

City of Allen Park Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 11, 2008 – 7:00 PM

Mayor Gary Burtka called the Meeting to order at 7:00PM.

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

Motion by Tucci

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to approve the agenda as amended for the regular Council meeting on March 11, 2008

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0312-0151

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Flynn

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes for the special Council meeting of February 22, 2008

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0312-152

Motion by Tucci

Supported by Tertzag

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes for the regular Council meeting of February 26, 2008

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0312-153

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Rourke

RESOLVED, to approve claims and account in the amount of \$250,115.25

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0312-154

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to suspend the rules and allow citizens comments pertaining to the MDOT, Environmental Impact Statement for the Detroit River International Crossing Study

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0312-155

Motion by Tucci

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to approve Handbill Permit request received from Italy American Construction with a \$500 fee and Police Department approval

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0312-156

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, WHEREAS, Financial constraints in 2006 resulted in the previous administration and the Allen Park School Board deciding to discontinue to the position of Liaison Police Officer for the Allen Park School System,

WHEREAS, Statistically speaking this decision increased the potential for a serious incident within our schools and places our children at risk,

WHEREAS, We have all seen and are aware of serious student-based safety incidents occur on school premises in other communities and in other states over the last several days, weeks, months and years.

WHEREAS, Mayor Burtka, the City Administrator, School Board President Frank Liberati, Allen Park Police Chief Tamsen and Eric Reed, Director of the Prevention Services Division, Wayne County Department of Children & Family Services have met on several occasions to discuss these conditions and risks which now exist within our community,

WHEREAS, the discussions detailed the necessity of a Police Officer School Liaison position, the pursuit of financial opportunities available to fund the position and finally the approval of receiving the funding,

WHEREAS, the program also requires a strategic cooperative with The Guidance Center, and that the Guidance Center would be stakeholders in the overall program to assist in its operations and success,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That this council commits to the creation of the position "Police Officer School Liaison", and the hiring of an officer utilizing proper procedure and process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the commitment to the position is contingent on fifty percent (50%) of the funding being provided by the State of Michigan, through the Wayne County Department of Children & Family Services and the remaining fifty percent (50%) shall be funded by the City of Allen Park, Police Department budget in an equally matched amount.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the projected cost shall not exceed \$50,000 for one position which shall be allocated into the Child Care Fund to employ the Police Officer Liaison position,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That should the City of Allen Park so choose, the funding of a second position is also approved and would be available at the same cost structure,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the shared cost includes "*the total cost of employment*" such as but not limited to salary, and benefits

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Police Officer School Liaison officer(s) shall be permitted to support all of the schools located in the City of Allen Park to include public and private schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this individual shall report solely to and work under the direction of the Allen Park Police Chief in the performance of their duties as outlined in the Inter-Governmental Agreement; Goals, Objectives, and Program Requirements, attached hereto.  
MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0312-157

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Rourke

RESOLVED, to approve Liquor License Transfer #1-2008 by Applebee's Restaurant at 23009 Outer Drive

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0312-158

Motion by Tucci

Supported by Flynn

WHEREAS, the City of Allen Park promotes safety of its personnel, residents, visitors and businesses by providing the proper equipment, training and personnel to protect the citizens and businesses in Allen Park;

WHEREAS, the City of Allen Park recognizes and applies the principles of the National Preparedness Guidelines, especially concerning prevention, protection, response and recovery efforts of our first responders;

WHEREAS, the City of Allen Park relies on Michigan state revenue to supplement its budget each year;

WHEREAS, the state revenue sharing has been reduced over the past few years and the trend may continue;

WHEREAS, the City of Allen Park is committed to finding creative financial means to meet their obligations and adhere to their priorities for their first responders, to include the pursuit of grant monies to acquire and/or maintain safe reliable equipment for the Allen Park firefighters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Honorable Mayor and Council wholeheartedly endorse the pursuit of Assistance to Firefighter Grants,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Allen Park will pledge the 10% funding matching for such grants where such a pledge is required,

HOWEVER, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the City of Allen Park be successfully awarded a grant, that the city maintains the right "*not to accept*" the award in the event of unexpected financial hardships or if the award grant is structured in such a manner as to not serve in the best interest of the City of Allen Park.

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0312-0159

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Rourke

RESOLVED, to authorize the Allen Park Police Department to conduct a public auto auction on Wednesday April 2, 2008 at 10:00 AM for approximately fifty vehicles

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0312-160

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Tucci

RESOLVED, to request former City Attorney David Tamsen and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to turn over all records pertaining to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to the Allen Park City Clerk's Office

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0312-161

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Tertzag

RESOLVED, that the Allen Park Downtown Development Authority provide a Financial Report to the Allen Park City Council no later than the regular scheduled Council meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 and that the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority provide their report on Tuesday, April 22, 2008

MOTION ADOPTED (with Rourke voting NO) – 08-0312-162

Motion by Tucci

Supported by Rourke

Resolved, to adjourn the Council Meeting at 9:36PM

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-0312-163

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Gary J. Burtka – Mayor

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Michael I. Mizzi – City Clerk