

**CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 15, 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 8:00 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, LeFevre, McLeod, Taylor, and Teifer.

Absent: Councilman Gillespie.

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

Carried unanimously.

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; Christine Arnoczki, City Controller; William Hogan, City Engineer; 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 Francene Sanak, City Librarian.

**MINUTES**

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 1, 2009.

Carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Cable, Compensation, Historical, Library, Recreation, Planning, and Zoning

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the reappointments of Steve Kelic to Cable Commission, term ending March 1, 2012; Rick Moody to the Compensation Commission, term ending June 1, 2014; Ruth Ann Brewer, term ending July 1, 2012, Nada Frost, term ending July 1, 2012, and Darlene Schoen term ending July 1, 2012, to the Historical Commission; Carol Hendricks, term ending August 1, 2012 and Kathleen Yankee, term ending August 1, 2012, to the Library Advisory Commission; John MacDonald term ending July 1, 2012, and Ilene Flanagan, term ending July 1, 2012, to the Recreation Commission; Milo Gaynier, term ending July 1, 2012, to the Planning Commission; and Del Galofaro, term ending August 1, 2012, Milo Gaynier, term ending July 1, 2012, and Frank Mazzella, term ending August 1, 2012, to the Zoning Board.

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

Motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA**

#### **GENERAL**

- B-1. 33<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT COURT: Fines/Costs, May 2009
- B-2. JOSEPH MENNA: Notice of Retirement
- B-3. JAMES LABELL: Notice of Retirement

#### **GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

- C-1. TRENTON TOUCHDOWN CLUB: Request to Hold a Car Wash at Fire Station Two
- C-2. SYCKELMOORE & MAIDSTONE RESIDENTS: Request to Hold a Block Party

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

- D-1. ATTORNEY: Ordinance 721, Bond Requirement for Demolition (2nd Rdg)
- D-2. ATTORNEY: Registering Vacant Property Fee
- D-3. ATTORNEY: Penalty for Failure to Register Vacant Property
- D-4. ATTORNEY: Charter Amendment Ballot Question Regarding Publication of Notices
- D-5. DPS: Bid Award Sewer Inspection Equipment
- D-6. ENGINEER: Request to Advertise Maple Street Replacement
- D-7. ENGINEER: Request to Advertise 2009 Joint Sealing and 2009 Concrete Repair Program
- D-8. ENGINEER: Award Van Horn Road Resurfacing Project
- D-9. ENGINEER: Award North End Water Main Replacement Project
- D-10. MAYOR: Road Millage

#### **LATE COMMUNICATIONS**

- L-1. MAYOR: Resolution Demanding Federal Recovery Funds
- L-2. PARKS & REC.: Mid Summer Festival Beverage Tent

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

(B-1)  
33<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT COURT  
Fines/Costs, May 2009

Moved by Councilman LeFevre, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to receive and place on file the Fines and Costs, May 2009, submitted by the 33<sup>rd</sup> District Court showing the City of Trenton owing \$11,487.17.

Carried unanimously.

(B-2)

JOSEPH MENNA  
Notice of Retirement

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to receive and place on file the letter submitted by Joseph Menna regarding his notice of retirement.

Carried unanimously.

(B-3)

JAMES LABELL  
Notice of Retirement

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to receive and place on file the letter submitted by James LaBell regarding his notice of retirement

Carried unanimously.

(C-1)

TRENTON TOUCHDOWN CLUB  
Request to Hold a Car Wash at Fire Station Two

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to grant permission to the Touchdown Club to conduct a car wash at Fire Station #2 on Saturday, August 8, 2009, with proceeds to go toward the Trenton Touchdown Scholarship Fund.

Carried unanimously.

(C-2)

SYCKELMOORE & MAIDSTONE RESIDENTS  
Request to Hold a Block Party

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to grant permission to the residents to hold a block party on Saturday July 18, 2009, or in the event of inclement weather Saturday, July 25, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to midnight, and approve the road blockage of Syckelmoore between Bridge and Maidstone, under the direction of the Police Department and the Public Service Department.

Carried unanimously.

