

**REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Michael Higgins presiding

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Moment of Silence

PRESENT: Councilpersons Mario DiSanto, Mark Kandes, Thomas Murphy and Frank Vaslo

ABSENT: Councilpersons Thomas McPartlin and Mayor Steven M. Brown

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Ed Zelenak and City Clerk Donna Breeding

Mayor's Remarks

**RESOLUTION 07-265 Minutes**

By Councilman Kandes, supported by Councilman DiSanto

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held under the date of July 30, 2007 be approved as recorded.

Motion carried.

ABSTAIN: Council President Higgins

PROCLAMATION given to Park Restaurant for their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Business of the month award held one week

**RESOLUTION 07-266 Award Bid/574 Pagel - Heating & Cooling**

By Councilman Kandes, supported by Councilman Murphy

RESOLVED, that R & L Heating & Cooling be awarded the heating & cooling portion of the renovation of 574 Pagel in the amount of \$4,950.00 per the recommendation of the CDBG Director. Funds to come from account #24930-721HIP.

Motion unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION 07-267 Award Bid/574 Pagel – Gen, Kitchen & Bath**

By Councilman Kandes, supported by Councilman Vaslo

RESOLVED, that AAA Building Company is awarded the kitchen & Bath and general portions of the renovation of 574 Pagel in the amount of \$48,618.00 per the recommendation of the CDBG Director. Funds to come from account #24930-721HIP.

Motion carried.

NAY: Councilman DiSanto

**RESOLUTION 07-268 Open Bids/Insurance Services**

By Councilman Murphy, supported by Councilman Kandes

RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be authorized to open bid proposals received marked "INSURANCE SERVICES"

Motion unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION 07-269 Reject Bids/Insurance**

By Councilman Kandes, supported by Councilman Vaslo

RESOLVED, that the bid proposal received marked "INSURANCE SERVICES" be referred to the Finance Director and City Manager for tabulation and recommendation.

By Councilman DiSanto, supported by Councilman Murphy

RESOLVED, that the bid received for Insurance be and is hereby REJECTED.

Motion carried.

NAY: Councilpersons Kandes and Vaslo

**RESOLUTION 07-270 Refer Bids/Insurance**

By Councilman Kandes, supported by Councilman Vaslo  
RESOLVED, that the bid proposal received marked "INSURANCE SERVICES" be referred to the Finance Director and City Manager for tabulation and recommendation.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION 07-271 Accounts & Claims Payable**

By Councilman Vaslo, supported by Councilman Kandes  
RESOLVED, that the Accounts & Claims Payable as presented by The Finance Director to the Mayor & Council be approved as follows:

Warrant Report: \$ 863,415.70

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that check # 26355 for Orchard Hiltz & McCliment previously held on 7/9/07 be released.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION 07-272 Charter Amendment #5 Revised**

By Councilman Kandes, supported by Mayor Pro Tem Higgins  
WHEREAS, the Council, by resolution duly adopted on June 25, 2007, has authorized the placement of five millage restoration proposals on the November 6, 2007, ballot, and  
WHEREAS, the resolution authorizes the City Clerk to transmit copies of the resolution to the Attorney General of Michigan for review, and such transmittal was made on June 26, 2007; and  
WHEREAS, the Attorney General has recommended certain technical changes to the presentation of the ballot proposals, and

WHEREAS, the resolution authorizes legal counsel to the City to make such technical changes as may be advised by the Attorney General, provided that no changes may be made to the authorized millage rates, purposes, or years of authorization without Council approval, and  
WHEREAS, the Attorney General has made no comments as to rates or years of authorization, but has made one comment as to purposes in respect to proposed Charter Amendment 5, namely that "public services" should be more clearly defined.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln Park:

1. The purpose of the millage proposal presented as Charter Amendment 5 shall be described as being for "solely for department of public works purposes" in the body of the proposal, rather than for "public service purposes."
2. In other respects, the authorization and direction contained in the June 25, 2007, resolution is ratified, approved and confirmed, and legal counsel to the City is authorized and directed to make the foregoing and such other technical changes to the ballot language as the Attorney General may recommend.

