

City of Allen Park Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 12, 2008 – 7:00PM

Mayor Gary Burtka called the Meeting to order at 7:10PM.

Roll Call showed present: Councilman Felice A. Lalli, Councilman Francesco V. Tucci, Councilwoman Beverly J. Kelley, Councilman Kyle T. Tertzag, Councilman Kevin A. Rourke, Councilman James A. Flynn, and Mayor Gary Burtka. Also present: City Administrator Eric Waidelich.

Motion by Kelley

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to approve the agenda as amended for the Meeting on February 12, 2007

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-0101

Motion by Rourke

Supported by Tucci

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting on January 22, 2008

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-102

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to approve Claims & Accounts fro a total amount of \$5,660,407.73

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-103

Motion by Kelley

Supported by Rourke

RESOLVED, to appoint Julius Roberts to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to expire on 12/31/2010

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-104

Motion by Tucci

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to appoint Jim Berri to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to expire on 12/31/2012

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-105

Motion by Tucci

Supported by Rourke

RESOLVED, to approve the Allen Park Fire Fighters Union Charity Committee- Request for a Bottle Drive on Saturday, March 22, 2008 with fee waived

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-106

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Tucci

RESOLVED, to approve the request from the Allen Park Housing Commission- to concur with the recommendation of a 2% raise to the Leo Paluch Senior Citizen Home Director Theresa Sears with the monies to come out of HUD funding and not the City of Allen Parks Budget

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-107

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Flynn

RESOLVED, that the City of Allen Park Mayor & City Council hereby declares March 4, 2008 as “Constitution Celebration Day”

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-108

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, Curb Side Pick Up Permit Requests each with a \$50 fee

1) #4-2008 from Salvatore DiFranco 2) #5-2008 from John Spiter 3) #6-2008 from James Van Raden 4) 2008 Ice Cream Vendor Permit Request from Pot O Gold Ice Cream LLC. with a \$100 fee **(the above items are subject to Police approval)**

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-109

Motion by Kelley

Supported by Tucci

RESOLVED, that the Fire Chief, Deputy Police Chief, and all appointees wages be referred to the Council Human Resource Committee for study

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-110

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Flynn

WHEREAS, the city of Allen Park and its elected officials will continue to comply with State of Michigan requirements, which states that a city has 30 days to register a new inspector upon employment,

WHEREAS, a candidate, Mr. Joe Kaiser currently holds all of the necessary certificates, meets all of the state requirements, has been interviewed, approved and recommended for hire by the City of Allen Park, Building Department,

WHEREAS, a second candidate, Mr. Jeff Rosin, has been interviewed, applied to the state for official certification and upon receipt of official certification is recommended for hire by the City of Allen Park, Building Department,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Joe Kaiser be appointed to the part time position of Building Inspector,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of certification from the State of Michigan, Mr. Jeff Rosin shall also be considered appointed and approved to perform the duties of Building Inspector,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Joe Kaiser and Mr. Jeff Rosin shall be compensated at a rate of \$28 per hour and permitted to work up to but not in excess of 29.5 hours per week.

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-111

Motion by Kelley

Supported by Tertzag

RESOLVED, that the City Administrator meet with the developers of “the Hill” Fairlane Green to discuss the feasibility for some form of an access in which would be for designated emergency vehicles access only with input from both the Fire Chief and the Police Chief

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-112

Motion by Flynn

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, that the allocation of the \$4000, 000.00 from the Impact Fee Agreement be referred to the Council Administrative Committee along with the Finance Director

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-113

Motion by Rourke

Supported by Kelley

Be It Resolved that the Attached proposed Human Resource Policy, (HR 1.1) be approved by the Mayor and Council,

Be It Further Resolved that the City Administrator be authorized to distribute the approved policy to the appointee employees and conduct an educational meeting with the appointees on said policy and that the appropriate changes be made by the city Administrator.

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-114

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Kelley

Be It Resolved that the Attached proposed additions and revisions be approved by the Mayor and Council,

Be It Further Resolved that the City Administrator be authorized to enter these changes into the Appointee Benefit Plan, sign the plan, and distribute the plan to the appointees (as amended)

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-115

Motion by Tucci

Supported by Tertzag

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Allen Park hereby supports the Alliance of the Downriver Watersheds (ADW) comments regarding the proposed NPDES Wastewater Discharge General Permit No. MIG610000;
and

WHEREAS the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has proposed new watershed-based and jurisdictional storm water general permits which regulate storm water discharges from municipal separate storm sewer systems in compliance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act;
and,

WHEREAS the proposed watershed-based permit places new costly, cumbersome and prescriptive measures on communities and counties that will add to operating costs but will not allow members of the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds to continue their documented progress toward achieving water quality standards using the flexible practices incorporated to date;
and,

WHEREAS the proposed watershed-based permit emphasizes extensive individual documentation and reporting rather than achieving measurable, watershed-wide improvements through innovative, cost-effective solutions with watershed partners;
and,

WHEREAS the proposed permit severely limits local control and decision-making that has been a guiding principle of the watershed permit while discouraging implementation of alternative, cost-effective approaches based on existing watershed conditions;
and,

WHEREAS many of the proposed new requirements are time-consuming, expensive, and will not allow communities to focus their limited resources on documented water quality challenges;
and,

WHEREAS municipal government budgets across the state are strained and these added duties constitute mandates on municipal departments that cannot be financially absorbed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Allen Park's City Council requests that the MDEQ and its Director allow flexible, yet enforceable municipal storm water permit requirements that will lead to improved water quality;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MDEQ and its Director institute water quality control measures that target the water quality challenges at a given location;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MDEQ re-institute the existing Storm Water Pollution Prevention Initiative (SWPPI) process that allowed the MDEQ sufficient oversight and control to assure that all regulated communities and agencies were making progress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MDEQ return to a municipal storm water permit that allows sufficient flexibility to permit the state's watersheds to identify their most pressing issues and to address them.

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-116

Motion by Kelley
Supported by Flynn
RESOLVED, to table the request for Grass Cutting Services Bid for Municipal Property
MOTION TO TABLE ADOPTED- Roll Vote (4-YES: Flynn, Kelley, Lalli, Rourke & 3
NO: Tertzag, Tucci, Burtka) – 08-0212-117

Motion by Kelley
Supported by Flynn
RESOLVED, to approve the request from Parks & Recreation to seek competitive bids
for the City of Allen Park Newsletter
MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-118

Motion by Tertzag
Supported by Lalli
RESOLVED, to send to the Council Administrative Committee to research and
investigate the concept of Green Industries and Green Collar Job Developments in the
City of Allen Park
MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-119

Councilman Rourke has been excused from the meeting

Motion by Tertzag
Supported by Tucci
RESOLVED, to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of Labor Negotiations &
Pending Litigation
MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-120

Motion by Tertzag
Supported by Tucci
RESOLVED, to reconvene into the Regular Council Meeting
MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-121

Motion by Tertzag
Supported by Lalli
RESOLVED, to direct the City Administrator and the City Attorneys to follow the
recommendation of the Mayor & City Council
MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0212-122

Motion by Tucci
Supported by Lalli
Resolved, to adjourn the Council Meeting at 10:25 PM
MOTION ADOPTED– 08-0212-123

Gary J. Burtka – Mayor

Michael I. Mizzi – City Clerk