

City of Allen Park Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Mayor Gail McLeod called the Meeting to order at 6:00 PM in The City Council Chambers
Roll Call showed present: Councilman Felice “Tony” Lalli, Councilman Daniel Loyd, Councilman Matthew E. Valerius, Councilman Gary Schlack, Councilman Charles Blevins and Councilman Dennis Marcos

Motion by Schlack
Supported by Marcos
RESOLVED, to approve the Agenda as Presented
MOTION ADOPTED – 23-0411-0061

Motion by Lalli
Supported by Valerius
RESOLVED, to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 28, 2023 as Presented
MOTION ADOPTED – 23-0411-062

Motion by Lalli
Supported by Valerius
RESOLVED, to Accept and File the City Administrators operational updates/reports/documents and submissions
MOTION ADOPTED – 23-0411-063

Motion by Blevins
Supported by Marcos
RESOLVED, to approve the CONSENT AGENDA as follows:
A. Purchasing Actions
1. Claims & Accounts 2. Payroll Report
B. Finance Actions
1. March 2023 – 1. Finance Overview 2. Budget to Actual Report 3. Balance Sheet 4. Cash Flow
2. Father Saylor Council #3774 to hold their Annual Tootsie Roll Sale March 31st thru April 2nd
MOTION ADOPTED – 23-0411-064

Motion by Schlack
Supported by Lalli
RESOLVED, to Ratify the action of the City Administrator regarding the Wayne County ARPA SLFRF Funding Request Submission
MOTION ADOPTED – 23-0411-065

Motion by Marcos
Supported by Loyd
RESOLVED, to Ratify the action of the City Administrator regarding the submission of applications for the two Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships (FDCVT) grant projects listed above to the State of Michigan
MOTION ADOPTED – 23-0411-066

Motion by Lalli
Supported by Blevins
RESOLVED, to waive the City bid process (APCO 2-824 – (4)) as there is no economic benefit and award the concrete portion for the Gingerbread Tot lot to Savone Cement Company for a total cost of \$30,318.75 with funds from acct #'s 101-751-783-000 (\$15,000.00) and 101-751-784-000 (\$15,318.75)
MOTION ADOPTED – 23-0411-067

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Motion by Loyd

Supported by Marcos

RESOLVED, to award the 2023 Pavement Joint Sealing Cooperative Bid for Allen Park (\$57,425.00), Flat Rock (\$27,475.00), Gibraltar (\$25,850.00), Grosse Ile (\$56,125.00), Riverview (\$57,425.00), and Trenton (\$48,250.00) to the lowest qualified bidder, Al's Asphalt, in the total amount of \$272,550.00

MOTION ADOPTED – 23-0411-068

Motion by Marcos

Supported by Lalli

WHEREAS, **The City of Allen Park** has taken financially difficult steps to stabilize its pension program and get its pension costs and liabilities under control; and

WHEREAS these steps followed best practices established by the State of Michigan and kept (local government unit) operationally viable in the face of enormous financial pressure; and

WHEREAS, HB 5054 of 2022 would have divided \$250 million between (local government unit), and other communities like it, that made the tough decisions and followed those best practices; and

WHEREAS, (local government unit) and others like it are ineligible for \$750 million in pension relief allocated by the State in 2022 despite experiencing the same pension-related financial stresses as those who will receive that relief; and

WHEREAS, these stresses have been amplified by market losses in 2022 and a volatile market in 2023; and

WHEREAS, this \$250 million would have immeasurable impact on our ability to address our pension liabilities, maintain employment levels, and provide the services our taxpayers depend upon; and

WHEREAS, both the \$750 million allocated and the \$250 million requested here had broad, bipartisan support in the House a year ago; and

WHEREAS, HB 5054 created an equitable balance between those with pensions the House considered substantially underfunded and those who had followed best practices to achieve a higher funding ratio; and

WHEREAS, unallocated revenues are available to the State in 2023 to again make this pension assistance equitable by helping those communities struggling with pension costs, but ineligible for the \$750 million;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, (the governmental body of the local government unit) asks the State of Michigan Legislature and Governor's Office to revisit HB 5054; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature and Governor give bipartisan support to the inclusion of the \$250 million in the 2023 State budget to be divided between communities including (local government unit) that meet the best practices required in that Bill.

MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY – 23-0411-069

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Motion by Lalli

Supported by Marcos

RESOLVED, to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:51 PM

MOTION ADOPTED – 23-0411-070

Gail McLeod – Mayor

Michael I. Mizzi – City Clerk