

**CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

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, 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; Wallace Long, City Attorney; Robert Cady, City Administrator; Christine Arnoczki, City Controller; Paul Haley, Emergency Management Coordinator; William Hogan, City Engineer; Kelly Fedele, Assistant, City Engineer; Bruce Vick, Fire Chief; David Michalak, Fire Marshall; 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 Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2008.

Carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Linda Dickman to the Compensation Commission for a term ending June 4, 2013, and the appointment of Joseph Oaks to the Civic Commission for a term ending August 1, 2011.

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

Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA**

**GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

- C-1. GIRL SCOUTS: Annual Calendar/Nut Sale
- C-2. THS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: Bottle Drive Request

- C-3. KIWANIS CLUB: Peanut Sale Request  
C-4. BOXFORD RESIDENTS: Block Party Request

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

- D-1. ATTORNEY: Resolution Supporting Participation in the Governor's Centers for Regional Excellence Program

**COMMUNICATIONS**

(C-1)  
GIRL SCOUTS  
Annual Calendar/Nut Sale

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to grant permission to the Girl Scouts, to conduct their Calendar-Nut Sale in the City of Trenton on September 29, 2008, through November 23, 2008; and their cookie sale on December 15, 2008, through April 1, 2009, with no Sunday solicitations, under the direction of the Police Department, and pending Civic Commission approval.

Carried unanimously.

(C-2)  
THS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY  
Bottle Drive Request

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to grant permission to the National Honor Society to conduct a door to door bottle drive fundraiser in the City of Trenton, on Saturday, September 20, 2008, with adult supervision, and under the direction of the Police Department pending permission from the Trenton Public Schools and the Civic Commission.

Carried unanimously.

(C-3)  
KIWANIS CLUB  
Peanut Sale Request

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to grant permission to the Kiwanis Club of Trenton to sell peanuts in the City of Trenton on September 29<sup>th</sup> through October 4, 2008, pending Civic Commission approval.

Carried unanimously.

(C-4)  
BOXFORD RESIDENTS  
Block Party Request

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to grant permission to the residents of Boxford to hold a Block Party on Saturday, September 13, 2008, from the hours of noon to 12:00 a.m. and approved the road blockage of Boxford, between King Road and Strohm, under the direction of the Police Department and the Public Service Department.

Carried unanimously.

(D-1)  
ATTORNEY  
Resolution Supporting Participation in the Governor's Centers for Regional Excellence  
Program

CITY OF TRENTON  
RESOLUTION 2008 - 20

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNOR'S CENTERS FOR  
REGIONAL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM WITH THE MEMBER COMMUNITIES OF THE  
DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Trenton recognizes that the services we offer are important to the fabric of our community and often attract people to move here, and our current residents to stay here, and

**WHEREAS**, regional collaboration is one avenue to pursue to continue to maintain or enhance some of the services we now offer, and

**WHEREAS**, regional collaboration may afford flexibility in budgeting without diminishing the way of life in our community, and

**WHEREAS**, regional collaboration may help save money as well as provide effective and efficient services, and

**WHEREAS**, regional collaboration already helps both our community and our region be more economically competitive, and may improve in this regard,

**WHEREAS**, the Downriver Community Conference, of which we are a member community, was founded on the concept of regional collaboration and has developed many programs and services over the years to meet the needs of member communities, and

**WHEREAS**, several of the member communities of the Downriver Community Conference, including the City of Trenton have already adopted resolutions supporting the concept of collaborative bidding and purchasing of commodities used by Departments of Public Works/Services, and

**WHEREAS**, this collaborative process, in a test case, showed cost savings for participating communities,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Trenton agrees to participate in the Centers for Regional Excellence program, to achieve collaboration in Department of Public Works/Services purchasing and resource sharing and maximization,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Downriver Community Conference will coordinate the participation of all interested partners in this effort, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the citizens of the City of Trenton will be kept fully informed and provided opportunities for input into the process.

**ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Trenton this 2nd day of September, 2008.

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to participate in the Centers for Regional Excellence program, to achieve collaboration in Department of Public Works/Services purchasing and resource sharing and maximization.

Carried unanimously.

#### **AUTHORIZED DISBURSEMENTS**

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, that the Authorized Disbursements, per the August 18, 2008, schedule, be approved.

MONROE BANK & TRUST: Cash Disbursements           \$1,052,035.95

General Fund	155,928.38
Major Street Fund	2,322.77
Local Street Fund	439.21
Kennedy Rec. Complex Fund	1,694.45
Library Operating Fund	3,119.82
Tax Receiving Fund	639,089.72
Special Revenue Funds	8,939.47
Trust and Agency Funds	5,000.00
Grant Funds	3,403.65
Capital Project Fund	85,195.78
D.D.A. Fund	12,560.97
SINC Fund	17,553.68
Water & Wastewater Fund	89,741.51
Motor Vehicle Pool	22,773.38
Restricted Self Ins.	4,273.16

Motion carried.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to receive and place on file the Financial Summary dated July 31, 2008.

Carried unanimously.

**REPORTS**

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Baun-Crooks, to receive and place on file the Commission and Board Reports, September 2, 2008.

Carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS**

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| Councilman Teifer      | * Street End Parks Sprinkler Systems; Report on Lawn Cutting Services; Former Riverside Hospital, Dangerous Building Board |
| Councilman Taylor      | * Late Fee Charges Policy, Election Worker Checks  |
| Councilman LeFevre     | * Complimented the Mayor on Letters to Chrysler and Henry Ford Hospital; New Neighbors in South End Area with Children     |
| Councilman Gillespie   | * Boulevards Downtown, Neglected Also  |
| Mayor Brown            | * Letters to Chrysler and Henry Ford Hospital; Marty Sawyer, Trenton Hockey Association President Passed Away              |
| City Clerk Stack       | * Dog and Cat Tags; Absentee Applications Available  |
| DPS Director Bober     | * Household Hazardous Waste Day  |
| P & R Director Hawkins | * Dog Days of Summer Swim Saturday   |

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY:** Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to adjourn at 8:45 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. DPS: Auction Results of Forfeiture Vehicles. (08/26/2008)
2. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Transfer Station Inspection. (08/20/2008)
3. RIVERVIEW LAND PRESERVE: Household Hazardous Waste Day. (09/13/2008)