

PROCEEDING OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – June 7, 2011

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor Richard Mack on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Colleen Kenny, Ed Cote, Robert Hornkohl, Ilona Haydon, Catherine Zaring, Richard Mack, and Alan Marshall.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Mitch Deisch, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Deputy Clerk – Mary Bachman, DPW Director – Jack Garber, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, Community Development Director – Jon Rose, Director of Public Safety – Dave Bachman, and City Engineer – Jeff Mikula, Abonmarche.

#11-70 CONSENT AGENDA.

Minutes	-	May 17, 2011	-	Regular Meeting
Payroll	-	May 16 – May 22	-	\$56,711.30
		May 23 – May 29	-	\$62,070.22
		May 30 – June 5	-	\$59,063.28
Monthly Bills	-	May 2011		

Notification Regarding Next Work Session

A Council work session has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. A discussion will be conducted on such business as may come before the Council.

MOTION by Haydon, second by Cote to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Mack, and Marshall

NAYES: None

#11-71 MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA.

Motion to amend the agenda to add item VIII. New Business Item c). Mayor Mack requested this item be placed at the beginning of the agenda.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Zaring to amend the agenda to add item VIII. New Business Item a).

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Mack, and Marshall

NAYES: None

#11-72 CONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE CEDAR STREET CSO PROJECT.

Yesterday it was identified by residents on Tamarack Street between Third and Fourth Streets that the street project was designed to widen the existing street from 20 feet to 24 feet; with curb and gutter making the total width approximately 28 feet from back of curb to back of curb. Whereas the designed road stayed completely within the City right-of-way; it significantly impacted the property of several neighbors. This initial design was presented to the neighborhood, but it was not until the project was staked out and trees were marked for removal that the full impact was understood by the residents.

In order to accommodate the desires of residents and comply with the need to separate combined sewers, control storm water runoff, and not increase the cost of the overall project; the City's Engineer of Record was requested to look at viable options.

The option identified by the Engineer of Record and supported by City Staff was to maintain project dimensions on Fourth Street between Cedar and Tamarack; including two-way traffic; from Tamarack and Fourth to Cedar and Third reduce the road width from 24 feet to 20 feet, with curb and gutter, and designate one-way traffic from Fourth and Tamarack to Third and Cedar (heading north). Of the property owners impacted by this amendment; the majority of the five property owners have voiced their support to narrow the road and designate traffic to one-way only, to each other and the Engineer of Record.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Haydon to take action to amend the Cedar Street CSO Project to designate one-way traffic at this location. Discussion followed.

Jeff Mikula, Abonmarche, addressed the Council and answered questions they had.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Mack, and Marshall

NAYES: None

#11-73 CONSIDERATION OF HARBOR COMMISSION BYLAW AMENDMENTS.

The Manistee Harbor Commission took action at their May 10, 2011 meeting to review and approve changes to their bylaws. A copy of the proposed bylaws showing proposed amendments has been attached and includes making the Ex-Officio position a non-voting member, cleaning up language for Vice-Chair vacancies, and several format updates and corrections.

MOTION by Haydon, second by Hornkohl to take action to approve amendments to the bylaws of the Manistee Harbor Commission and authorize the Mayor to execute the document. Discussion followed.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Mack, and Marshall
NAYES: None

#11-74 CONSIDERATION OF RESCHEDULING THE FIRST MEETING IN AUGUST.

The first meeting in August would normally be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2011. Due to a Special Election being requested to consider a school millage increase on that date, the Deputy Clerk is requesting that the Council change their meeting to Wednesday, August 3, 2011 so that their office can complete election duties. This is a standard practice according to the Council Guidelines policy.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Zaring to take action to change the first meeting in August to Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Zaring, Mack, and Marshall
NAYES: None

#11-75 A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR AND THE OIL AND GAS INVESTMENT BOARD.

Mr. Edward Bradford reported on the activities of the Finance Department and the Oil and Gas Investment Board; and responded to questions the Council had regarding their

activities.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

None

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Deisch reminded Council that the City of Fremont will be visiting for Mayors Exchange on June 22, 2011; Joint Around the Lake Government Meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2011 at 6 p.m. in Hardy Hall of the Ramsdell Theatre; Request to cancel the Work Session Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th; and began drafting of next white paper with the DPW.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Mayor Pro Tem Kenny stated there is a lot of activity on the streets and requested that drivers slow down.

Councilmember Cote wanted to know when the large pot hole on Washington Street would be repaired; Garber stated that it would be done before July 4th.

Councilmember Hornkohl stated that Tuesday, June 14th is Flag Day; Ceremony at the Elks at 7 p.m.

Councilmember Zaring requested a Work Session to discuss City Street widths and alternatives to parking.

Councilmember Marshall requested a Work Session to discuss possible ordinance banning cell phone use while driving in the City.

Council agreed to cancel the next work session scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2011.

Mayor Mack thanked the City of Fremont for welcoming Council with open arms for Mayors Exchange and read a plaque that was presented to the City; encouraged councilmembers to contact the City Manager's office if they were interested in participating in the 4th of July Parade; and requested that trash cans be placed at Man Made Lake.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Hornkohl, second by Marshall. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Mary M. Bachman, CMC
City Deputy Clerk/Payroll & Benefits