

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Steven M. Brown presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Invocation by Rev. Jim James of Dix United Methodist Church

PRESENT: Councilpersons Valerie Brady, Mario DiSanto, Michael Higgins, Mark Kandes, Thomas Murphy and Frank Vaslo

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

Mayor's remarks

RESOLUTION 04-118 Minutes

By Councilman Murphy, supported by Councilman DiSanto

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held under the date of March 15, 2004 be approved as recorded.

Motion unanimously carried.

(NOTE: A Closed Meeting was held on 3-15-04 at 6:30 p.m. re: Labor Negotiations)

By Councilman DiSanto, supported by Council President Kandes, that the minutes of the Special Meeting held 03-12-04 at 6:10 p.m. regarding Review of Applications for City Manager Position be approved as corrected: Councilman Murphy's selection: remove Robert Gordon and replace with Jeff Kingzett.

PROCLAMATION presented to Raupp School Principal Bernard Falahee for his life-saving actions

RESOLUTION 04-119 Award Bid/Ice Show Lighting

By Councilman Higgins, supported by Councilman DiSanto

RESOLVED, that **Fantasee Lighting** be awarded the bid to provide stage lighting for the 2004 Ice Show, in the amount of \$8,365.25; as they are the lowest bidder and meet all specifications.

Per the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, Director of Parks and Recreation and Controller. Funds to come from Account #101-720-943V.

Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 04-120 Award Bid/Quandt Park Pavilion

By Councilman Murphy, supported by Councilman Vaslo

RESOLVED, that the bid for the renovation of the Quandt Park Pavilion is hereby awarded to **MTM Construction Company**, for a total contract price of \$28,817.00 as it was the lowest, best bid received. Funds to come from 29th Program Year CDBG Budget Number 24929-75506 "Parks & Recreation Projects".

Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 04-115A Adopt Ord. Amend/Ch 1476 Political Signs

By Councilman Vaslo, supported by Councilman DiSanto

RESOLVED, that "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN PARK BY REPEALING THE EXISTING SECTION .16 OF CHAPTER 1476 ENTITLED POLITICAL SIGNS AND REPLACING THAT SECTION WITH A NEW SECTION .16" be given its Third reading and be ADOPTED.

The City of Lincoln Park Ordains:

That Section .16 of Chapter 1476 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lincoln Park be amended by repealing the existing Section .16 of Chapter 1476 and adopting a new Section .16 which new section .16 shall read as follows:

1476.16 POLITICAL SIGNS

(a) FINDINGS

WHEREAS, the excessive proliferation of political campaign signs of large size tend to create sight, visual and aesthetic pollution, often presenting safety hazards, and whereas a municipality may reasonably regulate the size of political campaign signs on private property,

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provided that it does so in a manner that preserves the efficacy of the medium, and also provided that the sign is of sufficient dimension to enable a person traveling by vehicle or on foot to readily perceive the message. A municipality may not require that written permission from the owner of property be obtained as a condition precedent to the posting of political campaign signs on private property.

(b) No political sign shall be posted in any place or in any manner that is destructive to public property upon posting or removal. No political sign shall be posted upon public property, or posted in or overhang a public right of way or on a utility pole. If located within five (5) feet of a right-of-way there must be a minimum unobstructed distance of ten (10) feet from the bottom edge of the sign and the ground. No political sign shall be posted more than sixty (60) days before an election. All candidates for public office, their campaign committees or other persons responsible for the posting on public property of campaign material shall remove the material within two (2) weeks following Election Day. A political sign in any residential district shall have a maximum surface area of four (4) square feet. A political sign in all other districts shall have a maximum surface area of thirty-two (32) square feet. No political sign shall be placed at a height greater than ten (10) feet.

(c) The candidate for public office and/or the official campaign committee that has produced, printed or caused to place said sign contrary to the dictates of this section shall be responsible for the action and a citation shall be issued in the respective name
Motion unanimously carried.

