

**CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 2, 2012**

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 City Clerk Gearhart: Councilpersons: Baun-Crooks, Howey, 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; Michael McCullough, City Treasurer; James Wagner, City Administrator; Wallace Long, City Attorney; Christine Arnoczki, City Controller; William Hogan, City Engineer; Bruce Vick, Fire Chief; Joann Perna, Parks and Recreation Director; James Nardone, Police Chief; and Steven Voss, Deputy Police Chief.

MINUTES

Moved by Councilperson McLeod, seconded by Councilperson Howey, to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of June 18, 2012, and the Special Meeting of June 25, 2012.

Carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

DEPARTMENT HEADS & OFFICIALS

- D-1. ATTORNEY: Letter of Understanding for Automatic Mutual Aid with Brownstown Township
- D-2. ATTORNEY: WideOpenWest Michigan, LLC Application for a Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement
- D-3. ADMINISTRATION: Waiver of Hiring Freeze
- D-4. PARKS & RECREATION: Ball Field Improvements at Slocum Park
- D-5. PARKS & RECREATION: Request to Bid Preventative Maintenance Contract
- D-6. CITY CONTROLLER: Outsource Printing and Mailing of Water Bills

LATE COMMUNICATIONS:

- L-1. TRENTON BLADES 2002 HOCKEY TEAM: Bottle Drive Request

COMMUNICATIONS

(D-1)

ATTORNEY

Letter of Understanding for Automatic Mutual Aid with Brownstown Township

Moved by Councilperson McLeod, seconded by Councilperson Howey, to approve the Letter of Understanding for Automatic Mutual Aid between Brownstown Township and the City of Trenton, for a period of one year.

Carried unanimously.

(D-2)

ATTORNEY

WideOpenWest Michigan, LLC Application for a Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement

Moved by Councilperson Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, to approve the renewal of the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement between the City of Trenton and WideOpenWest Michigan, LLC, for a period of ten years.

Carried unanimously.

(D-3)

ADMINISTRATION

Waiver of Hiring Freeze

CITY OF TRENTON
RESOLUTION NO 2012-19

WHEREAS, the CITY OF TRENTON ("City") has suffered from declining revenues associated with the lower property values, reductions in state aid and changes in personal property tax laws by the State of Michigan, and

WHEREAS, such changes have required significant cuts in spending by the City, and

WHEREAS, the City must therefore, carefully assess and evaluate its staffing needs as well as the associated costs of health care coverage and retirement benefits in light of the budget shortfalls, and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that due to recent departures from the Police Department, it has become essential to the maintenance of operations to fill 3 part time support positions, including a clerk and 2 dispatchers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council that the existing hiring freeze in the City be waived for sole purpose of replacing the 3 departing part-time personnel in the Police Department, including a part-time clerk and 2 dispatchers and that there be no additional hiring of full or part-time personnel, except seasonal, by the City until and unless specifically approved the Council.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Trenton this 2nd day of July, 2012.

Moved by Councilperson Teifer, seconded by Councilperson Baun-Crooks, to waive the hiring freeze for sole purpose of replacing the 3 departing part-time personnel in the Police Department, including a part-time clerk and 2 dispatchers and to back fill the vacancies in the Police Department subject to a collective bargaining agreement and that there be no additional hiring of full or part-time personnel, except seasonal, by the City until and unless specifically approved the Council.

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

Motion failed.

Moved by Councilperson Howey, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, to waive the hiring freeze for sole purpose of replacing the 3 departing part-time personnel in the Police Department, including a part-time clerk and 2 dispatchers and that there be no additional hiring of full or part-time personnel, except seasonal, by the City until and unless specifically approved the Council.

Carried unanimously.

(D-4)
PARKS & RECREATION
Ball Field Improvements at Slocum Park

Moved by Councilperson Taylor, seconded by Councilperson Howey, to concur with the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director and approve the purchase of infield material from Turf Grass Inc., who provided the lowest quote in the amount of \$4,022.72, including delivery with funding from the Wayne County Grant program.

Carried unanimously.

(D-5)
PARKS & RECREATION
Request to Bid Preventative Maintenance Contract

Moved by Councilperson McLeod, seconded by Councilperson Baun-Crooks, to authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to prepare specifications and advertisement for the Preventative Maintenance Contract for the Kennedy Recreation Center.

Carried unanimously.