(D-1)

ATTORNEY

Ordinance 721, Bond Requirement for Demolition (2nd Rdg)

**CITY OF TRENTON  
ORDINANCE NO. 721**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18 OF THE TRENTON CITY CODE, ENTITLED "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS", ARTICLE II THEREOF, ENTITLED "CONSTRUCTION CODE," BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 18-34, ENTITLED "PERMITS AND BOND".**

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

**Section 1. Code Amendment.** The City of Trenton's BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS Code, being the State Construction Code adopted by Article II, Chapter 18 of the Trenton City Code, entitled "Construction Code" is hereby amended to read as follows:

18-34- Permits and Bond.

Each applicant for a Permit for the performance of demolition work on a structure located within the City shall, at the time of application, post a Performance Bond with the City in an amount equal to the estimated cost of performing the demolition project, which bond shall be forfeited to the City, in the event the project is not commenced within 90 days of application, not completed within the time period set forth in the application, or is interrupted for a period in excess of 90 days, following commencement.

**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.

**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 June 1, 2009, shall be enacted on June 15, 2009, and shall be published on or before June 28, 2009, and shall become effective June 29, 2009.

**ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Trenton this 15th day of June, 2009.

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 721, Bond Requirement for Demolition.

Carried unanimously.

(D-2)

ATTORNEY

Registering Vacant Property Fee

**CITY OF TRENTON  
RESOLUTION 2009-21**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Trenton has enacted Ordinance No 720 requiring the registration of vacant properties to assure compliance with local building codes, and

**WHEREAS**, Section 18-209 of the ordinance authorizes the assessment of an annual fee for each property at such time as it becomes vacant, in an amount to be established by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the fee recommendation of the Building and Engineering Department based on costs incurred in the administration of the registration program is EIGHTY AND 00/100 (\$80.00) DOLLARS.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Trenton does hereby authorize the imposition and collection of a fee for the registration of properties which become vacant pursuant to Ordinance No. 720, in the amount of EIGHTY AND 00/100 (\$80.00) DOLLARS, per year.

**ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Trenton this 15th day of June 2009.

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to authorize the imposition and collection of a fee for the registration of properties which become vacant pursuant to Ordinance No. 720, in the amount of eighty dollars, per year.

Carried unanimously.

(D-3)

ATTORNEY

Penalty for Failure to Register Vacant Property

**CITY OF TRENTON  
RESOLUTION 2009-21**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Trenton has enacted Ordinance No 720 requiring the registration of vacant properties to assure compliance with local building codes, and

**WHEREAS**, Section 18-210, of the ordinance entitled "Penalties" authorizes the assessment of penalties for those found to be in violation of the registrations requirements of the ordinance, in an amount to be established by the City Council.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Trenton does hereby authorize the imposition and collection of a civil infraction fine for each day an owner is in violation of Ordinance No. 720, in the amount of FIFTY AND 00/100 (\$50.00) DOLLARS

**ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Trenton this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to authorize the imposition and collection of a civil infraction fine for each day an owner is in violation of Ordinance No. 720, in the amount of fifty dollars per day.

Carried unanimously.

(D-4)

ATTORNEY

Charter Amendment Ballot Question Regarding Publication of Notices

**CITY OF TRENTON  
RESOLUTION 2009-23**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Trenton has concerns that the long term viability of local newspapers as a medium for the publication of official city business may be in jeopardy, and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to be prepared for such a development and assure a mechanism for the timely dissemination of important public information to its residents by and through the use of advanced electronic technology, and

**WHEREAS**, because the City's Charter presently requires publication of official notices by a newspaper of general circulation within the city only, the City proposes for consideration by the electorate at the next general election, changes to the City Charter permitting the use of internet WEB posting and, Cable or Satellite television broadcast, of the City's official notices and minutes, as an alternative to newspaper publication, to be placed upon the November 3, 2009 ballot, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Charter language, together with the ballot question, requires approval by the Governor and the Attorney General of the State of Michigan prior to submission to the electorate.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Trenton does hereby approve as the ballot question language to appear on the November 3, 2009 ballot, the following:

**"THE BALLOT QUESTION IS AS FOLLOWS:**

Shall Sections 7.4 and 17.4 of the Trenton City Charter, entitled "Publication and Recording of Ordinances" and "Definition of Publication. Mailing of Notices." respectively, be amended to permit the use of internet WEB Posting and, Cable or Satellite Broadcast, together with posting printed copies in public places within the City for a minimum period of 30 days, as an alternative to the present

newspaper publication requirement for the dissemination of the City's official notices and minutes?

