

**CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 8, 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, Gillespie, LeFevre, McLeod, Taylor, and Teifer.

Absent: None.

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

Other Officers Present: Randy Schoen, City Treasurer; Robert Cady, City Administrator; Wallace Long, City Attorney; Christine Arnoczki, City Controller; William Hogan, City Engineer; Paul Haley, Emergency Management Coordinator; Bruce Vick, Fire Chief; Scott Church, Human Resource Director; 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 17, 2009.

Carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

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

Carried unanimously.

Fire Chief, Bruce Vick introduced new firefighter, John Kalisz to the Mayor and Council.

**COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA**

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

- A-1. KATIE GORNO: Resignation from the Planning Commission
- A-2. DAVID THOMPSON: Resignation from the Downtown Development Authority

**GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

- C-1. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Annual Tootsie Roll Drive

- C-2. TRENTON ROTARY CLUB: Annual Salvation Army Drive  
C-3. THS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: Bottle Drive Request

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

- D-1. ATTORNEY: Ordinance 705-1, Amendment to Zoning, Section 110-630, Accessory Uses (1<sup>st</sup> Rdg)  
D-2. CONTROLLER: Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2009  
D-3. ENGINEER: Petition to Divide Property, 2410 Vreeland, Lot 23, East Lake Erie Highlands Sub. (Kaminski)  
D-4. PARKS & RECREATION: Lions Park Playground Damage  
D-5. DPS: Results of MiDEAL Road Salt Contract for 2009-2010  
D-6. DPS: Request to Auction Excess Vehicles  
D-7. DPS: Household Hazardous Waste Collection  
D-8. DPS: Request to Advertise 2009-10 Street Trees

**COMMUNICATIONS**

(A-1)

KATIE GORNO

Resignation from the Planning Commission

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to receive and place on file the letter submitted by Katie Gorno, resigning from the Planning Commission and to request Administration to send a letter of appreciation to her for her services.

Carried unanimously.

(A-2)

DAVID THOMPSON

Resignation from the Downtown Development Authority

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to receive and place on file the letter submitted by David Thompson, resigning from the Downtown Development Authority and to request Administration to send a letter of appreciation to him for his services.

Carried unanimously.

(C-1)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Annual Tootsie Roll Drive

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to concur with the recommendation of the Civic Commission and grant permission to the Knights of Columbus to hold their annual tootsie roll drive in the City of Trenton on October 9<sup>th</sup> through October 11, 2009, under the direction of the Police Department.

Carried unanimously.

(C-2)

TRENTON ROTARY CLUB  
Annual Salvation Army Drive

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to concur with the recommendation of the Civic Commission and grant permission to the Trenton Rotary Club to solicit funds on behalf of the Salvation Army in the City of Trenton on December 11 and 12, 2009, under the direction of the Police Department.

Carried unanimously.

(C-3)

THS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY  
Bottle Drive Request

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to concur with the recommendation of the Civic Commission and grant permission to the National Honor Society to conduct a door to door bottle drive fundraiser in the City of Trenton, on Saturday, September 26, 2009, with adult supervision, under the direction of the Police Department, and approval from the Trenton Public Schools.

Carried unanimously.

(D-1)

ATTORNEY

Ordinance 705-1, Amendment to Zoning, Section 110-630, Accessory Uses (1<sup>st</sup> Rdg)

**CITY OF TRENTON**

**ORDINANCE NO. 705-1**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TRENTON CITY CODE, ORDINANCE 705, BEING THE CITY OF TRENTON ZONING ORDINANCE, SECTION 110-630 THEREOF, ENTITLED ACCESSORY USES, TO MODIFY THE HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS OF ACCESSORY USES IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS**

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

**Section 1.** The City of Trenton Zoning Ordinance, Section 110-630 entitled (a) Accessory Buildings, Subsection (5) is hereby amended to modify the height requirements of accessory buildings in various districts, which shall read as follows:

- (5) No accessory building in R-1 through R-4, RT, RM-1, OS-1, B-1 and P-1 Districts shall exceed fifteen (15) feet in height if a flat roof building and may only be a flat roof building if the principal building it is intended to serve is a flat roof building. An accessory building with a sloping or pitched roof shall not exceed a height of twenty (20) feet, or

the maximum building height of the principal building it is intended to serve, whichever results in the lesser height. For an accessory building over one hundred forty-four (144) square feet, the slope of the roof shall be the same in pitch and appearance as that of the principal building it is intended to serve. Accessory buildings in all other districts may be constructed to a height equal the permitted maximum height of the principal building it is intended to serve, except when an accessory building in the other districts will exceed twenty (20) feet in height, they shall require review and approval by the planning commission.

**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 September 8, 2009, shall be enacted on September 21, 2009, and shall be published on or before October 4, 2009, and shall be effective October 5, 2009.

