

City of Allen Park Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 16, 2008 – 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 Kyle T. Tertzag, Councilman Kevin A. Rourke, Councilman James A. Flynn, and Mayor Gary Burtka. Also present: City Administrator Eric Waidelich, City Attorney Kenneth Kruse, City Clerk Michael I. Mizzi and Deputy City Clerk Meaghan K. Armstrong

Motion by Kelley

Supported by Tucci

RESOLVED, to approve the agenda for the regular Council meeting of December 16, 2008

MOTION ADOPTED -08-1216-457

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Rourke

RESOLVED, to approve claims and accounts in the amount of \$395,725.31

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-1216-458

Motion by Tucci

Supported by Tertzag

RESOLVED, to approve the 1st and 2nd reading by title only for a proposed Ordinance to amend various sections of Chapter 5 “dangerous and potentially vicious dogs:

MOTION ADOPTED – 08-1216-459

Motion by Flynn

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to approve the 3rd and final reading of proposed Pit Bull Ordinance and shall the City of Allen Park Ordain Ordinance #2008-08 an ordinance to provide for the Prospective ban on Pit Bulls in the City of Allen Park and to provide additional Regulations for the keeping of currently owned Pit Bulls. Shall this ordinance pass?

MOTION ADOPTED-08-1216-460 -ROLL CALL VOTE – 6 to 1 - WITH ROURKE VOTING NO

Motion by Kelley

Supported by Rourke

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of a new Fire Truck in 30 to 45 days with the majority of the cost to come from Grant Money

MOTION ADOPTED -08-1216-461

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Tucci

RESOLVED, to approve request from Fast Flyers, Inc. for a 2009 Handbill License (pending Police Department Approval and all other requirements by ordinance)

MOTION ADOPTED -08-1216-462

Mayor Burtka passed the gavel to Mayor Pro-Tem Lalli and the following resolutions were proposed

Motion by Burtka

Supported by Tertzag

RESOLVED, WHEREAS, recently Allen Park encountered a critical automobile accident on Reeck Road at Allen Road; and

WHEREAS, a young man lost his life; and

WHEREAS, residents who live in the area, as well as residents throughout the Allen Park community, have expressed concerns about traffic safety in our community; and

WHEREAS, residents have formed a community awareness group in order to promote a safer environment for our residents; and

WHEREAS, this community awareness group has distributed lawn signs 24" X 18", which are yellow in color having black lettering and read "slow down speed kills" in an effort to slow down traffic driving through Allen Park; and

WHEREAS, these lawn signs are being placed in front of homeowner homes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CITY of ALLEN PARK, Supports the use of these signs in an effort to promote a safer community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our residents may display these particular signs described as: 24" X 18" in size, yellow in color, black lettering with the following statement written on the signs "slow down speed kills".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, These specific signs may be placed on the property in front of their residences between the sidewalk and the street, without being in violation of our city ordinance.

MOTION ADOPTED -08-1216-463

Motion by Burtka

Supported by Kelley

RESOLVED, WHEREAS, The Allen Park Library will not be receiving donated computers from Baker College this year, and the Library has approached a critical point.

WHEREAS, The Library Network is upgrading the automation system in mid-January, and it will not run on the existing computers.

WHEREAS, the Library staff thought that the upgrade was going to occur in February/March, but found out last Wednesday that it's been set for January.

WHEREAS, The library received an excellent quote due top the assistance of the TLN.

WHEREAS, The Library can purchase twelve workstations for \$11,187.40. *(We use Dell as it is a Wayne County preferred vendor, but TLN is also involved in the negotiation/purchase of the equipment.)*

WHEREAS, The funds will come from the Library Capital Improvement line item Account #271-000-985

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Council approve the expenditure of \$11,187.40 from Library Account #271-000-985 for the purchase of twelve workstations,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be immediately provided to Sandi Blakney of the Allen Park Library along with the Chairman of the Library Commission. Because this is part of a Wayne County Co-Operative Bid the Allen Park Library Director Sandy Blakney is hereby allowed to bypass the City of Allen Park Bid process

MOTION ADOPTED -08-1216-464

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

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, Whereas, the City of Allen Park Animal Shelter takes in many animals on a weekly basis; and

Whereas, the City of Allen Park Animal Shelter makes it's best efforts to adopt out as many animals as possible; and

Whereas, the Allen Park Mayor and City Council have unanimously supported resolutions to promote animal adoptions, most notably by creating the groundbreaking "Adopt-A-Pet" program at every City Council meeting, which has been a great success; and

Whereas, the City of Allen Park Animal Shelter, even with its best efforts, still has a high euthanization rate of otherwise adoptable animals; and

Whereas, it is the desire of the Allen Park Animal Shelter staff, as well as the Mayor and City Council, to set the goal of making the Allen Park Animal Shelter a "No-Kill" shelter;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That, the City of Allen Park Mayor and City Council hereby officially set the goal of making the Allen Park Animal Shelter a "No-Kill" Shelter within the next 5 years.

MOTION ADOPTED-08-1216-465

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Tucci

RESOLVED, to convene into Executive Session/Closed Session for the purposes of Labor and Contract Negotiations

MOTION ADOPTED – Unanimous – 08-1216-466

Motion by Tucci

Supported by Kelley

RESOLVED, to reconvene back into the Regular Meeting

MOTION ADOPTED – Unanimous – 08-1216-467

Motion by Kelley

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to approve the Tentative Agreement from 7/1/2008 through 6/30/2012 dated December 16, 2008 between the City of Allen Park and the Allen Park Police Officers Association

MOTION ADOPTED – Unanimous – 08-1216-468

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Tucci

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular Council Meeting at 8:55PM

MOTION ADOPTED – Unanimous – 08-1216-469

Gary J. Burtka – Mayor

Michael I. Mizzi – City Clerk

