

**CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 6, 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; William Hogan, City Engineer; Bruce Vick, Fire Chief; 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 Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2008.

Carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman LeFevre, to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Joyce Brown Gillespie and Robert Howey to the Downtown Development Authority for a term ending September 1, 2012.

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

Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA**

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

A-1. LAURIE STANLEY: Resignation from City Beautiful Commission

**GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

C-1. LIONS CLUB: Annual Candy Cane Sale and White Cane Week

C-2. BOY SCOUTS TROOP 1721: Scouting for Food Drive

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

- D-1. DPS: Snow and Ice Control Salt Contract
- D-2. DPS: Request to Purchase 2 Pickup Trucks
- D-3. DPS: Request to Paint old Pole Barn
- D-4. DPS: Request to Auction Seized and Surplus Vehicles
- D-5. PARKS & RECREATION: Kennedy Recreation Center Maintenance Contract Bid Award
- D-6. PARKS & RECREATION: Request to Bid Fireworks
- D-7. TREASURER: Request To Change Provider of Credit Card Services

**COMMUNICATIONS**

(A-1)

LAURIE STANLEY

Resignation from City Beautiful Commission

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to receive and place on file the letter submitted by Laurie Stanley, resigning from the City Beautiful Commission and to request Administration to send a letter of commendation to Mrs. Stanley for her service to the City of Trenton.

Carried unanimously.

(C-1)

LIONS CLUB

Annual Candy Cane Sale and White Cane Week

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to concur with the recommendation of the Civic Commission and grant permission to the Trenton Lions Club to conduct their annual Candy Cane Sale from November 10, 2008, to November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, and the White Cane Sale, from April 24, 2009, through May 2, 2009, in the City of Trenton, with no Sunday solicitations, under Police Department direction.

Carried unanimously.

(C-2)

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 1721

Scouting for Food Drive

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to concur with the recommendation of the Civic Commission and approve the request from Boy Scout Troop 1721 along with all the scout groups to collect food for their annual "Can-Do" food collection project, under adult supervision, by distributing bags in the City of Trenton between November 1 to November 6, 2008, and collecting the bags with can goods on Saturday, November 8, 2008, under Police Department direction.

Carried unanimously.

(D-1)

DPS

Snow and Ice Control Salt Contract

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to concur with the recommendation of the DPS Director and correct the purchase price of the snow and ice control salt to \$40.68 per ton, from Detroit Salt.

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councilman Teifer, seconded by Councilman Gillespie, to authorize the DPS Director to purchase up to 3000 tons of snow and ice control salt from Morton Salt in the amount of \$71.84, per ton, if needed.

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

Motion carried.

(D-2)

DPS

Request to Purchase 2 Pickup Trucks

Moved by Councilman Teifer, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to authorize the purchase of a ½ ton Dodge Ram pickup truck in an amount not to exceed \$18,675.00, with funds from the Machinery and Equipment Account (101 528 982 000) and a ¼ ton Dodge Ram pickup truck with a snow prep package in an amount not to exceed \$20,701.00, with funds from the Machinery and Equipment Account (661 932 982 000) and to allow the Director to negotiate the best price from a Dodge Dealer, and to reject the other quotes.

Carried unanimously.

(D-3)

DPS

Request to Paint old Pole Barn

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to waive the usual bidding procedure in the best interest of the City and hire Freeland Painting to paint the pole barn located at the Department of Public Services, in the amount of \$4,500.00.

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

Motion failed.

(D-4)

DPS

Request to Auction Seized and Surplus Vehicles

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to authorize the Department of Public Services to dispose of the following vehicles: 1999 Dodge Durango, 1999 Dodge Ram pick-up, 1997 Ford Aerostar van and a 1991 GMC dump with plow, by auction at Martin's Towing.

Carried unanimously.

(D-5)

PARKS & RECREATION

Kennedy Recreation Center Maintenance Contract Bid Award

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to award the contract for the maintenance of equipment at the Kennedy Recreation Center to Service, for a period of three years, and to reject the other bid.

Carried unanimously.

(D-6)

PARKS & RECREATION

Request to Bid Fireworks

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to authorize the Parks and Recreation to prepare bid specifications and advertisement for the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display for the years 2009, 2010, and 2011.

Carried unanimously.

(D-7)

TREASURER

Request To Change Provider of Credit Card Services

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilman Teifer, to approve the request from the City Treasurer to change the provider of credit card services from Fifth Third Bank to Electronic Transaction Systems Corporation.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION**

Moved by Councilman LeFevre, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to refer the request from the City Treasurer to change the provider of credit card services to a Council Study Session.

Carried unanimously.

**AUTHORIZED DISBURSEMENTS**

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, that the Authorized Disbursements, per the October 6, 2008, schedule, be approved.

MONROE BANK & TRUST: Cash Disbursements	\$816,814.57
General Fund	132,620.83
Major Street Fund	4,398.22
Local Street Fund	4,045.90
Kennedy Rec. Complex Fund	31,736.47
Library Operating Fund	7,272.35
Tax Receiving Fund	110,714.50
Special Revenue Funds	7,623.80
Trust and Agency Fund	1,000.00
Grant Funds	7,661.44
Capital Project Fund	87,630.26
D.D.A. Fund	157,243.95
SINC Fund	1,706.90
Water & Wastewater Fund	198,436.53
Motor Vehicle Pool	60,690.26
Restricted Self Ins.	4,273.16

Motion carried.

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the October 6, 2008, disbursement payable to Certified Alarm in the amount of \$240.00.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the Authorized Disbursements, previously released in the amount of \$154,950.37.

Carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to receive and place on file the Financial Statement dated September 30, 2008.

Carried unanimously.

**REPORTS**

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to receive and place on file the Commission and Board Reports, October 6, 2008; the Traffic Safety Division Report, August 2008, and DPS Report, September 2008.

Carried unanimously.

**OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to hold a Closed Session immediately following the meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

Carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS**

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| Councilwoman Baun-Crooks | * Wished the Mayor Condolences on His Mother Passing Away; MAPERS Conference   |
| Mayor Brown              | * Permission Was Not Asked for Three Pension Board Members to Attend Conference; Thanked Everyone for Their Support Regarding His Mother's Passing |
| City Treasure Schoen     | * Council Was Notified By Letter of Conference Attendance by Pension Board Members   |
| Councilman Taylor        | * Scarecrow Festival   |
| Councilman Teifer        | * DCC Money Allocated for Foreclosures   |
| Councilman LeFevre       | * Taste of Trenton; Walk to School Day; Scarecrow Festival; Develop Plan for Lean Environment  |
| City Clerk Stack         | * Absentee Ballots Available   |
| DPS Director Bober       | * Household Hazardous Waste Day November 8, Westland DPS Yard  |

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY:** Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to adjourn at 9:32 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. LIFE CHAIN OF DOWNRIVER: Respect Life Sunday.