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 705-1, Amendment to Zoning, Section 110-630, Accessory Uses.

Carried unanimously.

(D-2)

CONTROLLER

Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2009

Moved by Councilman Teifer, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to concur with the recommendation of the City Controller and approve the budget amendment #1, reduction of departmental budgets and transfer to DDA fund; budget amendment #2, reinstatement of Kennedy Rink voucher program and budget amendment #3, granting of 2.5% wage increase and step increases to non-union employees, retroactive to July 1, 2009.

Carried unanimously.

(D-3)

ENGINEER

Petition to Divide Property, 2410 Vreeland, Lot 23, East Lake Erie Highlands Sub.  
(Kaminski)

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman LeFevre, to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer, and refer the petition to divide property, parcel 54 026 01 0023 001, 2410 Vreeland Road, Lot 23, East Lake Erie Highlands Subdivisions to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

Carried unanimously.

(D-4)

PARKS & RECREATION

Lions Park Playground Damage

Moved by Councilman Teifer, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to order replacement parts for the damaged play structure located at Lions Park from Miracle of Michigan in the amount of \$3,175.00, with funds from the Facility Building Maintenance Account (101-265-931.000).

Carried unanimously.

(D-5)

DPS

Results of MiDEAL Road Salt Contract for 2009-2010

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to receive and place on file the result of MiDeal Road Salt Contract for 2009-2010 Season.

Carried unanimously.

(D-6)

DPS

Request to Auction Excess Vehicles

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to authorize the disposal of the 1997 Honda and the 1997 Ford E-350 Van by utilizing the services of Martins Towing.

Carried unanimously.

(D-7)  
DPS

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to grant permission to participate in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection to be held on Saturday, September 26, 2009, at the Riverview Land Preserve, at the cost of \$33.75, per vehicle, with funds from the Sanitation Dumping Expense Account (101-528-928.000), and to authorize the Department of Public Services Director to sign on behalf of the City.

Carried unanimously.

(D-8)  
DPS

Request to Advertise 2009-10 Street Trees

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to authorize the Department of Public Services to prepare bid specifications and advertisement for replacement street trees.

Carried unanimously.

**AUTHORIZED DISBURSEMENTS**

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, that the Authorized Disbursements, per the September 8, 2009, schedule, be approved.

MONROE BANK & TRUST: Cash Disbursements           \$10,699,971.40

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| General Fund              | 213,072.01   |
| Major Street Fund         | 5,214.06     |
| Local Street Fund         | 57,829.24    |
| Kennedy Rec. Complex Fund | 33,373.07    |
| Library Operating Fund    | 11,109.01    |
| Tax Receiving Funds       | 9,737,651.58 |
| Special Revenue Funds     | 26,401.28    |
| Grant Funds               | 85,600.27    |
| Capital Project Fund      | 223.44       |
| SINC Fund                 | 4,602.08     |
| Water & Wastewater Fund   | 430,508.92   |
| Motor Vehicle Pool        | 36,101.49    |
| Restricted Self Ins.      | 58,284.95    |

Carried unanimously.

**REPORTS**

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to receive and place on file the Commission and Board Reports, September 8, 2009; Fire Department Report, August 2009; and the DPS Report, August 2009.

Carried unanimously.

**OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to hold a Closed Session immediately following the Regular Council Meeting of this date, for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

Carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS**

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| Councilman LeFevre           | * September 19 <sup>th</sup> , Trenton Touchdown Club, Car Viewing at High School, Gorno Ford; Soroptimist Motorcycle Ride, Saturday, September 12th |
| Councilwoman Baun-Crooks     | * Taste of Trenton, September 20 <sup>th</sup> ; First Edition of Trenton Tribute, Lets People Know What's Going On                                  |
| Mayor Brown                  | * Census Bureau Canvassing Trenton, Identification Will Be Provided  |
| Parks & Rec Director Hawkins | * Dog Swim, Saturday, September 12th   |
| Fire Chief Vick              | * Contact Fire Department for Information on Fire Alarms   |

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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| Bill Jasman     | * Potassium Iodide, Available to Residents within 10 Miles of a Nuclear Plant; More Traffic at the Trenton Plant |
| Rick Benedetti  | * Fire Operations, Saturday, October 10  |
| Bob Baker       | * 175 <sup>th</sup> Birthday of Trenton, Sunday, September 20th  |
| Scott Barr      | * Picnic Baskets, Lunch with Officials, Founder Families   |
| Pauline Arthurs | * Urged Residents to Come to the Taste of Trenton and Somewhere in Time, Birthday Celebration                    |

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY** Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, at 8:50 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: Changes to Channel Lineup. (08/27/2009)
2. WOW: Music Choice Channels. (08/28/2009)
3. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES: Dual Water Meter Review Request. (09/02/2009)