

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. John Peck of Bethel Assembly of God

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 04-91 Minutes

By Councilman Vaslo, supported by Councilman DiSanto

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held under the date of March 1, 2004 be approved as recorded.

Motion unanimously carried.

By Councilman Higgins, supported by Councilwoman Brady, that the minutes of the Public Hearing held 03-01-04 at 7 p.m. regarding proposed amendments to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan be approved as printed.

RESOLUTION 04-92 Reappointment/ME Retirement Comm.

By Councilman Vaslo, supported by Councilman Murphy

RESOLVED, that John DiFrancesco of 717 Farnham, Lincoln Park, be reappointed to the Municipal Employees Retirement Commission for a term to expire July 1, 2005.

Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 04-93 Open Bids/Brochures

By Councilman Murphy, supported by Councilman Higgins

RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be authorized to open bid proposals received marked "Brochures".

Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 04-94 Referral of above bids

By Councilman Higgins, supported by Councilman Murphy

RESOLVED, that the bids proposals received marked "Brochures" be referred to the Purchasing Agent, Director of Parks & Recreation and Controller for tabulation and recommendation.

Motion unanimously carried.

HELD resolution adopting Ordinance Amendment for Chapter 1456, Soil Erosion & Sedimentation

RESOLUTION 04-95 Accounts & Claims Payable

By Councilman DiSanto, supported by Council President Kandes

RESOLVED, that the Accounts & Claims Payable as presented by the Controller to the Mayor & Council be approved as follows:

Warrant Report: \$596,042.38

Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 04-96 Authorize Travel/Police Investigation

By Councilman Murphy, supported by Councilwoman Brady

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council authorize the travel of two Sergeants from the Lincoln Park Police Department Detective Bureau to conduct a follow up investigation. Funds to pay for this travel will come from the Narcotics Forfeiture Account – 101.000.370CU. Expense reports will be completed upon return from travel.

Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 04-97 Set Public Hearing/Devol. Plan & Finance Plan

By Council President Kandes, supported by Councilman Murphy

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing be scheduled for **8:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as regular City Council business will allow, on **March 29, 2004** at the Lincoln Park City Hall for purposes of taking public input on the proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Lincoln Park Downtown Development Authority.

Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 04-98 Non-Profit Status/LP Preservation Alliance

By Council President Kandes, supported by Councilman DiSanto

RESOLVED, that the LINCOLN PARK PRESERVATION ALLIANCE is hereby recognized as a local non profit corporation doing valuable work in the City of Lincoln Park as a historic preservation organization. All provisions of Local Ordinances to be timely observed.

Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 04-99 Participation/Res. Rehab Loan Program

By Councilman Vaslo, supported by Councilman DiSanto

RESOLVED, that the following citizen be approved for participation in the CDBG Residential Rehabilitation Program, for a loan not to exceed \$15,000.00.

#1176 DL Margaret Votry – 1385 Mill
Emergency Roof

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that William D. Hatley, Community Improvement Director is hereby authorized and directed to process this application in accordance with the Policy and Procedures Guidelines previously approved. Funds to come from 28th Program Year CDBG Budget Account Number 24928 720R.

Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 04-100 Remembrance of Holocaust

By Mayor Brown, supported by the Full Council

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. Jews were the primary victims – six million were murdered; Gypsies, the handicapped, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons. Millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny.

WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

WHEREAS, we the people of the City of Lincoln Park should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny, and

WHEREAS, we the people of the City of Lincoln Park should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the City of Lincoln Park to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980) the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, April 18 through Sunday, April 25, 2004, including the International Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 18;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Lincoln Park, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, April 18 through Sunday, April 25, 2004, as Days of Remembrance in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the City of Lincoln Park, should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 04-101 Oppose Expend. for Spec. Elec./Term Limits

By Mayor Brown, supported by the Full Council

WHEREAS, the State of Legislature is considering holding a special election to alter the state term limit laws that were voted for by the people; and

WHEREAS, this election will cost the communities of the State of Michigan approximately \$15 million at the same time that the State has cut revenue sharing payments to cities and cut education funding to our children's schools; and

WHEREAS, during the course of a year there are already regularly scheduled elections set for August and November which could have this proposal on it and not cost the communities any additional money; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lincoln Park Mayor and Council believe it would be financially irresponsible to foist an unfounded mandate upon the City which would cost Lincoln Park alone approximately \$17,000 while at the same time reducing our state shared revenue; and

WHEREAS, it may also violate the provisions of the Headlee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lincoln Park hereby goes on record to oppose holding a special election for the purpose of changing term limit laws or any other laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Jennifer Granholm, State Senator Raymond Basham and State Representative William O'Neil, and member communities of the Downriver Community Conference.

Motion unanimously carried.

HELD resolution to design retention basin repairs.

RESOLUTION 04-102 Purchase/Water Meters

By Councilwoman Brady, supported by Councilman DiSanto

RESOLVED, that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to purchase 100 ¾" water meters, at a cost of \$81.50 each, from SLC Meter Service, Inc., as they are the sole supplier of Neptune Water Meters in the State of Michigan.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the funds are to be drawn from Account Number 592-663-782, Installation of Meters, Materials.

Motion unanimously carried.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

ORAL REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

STEVEN M. BROWN, MAYOR

DONNA BREEDING, CITY CLERK

