

City of Allen Park Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 12, 2009 – 7:00 PM

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

Roll Call showed present: Mayor Pro-Tem Felice A. Lalli, Councilman Francesco V. Tucci, Councilwoman Beverly J. Kelley Councilman Kevin A. Rourke, Councilman James A. Flynn, and Mayor Gary Burtka. Also present: City Administrator Eric Waidelich, City Attorney Anthony Guerriero, City Clerk Michael I. Mizzi and Deputy Clerk Meaghan K. Armstrong.

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to approve the amended agenda for the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2009

MOTION ADOPTED – 09-0512-114

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Rourke

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes for the regular Council meeting of April 28, 2009

MOTION ADOPTED – 09-0512-115

Motion by Kelley

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to approve claims and accounts in the amount of \$1,115,143.11

MOTION ADOPTED – 09-0512-116

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Kelley

RESOLVED, to approve the Park Chargers Baseball Club of Allen Park sponsored by the American Legion as a non profit Organization in Allen Park

MOTION TABLED – 09-0512-117

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Tucci

RESOLVED, to approve a Solicitors Permit for a bottle drive from Marc Touraneau to raise money for Cub Scout Pack 1054, starting June 20, 2009 with a pick up date of June 28, 2009 (with application fees waived)

MOTION ADOPTED -09-0512-118

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to approve a Liquor License Transfer for Chili's Grill & Bar Restaurant located at 3230 Fairlane Drive

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous

MOTION ADOPTED-09-0512-119

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to approve Petition to build on Easement #2009-01 received from Karen Guiles to a portion of a shed on the public easement in the rear of the lot at 17094 Russell.

Be it further Resolved, that the petitioner agrees to release the City of Allen Park and all utility companies from all liability whatsoever for any and all damage incurred as the result of construction, repair, and maintenance of public sewer and all other utilities existing in and over such easement

Roll Call Vote: with Flynn and Rourke Voting NO

MOTION ADOPTED -09-0512-120

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Lalli

Whereas a Public Hearing was held at 7:30 PM to hear any and all comments or objections,

RESOLVED, to approve Alley Vacation #2009-01, to vacate a 20 foot wide portion of a public alley East of Allen, between Paris and University abutting lots 226 thru 231 inclusive and also abutting lot 232 of the Dasher Estates Subdivision

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous

Be it Further Resolved, that the City of Allen Park retains an easement over and under the vacated alley for utilities

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous

MOTION ADOPTED -09-0512-121

Mayor Burtka passed the Gavel to Mayor Pro-Tem Lalli

Motion by Mayor Burtka

Supported by Tertzag

RESOLVED, WHEREAS, the Governor is expected to announce further reduction in State Revenue sharing tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, the further reductions shall slash payments to municipalities in the statutorily mandated sharing of revenues in contravention to state law; and,

WHEREAS, these reductions affect the ability of local government to provide essential services and now amount to more than \$3 Billion Dollars since 2001; and

WHEREAS, these reductions cripple the ability of carry out services that directly affect the quality of life of residents, including those which protect the environment, public safety and other operations which have heretofore made Michigan communities desirable places to live and raise children; and

WHEREAS, the time has come for the State of Michigan to balance its budget through alternative means rather than on the backs of the local governments which provide so much to the quality of life of its residents; and

WHEREAS, if there is to be a promise of a brighter future in Michigan, much depends upon the Governor and the Legislature finding ways to help, not hurt, the communities where people live and work and to end the destructive dismantling of local government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Allen Park by and through its Mayor and Council, vehemently object to the further reduction of State Revenue sharing for all of the reasons set forth above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a true copy of this Resolution to the Governor, the State Senator and State Representative for the City of Allen Park and to the Clerks of the Member Municipalities of the Downriver Community Conference forthwith.

