

**CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 21, 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 Pro Tem Taylor, at 8:00 p.m. on the above date in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Present on roll call by City Clerk Stack: Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Councilpersons: Baun-Crooks, Gillespie, LeFevre, McLeod, and Teifer.

Absent: Mayor Brown.

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

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; Joann Perna, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; William Lilienthal, Police Chief; Alan Bober, Department of Public Services, Director; and Patrick Raftery, WWTP Superintendent.

**MINUTES**

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2009.

Carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS**

DDA, Planning Commission

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the reappointment of Linda Schulman, term ending October 1, 2013, and the appointment of James Schropp, term ending September 1, 2013, to the Downtown Development Authority and the reappointment of Amy Mullins, term ending October 1, 2012, to the Planning Commission.

Carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA**

**GENERAL**

- B-1. 33<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT: Fines, Costs, Fees for August 2009
- B-2. LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION: Transfer Ownership of 2009 Class C, 2385 Fort Street

**GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

- C-1. LIONS CLUB: Annual Candy Cane Sale and White Cane Week
- C-2. THS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: Rescheduled Bottle Drive Request
- C-3. TRUMBULL RESIDENTS: Block Party Request
- C-4. TRENTON RUSH SOCCER TEAM: Bottle Drive Request

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

- D-1. ATTORNEY: Ordinance 705-1, Amendment to Zoning, Section 110-630, Accessory Uses (2nd Rdg)
- D-2. ADMINISTRATION: Schedule a Public Hearing
- D-3. POLICE: Request to Purchase In Car Mobile Data Work Stations
- D-4. WWTP: Request to Upgrade SCADA System Alarms
- D-5. WWTP: Clarifier Concrete Repair and Coating Bid Recommendation
- D-6. PARKS & RECREATION: Zamboni Repairs

**COMMUNICATIONS**

(B-1)

33<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT

Fines, Costs, Fees for August 2009

Moved by Councilman LeFevre, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to receive and place on file the Fines, Costs, Fees for August 2009, submitted by the 33<sup>rd</sup> District Court showing the City of Trenton receiving \$264.62.

Carried unanimously.

(B-2)

LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Transfer Ownership of 2009 Class C, 2385 Fort Street

**CITY OF TRENTON  
RESOLUTION 2009-28**

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to transfer ownership of 2009 Class C licensed business located at 2385 Fort, Trenton MI 48183, Wayne County from Ralph T. Hill to Risky Business, LLC and request new Dance-Entertainment Permit to add space and rebuild be considered for approval.

Carried unanimously.

(C-1)

LIONS CLUB

Annual Candy Cane Sale and White Cane Week

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to grant approval to the Trenton Lions Club to conduct their annual Candy Cane Sale from November 6, 2009, to November 19, 2009, and the White Cane Sale, from April 23, 2010, through May 1, 2010, pending Civic Commission approval, in the City of Trenton, with no Sunday Solicitations under Police Department direction.

Carried unanimously.

(C-2)

THS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Rescheduled Bottle Drive Request

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to grant permission to the National Honor Society to conduct a door to door bottle drive fundraiser in the City of Trenton, on Saturday, October 17, 2009, pending Civic Commission approval and with adult supervision, under the direction of the Police Department.

Carried unanimously.

(C-3)

TRUMBULL RESIDENTS

Block Party Request

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to grant permission to the residents of Trumbull to hold a Block Party on Saturday, September 26, 2009, from the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. and approved the road blockage from Marian to Emeline, under the direction of the Police Department and the Public Services Department.

Carried unanimously.

(C-4)

TRENTON RUSH SOCCER TEAM

Bottle Drive Request

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to approve the request from the Downriver Rush Blue U-11, to hold a bottle drive in the City of Trenton on October 3, 2009, pending Civic Commission approval, with adult supervision and under the direction of the Police Department.

Carried unanimously.

(D-1)

ATTORNEY

Ordinance 705-1, Amendment to Zoning, Section 110-630, Accessory Uses (2nd 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.

**ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Trenton this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2009.

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

Carried unanimously.

