

City of Allen Park Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 23, 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 Anthony Guerriero, City Clerk Michael I. Mizzi and Deputy City Clerk Meaghan K. Armstrong

Motion by Tucci

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to approve the agenda for the regular Council meeting of September 23, 2008

MOTION ADOPTED -08-0923-374

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes for the regular Council meeting of September 9, 2008

MOTION ADOPTED -08-0923-375

Motion by Kelley

Supported by Tucci

RESOLVED, to approve Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$970,776.96

MOTION ADOPTED -08-0923-376

Motion by Kelley

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, that Allen Park High School is approved to allow the rebroadcast of the “Meet the Candidate Night” on the City’s cable access channel and advertise for the event on the city website, a slide on the City cable channel and on the City marquee

MOTION ADOPTED -08-0923-377

Motion by Tucci

Supported by Tertzag

RESOLVED, to table the un-audited Budget Result Projection for 2007-2008

MOTION ADOPTED -08-0923-378

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Rourke

RESOLVED, to approve the first annual City wide garage sale on October 9 – October 11, 2008

MOTION ADOPTED -08-0923-379

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Rourke

RESOLVED, to approve Solicitors Permit from the Allen Park Huskies for a fundraiser event to raise money by raking leaves on October 12, 2008 and October 19, 2008 (with application fees waived)

MOTION ADOPTED -08-0923-380

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to add Tim Estheimer as a DDA Business Board member to the agenda for approval

MOTION ADOPTED -08-0923-381

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Kelley

RESOLVED, to approve appointment of Tim Estheimer as a DDA Business Board Member due to a vacancy  
MOTION ADOPTED -08-0923-382

Motion by Tucci

Supported by Flynn

RESOLVED, to approve 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Pit Bull Ordinance by title only  
MOITION ADOPTED – Kelley Abstains – with Rourke voting NO -08-0923-383

Motion by Tertzag

Supported by Flynn

RESOLVED, Whereas, the Federal Government doles out money in the form of "earmarks" to States, Counties and Municipalities every year, and

Whereas, the current Republican Vice Presidential candidate, Sarah Palin, during her term as Mayor of Wasilla Alaska (population at that time of about 5000) hired a lobbyist to help secure such "earmarks", and

Whereas, it is reported that the lobbyist was able to help secure approximately \$30 million in Federal "earmarks" that went to Wasilla, and

Whereas, the City of Allen Park (current population approximately 27,000) would be able to use Federal "earmark" dollars to help expand and improve local services to the residents of Allen Park,

Now Be it Resolved that, the Mayor and Council would like to study the feasibility of hiring a lobbyist to help secure "earmarks" at the Federal and/or State level,

Be it Further Resolved that this issue be referred to the City Council Administrative/Budget Committee to conduct said study,

Be it Further Resolved that the Administrative/Budget Committee deliver a report of their findings to the Mayor and Council upon completion of said study.

MOTION ADOPTED -08-0923-384

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Rourke

RESOLVED, WHEREAS, The City of Allen Park is in possession of approximately 35,000 blue prints of buildings, roads, sewer systems, water supply systems, waste water systems, electrical distribution systems, and the like

WHEREAS, These blue prints range in date from when the City of Allen Park was only a township up to and including the prints we received earlier today,

WHEREAS, These prints are stored in a location where the air is not conditioned to control humidity and are beginning to decay,

WHEREAS, The prints storage location also does not have fire protection,

WHEREAS, Should these prints be damaged or destroyed, the City of Allen Park has no way to recover the information that would be lost,

WHEREAS, The project was projected to cost \$45,000 and was included in the 2008-2009 budget that was approved by the Council

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council approve the proposed plan to acquire the necessary technological assets to be able to scan and store the prints as well as back up the data in a remote facility whereas the data shall always be protected,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council approve the project related expenditures of up to \$45,000 as was budgeted in the 2008-2009 budget,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed blue print scanning, logging and remote access project and its related costs shall be charged to account 592-601-987.

MOTION ADOPTED -08-0923-385

Motion by Tucci

Supported by Tertzag

RESOLVED, WHEREAS, The Mayor, Council and Administration are constantly seeking ways to reduce expense, increase revenue and improve services,

WHEREAS, the opportunity for savings can be often found in the consolidation of programs and services,

WHEREAS, the benefits of the city employees are currently spread amongst several providers,

WHEREAS, the Administration with the support of our benefits financial advisor, sought out consolidated benefit programs which offered quality service as well as cost savings to the City of Allen Park

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council approve the proposed “*changes in*” and “*consolidation of*”; the medial, dental and optical benefit provider and program as outlined in the attachment,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the changes and effective dates of the new plan will coincide with the upcoming “traditional enrollment period”,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the approval of the proposed changes will result in an annual savings of \$64,017.35.

MOTION ADOPTED -08-0923-386

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Tucci

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular Council Meeting at 9:45 PM

MOTION ADOPTED -08-0923-387

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Gary J. Burtka – Mayor

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Michael I. Mizzi – City Clerk

