

**CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 3, 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 8:01 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, Taylor, and Teifer.

Absent: Councilwoman McLeod.

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

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 Resource Director; Patrick Hawkins, Parks and Recreation Director; James Nardone, Deputy 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 July 20, 2009.

Carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

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

Carried unanimously.

**DTE Chili Christmas**

Molly Luempert-Coy, Bill Jasman, and Dan Braker, representatives of DTE Energy, stated that the proceeds from the twelfth annual Chili Cook Off, will be donated to the Trenton Food Pantry, and the Salvation Army; and announced that the Fire Department was the winner of the Chili Cook Off.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the appointment of Sharleen Datini to the City Beautiful Commission, term ending August 1, 2012, and Lonnie Fredricks to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Adjustments, term ending August 1, 2012.

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

Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA**

**AUTHORITIES, CITY COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES**

A-1. JOHN GONIEA: Letter of Resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals

**GENERAL**

B-1. 33<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT: Court Technology Quarterly Payment

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

D-1. ATTORNEY: Reformation of Resolution for Charter Amendment

D-2. ATTORNEY: Reformation of Resolution for Chrysler Certificate Transfers

D-3. MAYOR: Proposed Study Session Agenda, August 10, 2009

**COMMUNICATIONS**

(A-1)

JOHN GONIEA

Letter of Resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Gillespie, to receive and place on file the letter submitted by John Goniea, resigning from the Zoning Board of Appeals and to request that a letter of appreciation is sent to Mr. Goniea for his services.

Carried unanimously.

(B-1)

33<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT

Court Technology Quarterly Payment

Moved by Councilman LeFevre, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to receive and place on file the Court Technology Second Quarterly Payment from the Court Technology Fund submitted by the 33<sup>rd</sup> District Court.

Carried unanimously.

(D-1)

ATTORNEY

Reformation of Resolution for Charter Amendment

**CITY OF TRENTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-27**

**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, proceedings and ordinances 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, ordinances and minutes, in lieu of 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 the sample ballot and, 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 require publication of the City's official notices, ordinances and proceedings, utilizing the City's official internet WEB-site and, Cable or Satellite Broadcast, together with posting printed copies in public places within the City for a minimum period of 30 days, in lieu of the present newspaper publication requirement?"

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the proposed language together with an approved 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 3rd day of August, 2009.

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to approve Reformation of the Resolution for the Charter Amendment ballot question.

Carried unanimously.

(D-2)

ATTORNEY

Reformation of Resolution for Chrysler Certificate Transfers

**CITY OF TRENTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-26**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE NUMBERS: 1999-727, 2004-440, AND 2007-220, FOR NEW FACILITIES, TOGETHER WITH PA 328 CERTIFICATE 126-2007 FOR NEW PROPERTY FROM DAIMLERCHRYSLER CORPORATION, LLC TO CHRYSLER GROUP, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, DaimlerChrysler Corporation obtained from the City of Trenton, four (4) separate Industrial Facility Exemption Certificates for the establishment of new Industrial Facility Districts during the period 1994 through 2007, pursuant to the provisions of Act 198 of Public Acts of Michigan of 1974, being Certificate numbers: 1999-727, 2004-440, and 2007-220, together with PA 328 Certificate 126-2007 attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, completion of each facility was calculated at the time of issuance of the certificate, to have the reasonable likelihood to retain, to create, or to prevent the loss of employment in Trenton; and

**WHEREAS**, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the City of Trenton, after granting these certificates, did not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted; and

**WHEREAS**, Chrysler Group LLC now formally requests that the Certificates be transferred from DaimlerChrysler Corporation pursuant to Section 5 of PA 198 of 1974, following the approval of the US Bankruptcy Court for the transfer of assets to Chrysler Group, LLC and Chrysler Group LLC has provided the City with a copy of such Order.; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to favorably consider such transfer requests.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Trenton that:

1. The City Council, pursuant to Section 9 of Public Act 198 of 1974, finds and determines that the transfer of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates together with the PA 328 Certificate to Chrysler Group LLC, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Trenton, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Trenton.