(D-6)

CITY CONTROLLER

Outsource Printing and Mailing of Water Bills

Moved by Councilperson Taylor, seconded by Councilperson Baun-Crooks, to concur with the recommendation of the City Controller and approve the vendor of Datamail, who provided the lowest quote to print and mail the city's monthly water bills, and to reject the other quotes.

Carried unanimously.

(L-1)

TRENTON BLADES 2002 HOCKEY TEAM

Bottle Drive Request

Moved by Councilperson McLeod, seconded by Councilperson Baun-Crooks, to grant permission to the Trenton Blades 2002 hockey team to hold a bottle drive in the City of Trenton in the area north of West Road and west of Fort Street, with the flyer distribution on Tuesday, July 3rd and the collection on Saturday, July 7, 2012.

Carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Councilperson Teifer, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, that the Authorized Disbursements, per the July 2, 2012, schedule, be approved,

MONROE BANK & TRUST: Cash Disbursements	\$479,621.13
General Fund	122,737.18
Major Street Fund	17,638.14
Local Street Fund	126,003.78
Kennedy Rec Complex	25,289.45
Library Operating Fund	4,053.62
Tax Receiving Fund	185.39
Special Revenue Fund	94,016.31
Grant Funds	2,182.14
DDA Fund	93.99
SINC Fund	665.00
Water & Wastewater Fund	53,130.83
Motor Vehicle Pool Fund	33,625.30

Carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Moved by Councilperson Teifer, seconded by Councilperson McLeod, to receive and place on file the May 10, 2012, Historical Commission Minutes.

Carried unanimously.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Moved by Councilperson Teifer, seconded by Councilperson Baun-Crooks, to hold a Closed Session immediately following the Council Meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

Roll Call: LeFevre, Yes; and McLeod, Yes; Stack, Yes; Taylor, Yes; Teifer, Yes; Baun-Crooks, Yes; and Howey, Yes.

Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS

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| Councilperson Taylor | * Asked to be Excused at 8:20 p.m. (returned at 8:25 p.m.) |
| Councilperson LeFevre | * Urged Everyone to go to the Fireworks Display |
| Councilperson McLeod | * Wished Everyone a Safe 4 th of July, Supervise Children |
| Councilperson Howey | * Echoed Sentiments of Councilpersons; Status of Riverside Hospital Site |
| Councilperson Baun-Crooks | * Thanked Councilperson LeFevre and Committee on Firework Display; Thanked the Fritz Family |
| Mayor Stack | * Proud to Have Fritz Family as Partners in Community; Congratulated Ben Stoddard on Top of Class in Flight School |
| City Clerk Gearhart | * Last Day to Register to Vote for August Primary, Absentee Ballots Available; City Hall Closed on July 4 th for the Holiday |
| City Assessor Dahlquist | * Board of Review Meets Tuesday, July 17th |
| City Treasurer McCullough | * Tax Bill Mailed, Due August 31 st Without Penalty |
| Parks & Rec. Director Perna | * Fireworks Display at Rotary Park, Simulcast on 87.7 FM; Mid Summer Festival, July 13-15 |
| Police Chief Nardone | * West Jefferson from Harrison to King Will Be Closed on July 4 th from 7:00 p.m. to midnight, Rain Date of July 5th |

PUBLIC COMMENT

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| Maryellen Gleason | * Tree in Front of Home |
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MOTION TO RECESS by Councilperson McLeod, seconded by Councilperson Howey, at 8:36 p.m.

RECONVENED AT: 11:18 p.m.

Moved by Councilperson McLeod, seconded by Councilperson Baun-Crooks, to hold a Closed Session on Monday, July 9, 2012, at 8:00 p.m.

Roll call: McLeod, Yes; Stack, Yes; Taylor, Yes; Teifer, Yes; Baun-Crooks, Yes; Howey, Yes; and LeFevre, Yes.

Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilperson McLeod, seconded by Councilperson Baun-Crooks, at 11:19 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

KYLE F. STACK, MAYOR

PATRICIA M. GEARHART, CITY CLERK

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Patricia M. Gearhart, City Clerk
APPROVED ON: _____

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. STATE OF MICHIGAN: Public Hearing Notice DTE, Case U-16737. (07/11/2012)
2. STATE OF MICHIGAN: Public Hearing Notice DTE, Case U-16751. (07/11/2012)