ADOPTED: March 22, 2004
PUBLISHED: March 31, 2004
EFFECTIVE: March 31, 2004

POSTPONED resolution to amend Ordinance Chapter 1456 Grading & Soil Erosion Control
ONE WEEK.

RESOLUTION 04-121 Accounts & Claims Payable

By Councilwoman Brady, supported by Councilman DiSanto
RESOLVED, that the Accounts & Claims Payable as presented by the Controller to the Mayor & Council be approved as follows:

Warrant Report: \$761,089.05

Motion unanimously carried.

ABSTAIN: Councilman DiSanto, "From check #12537."

POSTPONED resolution to award the bid for installation of water meters **ONE WEEK.**

RESOLUTION 04-122 Auth. Annual Crop Walk

By Councilwoman Brady, supported by Councilman Vaslo
WHEREAS, the 2004 Downriver Crop Walk Committee will be hosting the Annual Walk for Hunger on Sunday, April 25, 2004 from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. through Lincoln Park, Southgate and Wyandotte on the public sidewalks of the City.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lincoln Park grants permission to this organization to conduct a "Walk for Hunger" on the designated route.
Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 04-123 Sell Motor Pool Equip./DPS Premises

By Councilwoman Brady, supported by Councilman Vaslo
WHEREAS, the City of Lincoln Park has made attempts in compliance with the City Charter to sell certain items of personal property by sealed bid or auction without avail, the only practical method of disposal now is by sale.
RESOLVED, that Robert Torck, Superintendent, Department of Public Services, and/or Kirk Rukenbrod, Foreman, Motor Pool Department, are hereby authorized to sell four sweepers to a sole interested party for a minimum of \$37,000.00.
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that Robert Torck, Superintendent, Department of Public Services, and/or Kirk Rukenbrod, Foreman, Motor Pool Department, are also authorized to sell one 1994 Dump Truck on the DPS premises.
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council shall be notified of any and all transactions that take place and that said proceeds shall be directed to the Controller by Council Resolution for direction of account increases.
Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 04-124 Solicit Bids/Two Dump Truck Engines DPS

By Councilwoman Brady, supported by Councilman DiSanto

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council authorize the Personnel/Purchasing Director to solicit bids for two (2) 1994 Chevy 3500 HD Dump Trucks replacement engines per specifications provided by the Motor Pool Department. Purchase Account Number and Resolution to be submitted upon approval of purchase. Subject to the availability of funds.

Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution to pay Downriver Mutual Aide Additional Assessment **HELD**.

RESOLUTION 04-125 Transfer Funds/Major –Local Streets

By Councilman Vaslo, supported by Councilwoman Brady

WHEREAS, the City of Lincoln Park did receive the sum of \$1,043,318.97 as its share of Motor Vehicle Highway Fund Major Street System for the months of July 2003, through January 2004, and

WHEREAS, the Local Street System for the City of Lincoln Park is in dire need of both maintenance and construction,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Controller and Treasurer be and are hereby authorized and instructed to transfer the sum of \$250,396.55 of the aforesaid \$1,043,318.97 of the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund Major Street System monies to the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund Local Street System pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Compiled Laws 247.663 Section 13 (d) (1).

Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 04-126 Set Public Hearing/DNR Grant

By Councilman Higgins, supported by Council President Kandes

RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council schedule a Public Hearing in the John A. Aloisi City Council Chambers on **Monday, March 29, 2004, at 7:30 p.m.** for the purpose of discussing an Application to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources for a Grant for the development of **Council Point South**, which includes Lions Park, Kiwanis and Propspinner Parks. Notice for said hearing shall be by advertisement in the official City newspaper of record.

Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 04-127 Accept Resignation/Asst. City Attorney

By Mayor Brown, supported by the Full Council

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council accept the resignation of Assistant City Attorney David Zelenak, effective March 22, 2004 with regrets and congratulations on being appointed 25th District Court Judge.

Motion unanimously carried.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

ORAL REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

STEVEN M. BROWN, MAYOR

DONNA BREEDING, CITY CLERK