2. The application of Chrysler Group LLC for the transfer of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates numbered 1999-727, 2004-440, and 2007-220, together with the PA 328 Certificate 126-2007, issued with respect to new facilities acquired and installed on the parcel of real property situated within the Trenton Industrial Development Districts, is hereby approved pursuant to Section 21 of Public Act 198 of 1974, subject to the terms and conditions of the attached 198 Side Agreement authorized by Public Act No. 334 of 1993 and further provided all equipment, machinery, furniture or fixtures set forth in the Exhibits to the original applications, remain eligible.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates, together with the PA 328 Certificate, upon transfer to Chrysler Group LLC, shall be and remain in force and effect for the remaining balances of the originally authorized 12 year periods, following the completion of each project.

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the Reformation of the Resolution for the Chrysler Certificate Transfers.

Carried unanimously.

(D-3)  
MAYOR

Proposed Study Session Agenda, August 10, 2009

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the Mayor's agenda for the August 10, 2009, Council Study Session to be comprised of non union raises and joint water study.

Carried unanimously.

#### **AUTHORIZED DISBURSEMENTS**

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Gillespie, that the Authorized Disbursements, per the August 3, 2009, schedule, be approved.

MONROE BANK & TRUST: Cash Disbursements            \$1,166,011.18

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|---------------------------|------------|
| General Fund              | 196,428.65 |
| Major Street Fund         | 3,047.05   |
| Local Street Fund         | 7,254.04   |
| Kennedy Rec. Complex Fund | 7,226.90   |
| Library Operating Fund    | 19,278.66  |
| Tax Receiving Funds       | 693,975.87 |
| Special Revenue Funds     | 46,513.69  |
| Grant Funds               | 16,363.53  |
| Capital Project Fund      | 7,358.50   |
| DDA Fund                  | 1,247.95   |
| Water & Wastewater Fund   | 131,281.74 |
| Motor Vehicle Pool        | 12,734.91  |
| Restricted Self Ins.      | 23,661.10  |

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the August 3, 2009, disbursement payable to Certified Alarm in the amount of \$361.41.

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

Motion carried.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to receive and place on file the Financial Statement, dated June 30, 2009.

Carried unanimously.

### **REPORTS**

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to receive and place on file the Commission and Board Reports, August 3, 2009.

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to receive and place on file the Traffic Safety Division Report, June 2009.

Carried unanimously.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS**

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| Councilman Teifer        | * Thanked Rotary Club and Everyone for Roar on the River, and Wayne County for Jazz on the River  |
| Councilwoman Baun-Crooks | * Echoed Councilman Teifer on Boat Races, Great Event, Thanked Rotarians  |
| Councilman Taylor        | * Echoed Remarks on Races, Great Cooperation of Governments for Events; Check into Separation of Water Meters; Wished His Mother Happy 91 <sup>st</sup> Birthday                        |
| Councilman LeFevre       | * DYPAC Production at Theatre; Lupus Walk on Sunday; DTE Disposal of Refrigerators  |
| Mayor Brown              | * Food Pantry is Empty, Donations Needed; Retired City Employee Richard Knaf Passed Away; DSC Paid More Taxes; Elected Officials Contact Administration When Not able to Attend Meeting |

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN  
HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF AUGUST 2009

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DPS Director Bober

- \* Household Hazardous Waste Days: Home Depot Bin for Light Bulb Disposal

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Jasman

- \* Thanked Everyone Who Helped with the Roar on the River

Jane Cain

- \* Safety Hazard in North Trenton, No Flag Person

Bob Baker

- \* City Wide Garage Sale, August 15th

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY** Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, at 8:54 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. WAYNE COUNTY: County Sponsored Household Hazardous Waste. (07/20/2009)
2. AT &T: Second Annual Video Report. (07/20/2009)