

**CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**Monday, April 27, 2015**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**  
**301 South LeRoy Street**

Mayor Sue Osborn called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

The invocation for the evening was the Lord's Prayer and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Bland, Grossmeyer, Jacob, King (via telephone), Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn.  
Absent: None.  
Others Present: Mike Burns, Assistant City Manager; Rick Aro, Police Chief and Stephen Schultz, Legal Counsel.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Osborn thanked Council and Administration for Saturday's budget session and stated it went well.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Burns gave an update on the Streetscape project.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Grossmeyer commented the Planning Commission is looking at the area designated in the Downtown Master Plan as the North Fenton District (North Leroy between Second and Sixth streets) and thinks this area should have a different set of uses and more specific design guidelines that would enhance the district and not take away from the character of the neighborhood and emphasize the river.

Lockwood reminded all the donor reception at the Community Center is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. She has received numerous calls regarding the proposed changes to the solid waste program and stated there has been some miscommunication and she is meeting with the Tri-County Times to clear up any misinformation. She stated the budget session went well.

McDermott stated this Friday the Fenton Community Orchestra is performing with the Fenton High School Jazz Ensemble. The concert is free and will be at the High School. He reminded all the park clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

King commented she talked to the City Manager prior to the budget session and he addressed a couple of concerns she had with the budget.

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT** – Schultz stated he attended last week's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting and is working with them on a property reclamation issue, which will come before City Council at a later date. He has also been working with Administration and the DDA on a program associated with the Streetscape project to encourage people to come downtown. He stated he will not be at the May 11, 2015 meeting.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** – None.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Osborn reviewed all items that were on the Consent Agenda.

Lockwood asked that ‘approve the request from the Fenton Fourth of July Freedom Festival Committee to conduct the annual Fenton Fourth of July Freedom Festival, which requires use of various City parks as well as street closures to conduct the Freedom Festival Parade and Firecracker Road Race’ be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion to allow the Police Chief to comment on this item and to be acted on separately.

A motion was made by Jacob and seconded by McDermott to approve the consent agenda containing the following items:

- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$455,833.97.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the March 18, 2015 Downtown Development Authority meeting, the April 6, 2015 City Council work session and the April 13, 2015 City Council meeting.
- Approve a proclamation for Michael Roome.
- Approve a proclamation for Julie Teatro.
- Approve a fireworks display permit for Zambelli Fireworks Mfg. for a display to be held July 4, 2015 for the Fenton Freedom Festival.
- Appoint Roy Width to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

YEAS: Bland, Grossmeyer, Jacob, King, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Aro stated there is a change in the parade route due to the construction downtown. The parade will stage in the Industrial Park then proceed to Owen Road, East to Adelaide, North to Caroline Street and Caroline to West Street.

Aro stated the route for the Firecracker Road Race is still being worked out. He hopes the route is the same as the parade route. Lockwood stated the race has to be 5k race and it should be similar to the parade route but might not be exact and the race will end at the World of Wonder Early Learning Center. She stated the Committee is working with the Police Chief to coordinate events and if any major changes are needed, they will come back to Council.

A motion was made by Grossmeyer and seconded by McDermott to approve the request from the Fenton Fourth of July Freedom Festival Committee to conduct the annual Fenton Fourth of July Freedom Festival, which requires use of various City parks as well as street closures to conduct the Freedom Festival Parade and Firecracker Road Race. Motion carried by a voice vote.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT IN-CAR COMPUTER PURCHASE**

Aro stated he is seeking approval to purchase five new in-car computers to replace those purchased in 2009. The current computers have reached the end of their service life and are experiencing hard drive and memory failures. He stated the computers are critical to the day to day operations of the Police Department and are used by officers to perform report and ticket writing, L.E.I.N. checks, impound reports, dispatching calls, etc. In addition new docking stations are needed and the total cost for the computers, docking stations and installation is \$17,801.19.

A motion was made by Bland and seconded by McDermott to approve the purchase of five new in-car computers, including docking stations and installation at a cost not to exceed \$17,801.19. Motion carried by a voice vote.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING TRANSFER**

Burns stated the City received \$73,720 from the 2013 CDBG Award from Genesee County. Out of this funding, \$61,165 was set aside for the Community Center elevator; the remaining 15% (\$12,105) must be used for Public Service Funds and is given to the City in three annual installments of \$4,035. In 2013, City Council directed Administration to give a portion of the public service funds to the Loose Senior Center for fiscal year 2014 operational costs and in fiscal years 2015 and 2016 utilize a portion of the installments for a Needs Assessment Study for FARR.

Burns further stated at the request of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), the City submitted a letter to the GCMPC in October requesting additional funds for the handicapped accessible elevator at the Fenton Community Center and stated CDBG monies funded all but approximately \$10,000 of the cost.

In March, the City received a letter from the GCMPC suggesting the City transfer \$1,257 available this fiscal year for the FARR Needs Assessment Study if the Study will not be done by the end of fiscal year. Burn stated to date, the City has not received any indication from FARR regarding their plans for moving forward with a Needs Assessment Study and GCMPC did not indicate if additional funding would be available to fund the remaining balance for the elevator.

A motion was made by McDermott and seconded by Grossmeyer to direct the City Manager to take the actions presented to transfer \$1,257 of the City's CDBG Public Services Funds to the Handicapped Accessible Barrier at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Lockwood stated she was on a conference call today with the National League of Cities and stated there is legislation on the table to do away with CDBG funding and stated the City will probably be called upon at a later date to consider a resolution on this issue.

Schultz noted a copy of the minutes approving this transfer has to be provided to the GCMPC and that if the funds are being transferred for a handicapped accessible elevator, and not a barrier, the motion should state that. Motion was corrected as follows:

A motion was made by McDermott and seconded by Grossmeyer to direct the City Manager to take the actions presented to transfer \$1,257 of the City's CDBG Public Services Funds to the Handicapped Accessible Elevator at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. Motion carried by a voice vote.

### **SET 2014-2015 AMENDED BUDGET AND 2015-2016 FISCAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING DATE**

A motion was made by Osborn and seconded by McDermott to set a public hearing on the 2014-2015 Amended Budget and the proposed 2015-2016 Fiscal Budget for Monday, May 11, 2015. Motion carried by a voice vote.

### **SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING BROWNFIELD PLAN #1**

A motion was made by Osborn and seconded by Lockwood to set a public hearing on the adoption of a proposed resolution approving Brownfield Plan #1 for the proposed development of 102 (112) West Silver Lake Road for Monday, May 11, 2015. Motion carried by a voice vote.

**CALL TO THE AUDIENCE** – Nancy Berger, 1131 Outer Drive, commented there have been discussions about trails to link Fenton, Linden and Argentine and stated it would be nice to have a path system that connects to those trails. Osborn stated meetings have been held with surrounding municipalities to discuss the trails, but there are no additional trails planned within the City at this time.

Richard Berger, 1131 Outer Drive, asked if the Streetscape project is on schedule and if it is affecting downtown businesses. Burns responded the project is on schedule and the businesses affected are updated regularly on what is happening with the project.

Dominic Bommarito, 705 Worcester, asked for an update on solid waste program. Lockwood gave a brief update on the proposed changes to the solid waste program and stated she talked to the Tri-County Times today so people can get updated with the correct information. She stated there will be a series of public meetings at a later date that representatives from the waste hauler will be present to answer questions.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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Mayor Sue Osborn

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City Clerk, Renee Wilson

Date approved:        May 11, 2015