

City of Allen Park Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 26, 2008 – 7:00PM

Mayor Gary Burtka called the Meeting to order at 7:05PM.

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 and City Attorney Anthony S. Guerriero.

Motion by Kelley

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to approve the agenda as amended for the regular Council meeting on February 26, 2008

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0226-0127

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Tucci

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes for the regular Council meeting on February 12, 2008

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0226-128

Motion by Flynn

Supported by Rourke

RESOLVED, to approve claims and accounts in the amount of \$4,756,153.62

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0226-129

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Kelley

RESOLVED, to approve the following Consent Agenda Items: (A) Father Saylor Knights of Columbus annual tootsie roll drive, to be held March 14 thru March 16 (fee waived) (B) 2008 Handbill Permit for Three Brothers Lawn Care \$500.00 fee (C) Curbside Pick-up Permit #7-2008 for Juan Ledesma \$50.00 fee (the above resolutions are subject to Police approval)

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0226-130

Motion by Kelley

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to appoint Mr. Mark Hogrebe (Acting Fire Chief) to the position of Full-Time Fire Chief effective February 26, 2008

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0226-131

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Kelley

RESOLVED, to appoint Mr. Randy Darnell as City Auditor at the will and pleasure of the Mayor & City Council at the same rate of pay from 2006 at an hourly fee of \$96.14 with an amendment- Motioned by Rourke and Supported by Flynn to investigate alternative companies for comparable rates and software with a Roll Call Vote on the amendment only with Kelley & Lalli voting NO on the amendment and going back to the original motion to appoint Mr. Randy Darnell as City Auditor with Rourke voting NO. (Amendment passes and the Appointment of Mr. Randy Darnell passes)

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0226-132

Motion by Tertzag
Supported by Lalli
RESOLVED, to appoint Shelly Keenan to the Historical Commission – Term to expire on
December 21, 2009
MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0226-133

Motion by Lalli
Supported by Rourke
RESOLVED, to accept & file the resignation letter from Mr. Joe Herrera from the Planning &
Zoning Commission and thank him for his years of service
MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0226-134

Motion by Lalli
Supported by Kelley
RESOLVED, to approve the application fee from the City Clerks office for the Vacating/Closing
of City Alleys in the amount of \$250.00
MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0226-135

Motion by Tucci
Supported by Kelley
WHEREAS, the City of Allen Park government buildings are showing significant signs of age,
whereby roof leaks are common place, and non energy efficient systems are being used at the
expense of the taxpayers.

WHEREAS, the Energy Office of the Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services
has conducted a survey of the City of Allen Park Government facilities and has provided a report
which outlines recommendations on improvements which statistically demonstrate the ability to
recover the cost through energy savings,

WHEREAS, the report was originally conducted in 2003, and since this time, energy costs have
continued to rise, and the condition of the City Government building has continued to degrade.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Administrator along with the Building
Department continues to work with the State of Michigan Energy Office to pursue and acquire
formal cost proposals to institute the recommended corrective actions,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these formal cost proposals for energy efficiency
improvements be brought back to the City Council for review and consideration,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Energy Evaluation developed be generated and
distributed by the Energy Office of the State of Michigan is made available on the City of Allen
Park website
MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0226-136

Motion by Kelley

Supported by Tertzag

WHEREAS, on February 5th, 2008 the City Administrator provided the mayor and council a copy of the proposed inter-governmental agreement which would establish a Downriver Central Dispatch Center,

WHEREAS the costs associated with the launch of the Downriver Central Dispatch Center system in addition to the "*still necessary and ongoing*" staffing costs associated with City of Allen Park Police Department create a cost environment whereby it is a financial burden to the City of Allen Park, and thereby its taxpayers

WHEREAS, the Allen Park Police of Chief provided a written summary and opinion in regard to the proposed Central Dispatch Center, dated February 5th 2008 attached hereto, which states "At this time I am recommending that we do not commit to the central dispatch authority",

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allen Park officially submit its intention not to participate in the proposed Central Dispatch Center and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Allen Park formally withdraws itself from further meetings, discussions and negotiations as such activities results in additional financial and operational drains on the City of Allen Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is provided to the Mayors, City Administrators, Police Chiefs and Fire Chiefs of Ecorse, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, River Rouge, Southgate and Wyandotte.

