.

Mayor Brown proclaimed the week of May 17th through May 23, 2009, as Emergency Medical Services Week and presented a signed Proclamation to Fire Chief Vick, Glen Scafidi, Tom Gross, and Ron Collard, representing the Trenton Fire Department.

COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

AUTHORITIES, CITY COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES

- A-1. COMPENSATION COMMISSION: Recommendation to Council
- A-2. JEFF JONES: Letter of Resignation from Planning Commission

GENERAL

- B-1. 33RD DISTRICT COURT: Financial Report, December 31, 2008
- B-2. 33RD DISTRICT COURT: Fines and Costs, April 2009

GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- C-1. KIWANIS CLUB: Annual Peanut Sale
- C-2. REFUGE RIVER RUN: Request for Support for the Run

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

- D-1. ATTORNEY: Grant of Public Marina Easement
- D-2. WWTP: Request to Design and Bid Final Settling Tank Rehabilitation
- D-3. DPS: Request to Auction Excess Vehicles

COMMUNICATIONS

(A-1)

COMPENSATION COMMISSION
Recommendation to Council

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilman Gillespie, to concur with the recommendation from the Compensation Commission proposing a zero percent raise to the elected officials for the remainder of their terms in office.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilman Gillespie, to receive and place on file the recommendation from the Compensation Commission regarding a zero percent raise to the elected officials.

Carried unanimously.

(A-2)

JEFF JONES
Letter of Resignation from Planning Commission

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to receive and place on file the letter submitted by Jeff Jones, resigning from the Planning Commission and to request Administration to send a letter of commendation to Mr. Jones for his services.

Carried unanimously.

(B-1)
33RD DISTRICT COURT
Financial Report, December 31, 2008

**CITY OF TRENTON
RESOLUTION 2009-15**

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE 33RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT ANNUAL
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

WHEREAS, the governing body for the City of Trenton has received and reviewed the Annual Financial Report submitted by Darnell & Meyering, P.C., for the 33rd District Court for the year ending December 31, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Trenton hereby resolves that the Annual Financial Report be accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Trenton, this 18th day of May, 2009.

Moved by Councilman LeFevre, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to accept the 33rd District Court Annual Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2008.

Carried unanimously.

(B-2)
33RD DISTRICT COURT
Fines and Costs, April 2009

Moved by Councilman LeFevre, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to receive and place on file the Fines and Costs, April 2009, submitted by the 33rd District Court showing the City of Trenton owing \$7,007.22.

Carried unanimously.

(C-1)
KIWANIS CLUB
Annual Peanut Sale

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to grant permission to the Kiwanis Club to hold their annual peanut sale in the City of Trenton, on June 15, through June 20, 2009, under the direction of the Police Department.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to grant permission to the Kiwanis Club to hold their annual peanut sale in the City of Trenton, on June 15, through June 20, 2009, pending Civic Commission approval, with no standing in or on the street corners, and under the direction of the Police Department.

Carried unanimously.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

Carried unanimously.

(C-2)
REFUGE RIVER RUN
Request for Support for the Run

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to approve the request from the Friends of the Detroit River, for support of the 2009 Refuge River Run as an in-kind sponsor for provision of city services.

Carried unanimously.

(D-1)
ATTORNEY
Grant of Public Marina Easement

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Gillespie, to accept the Grant of Public Marina Easement for water access to the City of Trenton from Ellias Realty, LLC.

Carried unanimously.

(D-2)
WWTP
Request to Design and Bid Final settling Tank Rehabilitation

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to concur with the recommendation of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent and authorize the firm of Process Results Inc., to prepare technical specifications for the Final Settling Tank Rehabilitation Project bid and approve the contract of services in an amount not to exceed \$8,400.00, with funds from the Capital Improvements Account (592-529-988.000).

Carried unanimously.

(D-3)
DPS
Request to Auction Excess Vehicles

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to authorize the Department of Public Services Director to dispose of a 1999 Ford Focus and a 2001 Ford Windstar by utilizing the services of Martin's Towing.

Carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, that the Authorized Disbursements, per the May 18 2009, schedule, be approved.

MONROE BANK & TRUST: Cash Disbursements	\$407,021.05
General Fund	58,539.79
Major Street Fund	12,610.48
Local Street Fund	127,528.29
Kennedy Rec. Complex Fund	5,825.86
Library Operating Fund	1606.27
Tax Receiving Fund	39,745.53
Special Revenue Funds	4,423.08
Grant Funds	791.59
Capital Project Fund	8,838.24
DDA Fund	706.16
SINC Fund	1500.00
Water & Wastewater Fund	119,450.73
Motor Vehicle Pool	5,112.60
Restricted Self Ins.	20,402.43

Motion carried.

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Gillespie, to approve the disbursement payable to Certified Alarm in the amount of \$60.00.

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

Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to receive and place on file the Financial Statement dated April 30, 2009.

Carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to receive and place on file the Commission and Board Reports, May 18, 2009, Parks and Recreation Report, April 2009; Fire Department Report April 2009; DPS Report, April 2009; Traffic Safety Division Report, April 2009; and the Police Department Report, April 2009.

Carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS

- Councilman LeFevre * Memorial Day Parade, Saturday, at 10:00 a.m.;
Shred It Day, a Success
- Mayor Brown * Wished Alex Morrow a Happy Birthday

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Nikki Bonomo * Get it Planted a Success, Thanked Volunteers and
Donors
- Bill Jasman * Thanked Residents and Postal Employees for May
9th Food Drive

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

(D-4)

CONTROLLER

Budget Resolution Covering Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010

**CITY OF TRENTON
BUDGET RESOLUTION
2009-16**

WHEREAS, the Mayor has submitted to the City Council a Budget covering the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget was held at the time and place as the City Council directed, to-wit: Monday, May 18, 2009, at 7:30 P.M.; and

WHEREAS, notice of such Public Hearing was published in the News-Herald and the Proposed Budget and three preceding Fiscal Budgets were on file in the Office of the Clerk for public inspection during the office hours of such office for a period of not less than one (1) week prior to said hearing; and

WHEREAS, all persons interested therein were given an opportunity to be heard, and expressed their opinion thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Review has completed its review of the Assessment Roll on March 18, 2009, the majority of its members endorsed thereon, and signed a statement to the effect that the same is the Assessment Roll of the City of Trenton for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the recommendations of the City Administrative Officials and concurs therewith as adjusted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that within three (3) days after the adoption of the proposed millage and after the adoption of the budget, the Clerk shall certify to the Assessor fifteen point two one zero three (15.2103) mills on a valuation of EIGHT HUNDRED MILLION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN
HELD ON THE 18TH DAY OF MAY 2009

HUNDRED FIFTY ONE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (800,137,351.00) to be levied by general ad valorem tax upon all real and personal property for municipal operations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, one point four six zero five (1.4605) mills on the same valuation for refuse collection and disposal, point five six six two (.5662) mills on the same valuation for the Act 345 Pension System, point four three two nine (.4329) mills on the same valuation for the operation of the Library, point five eight two four (.5824) mills on the same valuation for the Library Debt, and two point seven four seven seven (2.7477) mills on the same valuation for ACO-Sewer Debt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall also certify to the Assessor seven point six zero five two (7.6052) mills on a valuation of ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED and 00/100 dollars (113,389,300.00) to be levied by specific tax upon personal property certified under P.A. 198 Industrial Facilities Tax for municipal operations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, point seven three zero two (.7302) mills on the same valuation for refuse collection and disposal, point two eight three one (.2831) mills on the same valuation for the Act 345 Pension System, point two one six four (.2164) mills on the same valuation for the operation of the Library, point two nine one two (.2912) mills on the same valuation for the Library Debt, one point three seven three nine (1.3739) mills on the same valuation for ACO-Sewer Debt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Operating Budget and other required budgets of debt and operations pertaining to the City of Trenton for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 be established in the amount listed below.

101	General Government	\$19,080,066.
202	Major Street Fund	\$710,000.
203	Local Street Fund	\$783,632.
208	Recreation Complex	\$1,475,000.
250	Block Grant	\$108,000.
271	Library Operating/Debt	\$947,923.
285	Special Revenue	\$70,000.
289	Grant Fund	\$134,042.
296	Other Post Employment Benefits	\$0.
402	Capital Project	\$0.
494	D.D.A. Fund	\$902,009.
495	Brownfield Authority	\$8,109.
510	S.I.N.C. Fund	\$315,000.
592	Water/W.W.T.P. Fund	\$9,517,023.

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661	Motor Pool	\$1,152,535.
730	Severance Fund	\$25,000.
759	Self Insurance	\$5,151,643.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event the Michigan Tax Commission determines adjustment in valuations necessary, then refunds of such overpayment, if any, are authorized.

ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND PASSED by the City Council of Trenton, on this 18th day of May 2009.

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to adopt the Budget covering the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010, as amended by Council at its budget session of May 18, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

(D-5)
CONTROLLER
Proposed Millage Rate Tax Resolution

**CITY OF TRENTON
TAX RESOLUTION
2009-17**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council on May 18th, 2009, proposed a millage rate on twenty one point zero zero (21.00) mills covering the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Review has completed its review of the Assessment Roll on March 18, 2009, the majority of its members endorsed thereon, and signed a statement to the effect that the same is the Assessment Roll of the City of Trenton for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the recommendations of the City Administrative Officials and concurs therewith as adjusted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that within three (3) days after the adoption of the proposed millage and after the adoption of the budget, the Clerk shall certify to the Assessor fifteen point two one zero three (15.2103) mills on a valuation of EIGHT HUNDRED MILLION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY ONE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (800,137,351.00) to be levied by general ad valorem tax upon all real and personal property for municipal operations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, one point four six zero five (1.4605) mills on the same valuation for refuse collection and disposal, point five six six two (.5662) mills on the same valuation for the Act 345 Pension System, point four three two nine (.4329) mills on the same valuation for the operation of the Library, point five eight two

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event the Michigan Tax Commission determines adjustment in valuations necessary, then refunds of such overpayment, if any, are authorized.

ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND PASSED by the City Council of Trenton, on this 18th day of May 2009.

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to adopt the Tax Resolution covering the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010, as amended by Council at its budget session of May 18, 2009.

Carried unanimously.

(D-6)
CONTROLLER
Water and Sewage Rates

**CITY OF TRENTON
WATER AND SEWER RATE RESOLUTION
2009-18**

WHEREAS, Trenton City Council shall establish water rates and sewer charges in accordance with Chapter 33 of the Trenton City Code, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with a user charge system approved by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality the current rates and charges for sewage indicates a need for an adjustment to meet the operating and maintenance codes of the sewage system, and

WHEREAS, the prevailing and current rates for water, sewage and capital charges are as follows:

Water	\$ 2.49 per 1,000 gallons
Sewage	\$ 3.59 per 1,000 gallons
Capital	\$.95 per 1,000 gallons

, and

WHEREAS, the following increase in rates and charges is being recommended:

Water	\$ 0.30 per 1,000 gallons
Sewage	\$ 0.21 per 1,000 gallons
Capital	\$.12 per 1,000 gallons

, and

WHEREAS, said increase, if approved, shall result in total overall water, sewage and capital charges as follows:

Water Rate	\$ 2.79 per 1,000 gallons
Sewage Rate	\$ 3.80 per 1,000 gallons
Capital Rate	\$ 1.07 per 1,000 gallons

, and

WHEREAS, there exists the following three (3) zones for customer billing on a quarterly basis, to-wit:

ZONE 1 is January, February and March usage – Month of billing is April, and the bill must be paid within 30 days of the billing, on a continuing three (3) month cycle,

ZONE 2 is February, March and April usage – Month of billing is May, and the bill must be paid within 30 days of the billing, on a continuing three (3) month cycle,

ZONE 3 is March, April and May usage – Month of billing is June, and the bill must be paid within 30 days of the billing, on a continuing three (3) month cycle

, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the authority established under Chapter 33 of the Trenton City Code, the City Council deems it necessary the rate and charges to all users to off-set the aforementioned costs effective July 1, 2009

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective July 1, 2009, the following rate shall become effective:

Water Rate	\$ 2.79/M gallons
Sewer Rate	\$ 3.80/M gallons
Capital Rate	\$ 1.07/M gallons

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the billing therefore shall be as follows:

IN ZONE 2, on the August billing, the new rates shall apply to one-third (1/3) of the usage for the quarterly period, and the former rates shall apply to two-thirds (2/3) of the usage for the quarterly period, except in those cases where an official meter reading is taken on or before 1 July, in which case the former rates shall apply.

IN ZONE 3, on the September billing, the new rates shall apply to two-thirds (2/3) of the usage for the quarterly period, and the former rates shall apply to one-third (1/3) of the usage for the quarterly period, except in those cases where an official meter reading is taken on or before 1 July, in which case the former rates shall apply.

IN ZONE 1, on the October billing, the new rates shall apply to the July, August and September usage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all rates established herein shall be applied upon the metered water usage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk cause notice of this rate change to be published in the newspaper.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Trenton, on the 18th day of May 2009.

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the increase to the water rates and sewer charges, to be effective July 1, 2009.

Carried unanimously.

(L-1)
DPS
Lawn Mowing Bid Contract Award

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to concur with the recommendation of the Department of Public Services and award the bids for lawn mowing and maintenance for the 2009 season to the following contractors: for section 1 to Louie's Landscaping in the amount up to \$8,279.00; section 2 to McNally's Landscape in the amount up to \$18,309.48; section 3 and 4 to Frank's Lawn Maintenance in the amount up to \$21,581.00; and section 5, 6, 7, & 8 to D.J.'s Lawn Service in the amount up to \$47,765.00, and to reject the other bids.

Carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS

Councilwoman Baun-Crooks * Commended Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Mayor Brown and Councilman Teifer for their Work on the Budget; No Lay Offs

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, at 9:21 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. COMCAST: Changes to the Channel Lineup. (05/01/2009)
2. CITY OF RIVERVIEW: Opposition to Further Reduction in State Revenue Sharing. (05/05/2009)
3. THE GUIDANCE CENTER: Appreciation for Support. (05/05/2009)
4. WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION: Support to Save Our Kroc Center. (05/07/2009)
5. STATE OF MICHIGAN: Notice of Public Hearing, Customers of DTE. (06/03/2009)