The City has determined that if this Amendment is approved, it will become effective pursuant to MCLA 117.241 when filed with the County Clerk and the Secretary of State."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the proposed language together with a sample of the ballot, be submitted to the Office of the Governor of the State for review and approval.

**ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Trenton, on this 15th day of June, 2009.

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to approve the ballot question language regarding publication of official notices to appear on the November 3, 2009.

Carried unanimously.

(D-5)

DPS

Bid Award Sewer Inspection Equipment

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman LeFevre, to concur with the recommendation of the Department of Public Services Director and award the bid for a mainline sewer camera and software to the lowest bidder Great Lakes Services, in the amount of \$38,835.00; and the purchase of the lateral sewer inspection camera system from the lowest bidder, Great Lakes Services, in the amount of \$7,900.00, with funding from the 2008-2009 Sewer Maintenance Budget (592.536.982.000), and to reject the other bids.

Carried unanimously.

(D-6)

ENGINEER

Request to Advertise Maple Street Replacement

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to authorize the City Engineer to prepare bid specifications and advertisement for the Maple Street concrete replacement project.

Carried unanimously.

(D-7)

ENGINEER

Request to Advertise 2009 Joint Sealing and 2009 Concrete Repair Program

Moved by Councilman LeFevre, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to authorize the City Engineer to prepare bid specifications and advertisement for the joint sealing program and the concrete sidewalk and street repair programs.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Moved by Councilman LeFevre, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to authorize the City Engineer to prepare bid specifications and advertisement for the 2009 joint sealing program and extend the contract with Dominic Gaglio Construction, Inc. for the 2009 concrete sidewalk and street repair program for the 2009-2010 budget year.

Carried unanimously.

(D-8)

ENGINEER

Award Van Horn Road Resurfacing Project

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer and award the bid for the Van Horn Road Resurfacing Project to the lowest bidder, Florence Cement Co. in the amount of \$981,236.26, to be funded from grants received and to reject the other bids.

Carried unanimously.

(D-9)

ENGINEER

Award North End Water Main Replacement Project

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer and award the bid for the North End Water Main Replacement Project to Lawrence M. Clarke, Inc., the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$674,315.50, and establish a project budget of \$809,000.00, to include contingency, construction inspection and material testing, to reject the other bids, with funding from the Water and WWTP Fund (5920.563.980.001).

Carried unanimously.

(D-10)

MAYOR

Road Millage

City of Trenton Tax-Rate Limitation and Levy Proposal

(Street and Sidewalk Maintenance and Replacement)

Shall the limitation on the total general ad valorem taxes which may be assessed in any one year upon real and tangible personal property in the City of Trenton, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased, as provided by Section 6 of Article IX of the Constitution of Michigan, 1963, by an amount equal to 1.0 mills (\$1.00 per \$1,000) of taxable value for a period of five (5) years, 2009-2013, inclusive, and shall the levy of such a tax be authorized for the sole purpose of providing repair, replacement and maintenance of public streets and sidewalks, which levy will raise in the first year an estimated \$856,000.00 beginning on December 1, 2009?

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to place the one mill increase in local property taxes for the dedication of streets ballot question on the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Ballot.

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

Motion failed.

(L-1)  
MAYOR

Resolution Demanding Federal Recovery Funds

**RESOLUTION DEMANDING FEDERAL RECOVERY FUNDS  
BE USED TO ASSIST LOCAL BUDGETS  
RESOLUTION 2009-24**

**WHEREAS**, President Barack Obama and the U.S. Congress passed the “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009,” a several hundred billion dollar economic stimulus package; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 3, Subsection 5 of the act specifically states that one of its purposes is “to stabilize . . . local government budgets in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services; and “

**WHEREAS**, Governor Granholm and the Michigan Legislature recently approved \$41 million in late year reductions to revenue sharing. Such a cut will force further reductions in local services in Trenton and across Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, this revenue sharing cut is in addition to the \$3 billion of revenue sharing reductions to local communities over the last seven years, resulting in the elimination of services and programs essential to maintaining quality of life in communities; and

