

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Frank Vaslo presiding

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

INVOCATION by Reverend Mary Tame of First United Methodist Church

PRESENT: Councilpersons Mario DiSanto, Joseph Kaiser, Mark Kandes, Donald Majors, Suzanne Moreno and Thomas Murphy

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Steve Duchane, City Attorney Ed Zelenak and City Clerk Donna Breeding

Mayor's remarks

RESOLUTION 2011-235 Minutes/Regular Meeting

By Councilman DiSanto, supported by Councilman Kandes

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held under the date of September 6, 2011 be approved as recorded.

Motion carried.

ABSTAINED: Council President Kaiser

RESOLUTION 2011-236 Minutes/Special Meeting

By Councilman DiSanto, supported by Councilman Kandes

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Special Meeting held under the date of September 23, 2011 be approved as recorded.

Motion carried.

ABSTAINED: Councilpersons Moreno & Murphy

Litigation: Summons & Complaints filed in the matter of Zezula vs. City of Lincoln Park and Tweed vs. City of Lincoln Park

PRESENTATION of the Pride in Property Award to Magina Books, 2311 Fort St., by the Community Improvement Commission

PROCLAIM the month of October to be "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month".

RESOLUTION 2011-237 Award Bid/536 Farnham Renovation

By Council President Kaiser, supported by Councilman Kandes

RESOLVED, that George H. Pastor & Sons, Inc. be awarded the bid for 536 Farnham Renovations in the amount of \$33,057.00 with a 15% contingency fee being added for a total cost not to exceed \$38,015.55 as they are the lowest bid that meets all qualifications. Funds to come from account #24934-721HIP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Don Cook, CDBG Director, is authorized to sign all necessary documents.

Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-238 Award Bid/Riopelle Lift Station

By Councilman DiSanto, supported by Councilman Murphy

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2011 the Mayor and Council opened and referred bids for Riopelle Lift Station Retrofit; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid for the Riopelle Lift Station Retrofit be awarded to Lawrence M. Clarke, Inc. for a cost of \$73,615.00, plus a 10% contingency, for a total not-to-exceed cost of \$ 80,976.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds be taken from Account # 592-527-983 "Sewer Capital"

Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-239 Open Bids/LP Pride Program

By Councilman Murphy, supported by Councilman DiSanto

RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be authorized to open bid proposals received and marked "Lincoln Park Pride Program"

Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-240 Refer Bids/LP Pride Program

By Councilman DiSanto, supported by Councilman Murphy
RESOLVED, that the bid proposals received marked "Lincoln Park Pride" be referred to the Director of Public Services, Finance Director and Chief of Police for tabulation and recommendation.

Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-241 Accounts & Claims Payable

By Councilman DiSanto, supported by Council President Kaiser
RESOLVED, that the Accounts & Claims Payable as presented by the Finance Director to the Mayor & Council be approved as follows:

Warrant Report: \$1,372,782.69

Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-242 Accept Resignation/City Manager

By Mayor Vaslo, supported by the Full Council
WHEREAS, City Manager Steve Duchane has announced his resignation from the City of Lincoln Park effective October 14, 2011; and
WHEREAS, during his seven years of faithful and dedicated service, he has achieved great success as the City of Lincoln Park's first City Manager; and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lincoln Park expresses its appreciation to Steve Duchane for his years of service and contributions to this community; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Lincoln Park extends to Steve its best wishes for many years of success in his future endeavors.

Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-243 Advertise/City Manager Position

By Councilman DiSanto, supported by Councilman Kandes
BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the utilization of the executive recruitment services of the Michigan Municipal League to advertise, recruit and present qualified candidates to the City Council for final consideration for the position of City Manager, fees not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Motion carried.

NO: Councilman Murphy

RESOLUTION 2011-244 Mutual Aid Agreement

By Mayor Vaslo, supported by the Full Council
WHEREAS, the City of Lincoln Park is a member of the Downriver Mutual Aid and desires to collaborate with other members of the Downriver Mutual Aid in the cooperation of its Police and Fire Services' personnel and equipment during times of emergency on a reciprocity basis; and
WHEREAS, the Downriver Mutual Aid has facilitated the modification of the existing Downriver Mutual Aid (DMA) Police and Fire Services Agreement to accomplish such reciprocal cooperation regarding personnel and equipment; and
WHEREAS, the Downriver Mutual Aid Board of Directors recommends approval of said Agreement;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the revised Downriver Mutual Aid (DMA) Police and Fire Services Agreement is hereby approved as presented, and that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute said Agreement; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Clerk is directed to transmit the said executed Agreement and a certified copy of this Resolution to the Executive Director of the Downriver Community Conference.

Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-245 Personal Property Tax Legislation

By Mayor Vaslo, supported by the Full Council
WHEREAS, the City of Lincoln Park has experienced a significant decline in property tax values, which has caused unprecedented fiscal constraints; and
WHEREAS, this decline has resulted in a reduction of \$2.8 million in property tax revenue in the last 3 years; and
WHEREAS, at the same time Lincoln Park has confronted consistent reductions in State Shared Revenue, as part of the \$4 Billion in cuts to State Shared Revenue state-wide; and
WHEREAS, due to this unrelenting fiscal pressure, Lincoln Park has been compelled to reduce the level of municipal services historically provided to the residents, businesses and schools in our community; and
WHEREAS, these municipal services protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens, and are an essential component of building a strong local economy and maintaining a vibrant community; and

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WHEREAS, it is proposed by some that the Michigan Personal Property Tax be erased; and
 WHEREAS, an additional loss of municipal revenue will compound and exacerbate the financial hardship this community—its residents and its businesses—are currently experiencing; and
 WHEREAS, the Personal Property Tax is relied upon by Michigan’s local governments, comprising about 11% of their taxable value state-wide, and as much as 50% of the taxable value in some communities; and
 WHEREAS, the importance of the Personal Property Tax to local communities is underscored by the fact that it is a particularly stable source of needed revenue, facilitating efficient management by Lincoln Park’s elected and appointed local officials; and
 WHEREAS, the elimination of the Personal Property Tax would result in another \$1.2 billion loss to local governments state-wide, and would result in a loss of \$772,087, every year, to Lincoln Park; and
 WHEREAS, even further cuts in vital local services would be unprecedented, unwarranted and destructive to the fabric of our community;
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lincoln Park urges the Legislature and the Governor to specifically condition any change, in the Michigan Personal Property Tax that would result in a reduction in revenue from this tax to local governments, to a full—not partial—amount of replacement revenue; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Lincoln Park urges the Legislature and the Governor condition any reduction, in revenue to local units of government from the Michigan Personal Property Tax, to the passage of an amendment of the Michigan Constitution to protect the full amount of replacement revenue; and
 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that on behalf of our citizens, businesses and schools, and in recognition of the vital importance substantial and stable revenue derived from Michigan’s Personal Property Tax will have on our future economic success, the City of Lincoln Park urges the Legislature and the Governor to Replace, not Erase, the Michigan Personal Property Tax.
 Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-246 MML Election/Board of Directors

By Councilman Murphy, supported by Councilman Kandes
 RESOLVED, that the City Manager be authorized to vote for the two incumbent Directors who are seeking re-election for the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool Board of Directors for the three-year term beginning January 1, 2012.
 Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-247 Participation/Residential Rehab Program

By Councilman Murphy, supported by Councilwoman Moreno
 RESOLVED, that the following citizens be approved for participation in the CDBG Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program and/or the Wayne County HOME Rehab Loan Program, for a loan not to exceed \$20,000.00.

- #1336DL Jacqueline Chicoski – 1539 Merrill
 Roof, siding, driveway
- #1337LI Louis Kanan – 1809 Moran
 LBP, driveway and other misc concrete, insulation
- #1338DL Delphine Boc – 4095 Brouseville
 Roof, LBP, windows
- #1339LI Aaron Cain – 511 Lincoln
 New roof on house and garage

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, Donald T. Cook, Director of Community Planning & Development is hereby authorized and directed to process these applications in accordance with the Policy and Procedures Guidelines previously approved.
 Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-248 “2011” Road Repair Program

By Councilwoman Moreno, supported by Council President Kaiser
 BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and City Council hereby authorize Highway Maintenance & Construction to perform the 2011 Road Repair Program for a total cost not-to-exceed \$200,000.00 for the various locations, as submitted. (Inserted in minute book)
 FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council authorize the funds to be taken from Account 202-464-818 and 203-464-818
 Motion carried.
 NO: Councilman Murphy