(D-2)  
ADMINISTRATION  
Schedule a Public Hearing

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to schedule a public hearing for the purpose of taking public comment on using income generated from housing rehabilitation program liens to perform work at the John and Sarah Moore Historical Museum on Monday, October 19, 2009, at 7:45 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

(D-3)  
POLICE  
Request to Purchase In Car Mobile Data Work Stations

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilman Teifer, to waive the usual bidding procedure in the best interest of the City and authorize the purchase of eight in-car mobile data workstations, under the MI-Deal extended purchasing program with Motorola Inc., in the amount of \$43,000.00, with \$20,250.00, funded from a grant from the DCC, and the remainder from the Federal Forfeiture Funds Account (289-307-985-032).

Carried unanimously.

(D-4)

WWTP

Request to Upgrade SCADA System Alarms

Moved by Councilman Teifer, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to concur with the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and approve the professional services of Northern Controls Group, Inc, to upgrade the SCADA system Alarm in the amount of \$12,000.00, and approve the purchase and installation of the modular in-plant office to be installed in the Retention Basin Pump Station in the amount of \$2,875.19, with funding from the Capital Equipment Account (592-529-979000).

Carried unanimously.

(D-5)

WWTP

Clarifier Concrete Repair and Coating Bid Recommendation

Moved by Councilman LeFevre, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to concur with the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and award the bid for the Clarifier Repair and Coating Project to the lowest bidder, Fedewa Inc., in the amount of \$164,000.00, and to include contingencies for a total project budget in the amount of \$181,000.00, with funding from the Capital Improvement Account (592-529-988000), and to reject the other bids.

Carried unanimously.

(D-6)

PARKS & RECREATION

Zamboni Repairs

Moved by Councilman Teifer, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to concur with the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director and approve the payment of \$4,827.95, to Charles R. Mueller and Sons, for the repair to the Zamboni ice resurfacers, with funding from the Kennedy Recreation Center Ice Rink Account (208-696-941.000).

Carried unanimously.

**AUTHORIZED DISBURSEMENTS**

Moved by Councilman Teifer, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, that the Authorized Disbursements, per the September 21, 2009, schedule, be approved.

MONROE BANK & TRUST: Cash Disbursements	\$1,645,319.92
General Fund	74,179.61
Major Street Fund	1,423.99
Local Street Fund	30,564.21
Kennedy Rec. Complex Fund	11,417.07
Library Operating Fund	11,928.04

Tax Receiving Funds	1,369,835.58
Special Revenue Funds	2,448.26
Trust & Agency Funds	1,000.00
Grant Funds	78,849.49
D.D.A. Fund	1,247.00
SINC Fund	103.00
Water & Wastewater Fund	38,979.65
Motor Vehicle Pool	18,781.65
Restricted Self Ins.	5,102.37

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councilman Teifer, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the disbursement payable to Certified Alarm, in the amount of \$540.00.

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

Carried unanimously.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Moved by Councilman Teifer, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to receive and place on file the Financial Summary dated August 31, 2009.

Carried unanimously.

### **REPORTS**

Moved by Councilman Teifer, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to receive and place on file the Commission and Board Reports, September 21, 2009; Traffic Safety Division Report, July 2009; and the Police Department Report, August 2009.

Carried unanimously.

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

Councilwoman Baun-Crooks	* Thanks to Taste of Trenton – Great Event
Councilman Teifer	* Thanked Civic Commission and All of Volunteers; Playground at Teifer Park, Thanked Volunteers
Councilwoman McLeod	* Urged Residents to Watch Over Parks and Report Suspicious Activity
Councilman LeFevre	* Great Weekend, Taste of Trenton; Complimented Dog Swim; Scarecrow Festival October 2 - 4
Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor	* Downsizing of Police Staff, Look into Purchase of Speed Trailer, Discuss at Study Session

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN  
HELD ON THE 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2009

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- City Clerk Stack \* Absentee Ballots Available for November 3<sup>rd</sup> Election
- Assistant P & R Director Perna \* Thanked Volunteers for Playground Build at Teifer Park; Perennial Exchange this Saturday
- DPS Director Bober \* Household Hazardous Waste, Saturday at Riverview; October 24<sup>th</sup> at Flat Rock, Electronic Equipment

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY** Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, at 8:42 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

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TIM TAYLOR, MAYOR PRO TEM

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KYLE F. STACK, CITY CLERK

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Patricia M. Gearhart, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED ON: \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. LIFE CHAIN OF DOWNRIVER: Respect Life Sunday. (09/09/2009)
2. CITY OF RIVERVIEW: Public Hearing Notice, J. Deb's Mississippi Bayou. (09/16/2009)