**WHEREAS**, local property values have been dramatically falling, causing even further reductions to local budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Department of Treasury has already identified 70 communities that are financially at risk. The revenue sharing reduction will place these and other communities in Michigan on the brink of financial collapse.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City of Council of Trenton, Michigan, urges Vice-President Biden, who has been charged by President Obama to oversee implementation of the Recovery Act, to direct Michigan’s state government to use ARRA funding to stabilize local government budgets in accordance with the act.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Vice President Biden, U.S. Senator Carl Levin, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Governor Jennifer Granholm, State Senator Patterson, State Representative Kandrevas and the Michigan Municipal League.

**ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Trenton, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to adopt the resolution to direct Michigan's state government to use ARRA funding to stabilize local government budgets in accordance with the act.

Carried unanimously.

L-2.  
PARKS & REC  
Mid Summer Festival Beverage Tent

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the alternate group St. Paul Lutheran Church Music Ministry, to operate a beer tent in the street during the Mid-Summer Festival, July 10, 11, and 12, 2009, instead of the Trenton Business Association, who is unable to participate.

Carried unanimously.

**AUTHORIZED DISBURSEMENTS**

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, that the Authorized Disbursements, per the June 15, 2009, schedule, be approved.

MONROE BANK & TRUST: Cash Disbursements	\$539,103.55
General Fund	83,896.34
Major Street Fund	31,431.56
Local Street Fund	70,246.24
Kennedy Rec. Complex Fund	5,590.09
Library Operating Fund	9,552.43
Special Revenue Funds	21,264.59
Trust & Agency Fund	31,000.00
Grant Funds	39,268.62
Capital Project Fund	6,203.00
D.D.A. Fund	29,145.92
Water & Wastewater Fund	158,204.41
Motor Vehicle Pool	27,449.25
Restricted Self Ins.	25,851.10

Carried unanimously.

Financial Summary: May 31, 2009

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to receive and place on file the Financial Summary dated May 31, 2009.

Carried unanimously.

**REPORTS**

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to receive and place on file the Commission and Board Reports, June 15, 2009; DPS Report/Transfer Station, May 2009; Recreation Report, May 2009; and the Fire Department Report, May 2009.

Carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS**

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| Councilwoman McLeod          | * Public Land Use in Riverview Public Hearing   |
| Councilman Teifer            | * Budget Adjustments Reflecting Retirements, Terminations, Abolishment's to Fund Balance and DDA at the Next Meeting  |
| Mayor Brown                  | * State Representative Kandrevas, Meet Residents June 29 <sup>th</sup> at Library; Blood Drive, June 23 <sup>rd</sup> at Westfield                              |
| DPS Director Bober           | * Household Hazardous Waste Day, Northville Public Works, June 27th   |
| Parks & Rec Director Hawkins | * Movie in the Park; Garden Walk & Quilt Show; Lemonade in the Shade; Senior Olympics; Andy Ross Motorcycle Ride; Concerts; 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Celebration |
| City Librarian Sanak         | * Resume Writing, July 16; Reading Programs All Ages; Wayne County Website Avoiding Foreclosures; Handbook on Financial Problems at Library                     |

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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| Jim Mihaloff: | Alleys Behind Business on West Jefferson, Poor Condition |
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**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY** Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, at 9:44 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

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GERALD R. BROWN, MAYOR

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KYLE F. STACK, CITY CLERK

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Patricia M. Gearhart, Deputy City Clerk  
APPROVED ON: \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. COMCAST: Digital Broadcast Transition (05/29/2009) & Correction to Channel Changes (06/09/2009).
2. FUND FOR PUBLIC INTEREST: Door to Door Campaign. (06/05/2009)
3. DOMINIC GAGLIO CONSTRUCTION: Concrete Replacement Program Offer to Extend Contract. (06/08/2009)
4. WOW: Wayne County 911 Charge. (06/11/2009)
5. CITY OF RIVERVIEW: Notice of Public Hearing, Property 14720 King Rd. (06/15/2009)
6. BRUCE MCQUISTION: Letter of Resignation from Engineering Department. (06/09/2009)
7. ADMINISTRATION: Abolishment of Junior Maintenance Position in DPS. (06/15/2009)