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0226-137

Motion by Kelley

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to remove from the Table the City of Allen Park Parks & Receptions request to advertise for competitive bids for the cutting of noxious grass and weeds and for the removal of debris form the property in order to perform such work

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0226-138

Motion by Tucci

Supported by Kelley

RESOLVED, that the Mayor & City Council approve the Parks & Receptions request to advertise for competitive bids for the cutting of noxious grass and weeds and for the removal of debris form the property in order to perform such work

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0226-139

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Rourke

RESOLVED, Mr. Matthew Dzikowicz be hired into the position of Public Service Worker subject to a 12 month probationary period

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0226-140

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Rourke

RESOLVED, to authorize the purchase of a new 2008 Ford F-150 Pickup Truck for a total cost of \$18,093.00, and the purchase of a new 2008 Ford E-250 Cargo Van at a total cost of \$18,905.00 from Gorno Ford of Woodhaven, MI. The funding sources are accounts #101.445.985.000 (DPS Capital Outlay), and 592.445.985.00 (Water/Sewer Capital Outlay)

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0226-141

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Rourke

RESOLVED, the City of Allen Park advertise for competitive bids for the cutting of noxious grass and weeds and for the removal of debris from the property in order to perform such work

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0226-142

Motion by Kelley

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, that signs indicating “no motorized vehicles allowed” be placed on both sides of the footbridge at Shenandoah between Keppen and Cicotte

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0226-143

Motion by Tucci

Supported by Tertzag

RESOLVED, a “Handicap parking only” sign be placed on Charter adjacent to 3644 Wall and that the curb be painted blue

MOTION ADOPTED– 08-0226-144

Motion by Tucci

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, a “no parking tow away zone” sign be removed from in front of 17390 Herrick, placement of “no parking” signs on both sides (East & West) of Cortland, between Wick and Herrick, thirty (30) feet of curbing in front of any and all fire hydrants on Cortland, between Wick & Herrick be painted red, the placement of a stop sign at the drive from the public parking lot to the rear of 9205 Allen onto Cortland, furthermore a :”No parking from here to corner” sign placed on the south side of Herrick, twenty (20) feet from the west sidewalk (crosswalk) of Cortland and that the proper street name be researched and a sign be placed

MOTION ADOPTED– 08-0226-145

Motion by Kelley
Supported by Tucci
RESOLVED, to convene into Executive Session to for the purpose of Labor Negotiations
MOTION ADOPTED– 08-0226-146

Motion by Kelley
Supported by Lalli
RESOLVED, to reconvene into the Regular Council Meeting
MOTION ADOPTED– 08-0226-147

Motion by Tertzag
Supported by Flynn
Be It Resolved that the Interim-Fire Chief Pay shall be compensated at an hourly rate of \$42.31, which is equal to an annual rate of \$88,000 for the time period of January 4th, 2008 through February 25th, 2008
MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0226-148

Motion by Tertzag
Supported by Lalli
Be it resolved that effective February 26th, 2008, the Fire Chief shall be compensated at an annual rate of \$84,000.

Be It Further Resolved that the Fire Chief Personal Service Contract shall parallel and equal the current Personal Service Contract of the Police Chief.

Be It Further Resolved that the Fire Chief is required to attend an institution of higher education at a rate of not less than six credit hours per semester, and maintain at least a “C” average until such time that his educational requirements of a bachelor’s degree is completed. Failure to meet the education based time-table will result in the withholding of future wage increases
MOTION ADOPTED (with Rourke voting NO) – 08-0226-149

Motion by Kelley
Supported by Lalli
Resolved, to adjourn the Council Meeting at 9:40 PM
MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0226-150

Gary J. Burtka – Mayor

Michael I. Mizzi – City Clerk