Motion carried.  
NAY: Councilpersons Murphy and Vaslo

**RESOLUTION 07-273 Auth Solicitation/American Legion**

By Councilman Murphy, supported by Councilman DiSanto  
RESOLVED, that American Legion, Post 67, 1430 Southfield Rd., Lincoln Park, be granted permission to solicit on the streets of Lincoln Park for their "Heroes to Hometowns" Fundraiser on August 10-12, 2007 and August 24-27, 2007. All reporting provisions of the local ordinance to be timely observed.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION 07-274 Solicit Bids Eng. Serv/Prop Spinner-Lions Pk**

By Councilman Murphy, supported by Councilman Vaslo  
RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council authorize the City Engineer and CDBG Director to solicit request for proposals regarding Engineering Services to develop Lions and Prop Spinner Parks.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION 07-275 Waive Bid & Purchase/Police Vehicles**

By Councilman Murphy, supported by Councilman Kandes

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council budgeted \$75,000.00 for new police cruisers for the 2007/2008 budget year, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to update the fleet with the purchase of these three new police cruisers, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council waive the bidding procedure and authorize the purchase of three (3) Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors from Jorgensen Ford of Detroit, Michigan for a total cost not to exceed \$62,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds for these expenditures come from the Motor Pool Capital Equipment Fund (661-932-983) in the 2007/2008 Fiscal Budget.

Motion unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION 07-276 Solicit Bids/Outfit Police Vehicles**

By Councilman Murphy, supported by Councilman Kandes

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Services is interested in soliciting bids for the outfitting of three (3) new police vehicles.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and City Council hereby authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Services to solicit sealed bids for the outfitting of three (3) new police vehicles.

Motion unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION 07-277 Solicit Bids/Purchase Backhoe**

By Councilman Kandes, supported by Councilman Vaslo

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Services is interested in soliciting bids for one (1) backhoe/loader.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and City Council hereby authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Services to solicit sealed bids for one (1) backhoe/loader.

Motion unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION 07-278 Solicit Bids/Purchase Front End Loader**

By Councilman Kandes, supported by Councilman Murphy

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Services is interested soliciting bids for one (1) front-end loader.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and City Council authorize the Director of Public Services to solicit sealed bids for one (1) front-end loader.

Motion unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION 07-279 Set Closed Meeting/Labor Negotiations**

By Councilman Kandes, supported by Councilman Vaslo

RESOLVED, that a Closed Meeting of the Mayor and Council be held immediately following the Study Session on Monday, August 6, 2007, to be held in the Conference Room of City Hall regarding labor negotiations.

Motion unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION 07-280 State Budget Crisis**

By Mayor Pro Tem Higgins, supported by the FULL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, after seven straight years of state budget deficits and five years of budget cuts, we are facing yet another \$1.8 billion shortfall in state revenue for the 2008 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, more than \$3.6 billion has been cut from the state's budget over the past five years, and the state is operating with fewer state employees than we had in 1970; and

WHEREAS, funding for local governments has been cut by \$2 billion over the last five years resulting in a loss of over 1,600 police officers and 2,000 fire fighters statewide thereby compromising the safety of our local communities; and

WHEREAS, we have cut major taxes over 32 times in the past decade, our unemployment rate remains one of the highest in the country, and our state economy continues to struggle; and

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WHEREAS, higher education in Michigan has already been cut by \$250 million which has resulted in college students and their families having to pay double digit tuition increases and a college education moving further out of reach for the state's middle class; and

WHEREAS, further cuts to state safety net programs for food assistance, childcare and health care will only result in a shift of demand to already overburdened county and municipal programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lincoln Park cannot sustain further cuts in essential services and that further funding cuts will result in a loss of quality of life for the citizens of our community and this state and an inability to retain and attract new business; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Michigan Legislature and Governor must demonstrate bipartisan leadership by affirming their commitment to finding funding solution to address the budget deficit in a manner that will move Michigan into a sound economic future and ensure a high quality of life for our residents. A copy of this resolution will be sent to our state representative, state senator, Governor Granholm, and the Michigan Municipal League.

Motion unanimously carried.

**CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS**

**ORAL REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

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**MICHAEL HIGGINS, MAYOR PRO TEM**

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**DONNA BREEDING, CITY CLERK**