MOTION ADOPTED -09-0512-122

Mayor Pro-Tem Lalli passed the Gavel back to Mayor Burtka

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Tucci

RESOLVED, Request to concur with the recommendation of the Mayor to appoint Julie Llamas to the Economic Development Commission with term ending on December 31, 2011 and to also except her resignation from the Housing Commission

MOTION ADOPTED -09-0512-123

Motion by Kelley

Supported by Rourke

RESOLVED, WHEREAS, public service provides an integral part of our citizen's everyday lives in our community; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Services provides response to emergency situations throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the support and understanding of an informed citizenry which is vital to the engineering, efficient operation of public works systems and programs as it relates to water, sewer, streets and highways, public buildings, parks and solid waste collection; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, comfort and Quality of Life in this great City of Allen Park significantly depends on these facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as the planning, design and construction is crucially dependent upon the skills and effort of Public Service personnel; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff the Public Service and the Engineering Department is influenced by those individuals attitude, and the understanding of the importance of the work they perform;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Allen Park hereby proclaims the week of May 17 through May 23, 2009, as "NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK".

MOTION ADOPTED -09-0512-124

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Tucci

RESOLVED, that the Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of Allen Park hereby authorizes the Director of Public Service / Engineering to enter into an agreement with Cummins Bridgeway, LLC., to perform the general maintenance on the six (6) backup generators semi-annually in the amount of \$6,570.00, and necessary repairs as specified by the Director for a total overall cost not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$15,000. The funding source is account #592.601.983.000

MOTION ADOPTED -09-0512-125

Motion by Kelley

Supported by Rourke

RESOLVED, Be It Resolved, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Allen Park hereby approves the three year extension of the current agreement with LIQUIFORCE Sewer Services, Inc., to perform Water Main and Sewer Main Lining on an "as needed" basis as directed by the Director of Public Service / Engineering at the previously approved unit costs, with an expiration date of June 30, 2012.

MOTION ADOPTED -09-0512-126

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Tucci

RESOLVED, Whereas, Cannon Equipment of Shelby Township, MI. has offered to extend the Government Preferred Vendor Pricing that was provided to the City of Taylor for the purchase a new 2010 Water Panel Van to the City of Allen Park; and

Whereas, as a result of the Government Preferred Vendor Pricing Program, there is no economic advantage to the City of Allen Park to formally advertise and bid this Unit;  
Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of Allen Park hereby authorizes the purchase of a new 2010 Water Panel Van from Cannon Equipment of Shelby Township, MI., in the total amount of \$110,243.00, as specified. The funding source is account #592.601.988.000.  
MOTION ADOPTED -09-0512-127

Motion by Flynn  
Supported by Lalli  
RESOLVED, Whereas to benefit the residents of Allen Park and provide an opportunity to protect themselves from identity theft I am requesting that the Mayor and Council consider the below resolution and approve required funding:  
Be it resolved that the City of Allen Park contract the services of Shred Corp for the purpose of shredding resident's confidential documents (3 box maximum per household) in a secure manner on site and in conjunction with House Hold Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> 2009. The expense of the shredding is \$100 per hour with a 3 hour minimum and is not to exceed a total of 4 hours (\$400 total) to run the first four hours of Household Hazardous Waste Day.  
MOTION ADOPTED -09-0512-128

Motion by Flynn  
Supported by Rourke  
RESOLVED, to remove Reduction in door to door solicitation fees for Allen Park businesses and Allen Park resident-owned businesses, for the purpose of helping our citizens and businesses from the table  
MOTION ADOPTED -09-0512-129

Motion by Flynn  
Supported by Kelley  
RESOLVED, to approve a reduction in door to door solicitation fees to \$50.00 a year for Allen Park businesses and Allen Park resident-owned businesses, for the purpose of helping our citizens and businesses for a 1 year period.  
MOTION ADOPTED -09-0512-130

Motion by Lalli  
Supported by Tucci  
RESOLVED, to approve the Community Relations Committee to spend up to \$1,200.00 for purchases of a display cabinet, a Christmas tree, and a tree with an engraved stone out of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund  
MOTION ADOPTED -09-0512-131

Motion by Lalli  
Supported by Tucci  
RESOLVED, to convene into executive session for the purpose of Land Acquisition  
Roll Call Vote: Unanimous – 09-0512-132

Motion by Kelley  
Supported by Lalli  
RESOLVED, to reconvene into the Regular Council Meeting  
Roll Call Vote: Unanimous – 09-0512-133

Motion by Kelley  
Supported by Tertzag  
RESOLVED, to adjourn the City Council Meeting  
MOTION ADOPTED -09-0512-134

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Gary J. Burtka – Mayor

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Michael I. Mizzi – City Clerk