

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF  
EASTPOINTE, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HELD ON TUESDAY,  
MARCH 20, 2007, IN THE CITY HALL**

Invocation was rendered by Chief Michael Lauretti.

Pledge allegiance to the flag was presented.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Austin with the following Council Members present:

Klinefelt, Selvidge and Sweeney

Absent: Pixley

Administrators present: Hribar, Mancani and Parks

Mayor Austin announced the first Hearing of the Public, at which time:

Linda Smith discussed the landscape awards from 2006 and showed the Council the new plaques that they presented to the individuals.

Jim Collins discussed the referendum petition; discussed the language of the petition; discussed that it will not cost \$3 million to renovate City Hall; discussed his estimated cost for renovation of City Hall and discussed paying for it out of the general fund and not taking out bonds.

Ken Brown discussed a fact finding with the school would not cost the City; commented that he is interested in the answers to the questions of the last Council meeting and suggested having them online; suggested having code enforcement officers walking or on bikes; discussed the petition drive and that the voter list is not up to date; asked for clarification on the Hexagram service agreement; discussed that the complete City needs a renovation and that there is no definition of style; asked about the ADA compliance issues at the Court and discussed the Gratiot Cruise and the costs to the City.

John Sage discussed that there is an eligibility list being created for firefighters; discussed the water rate increase from the City of Detroit; discussed that the schools have to start paying for some of the services the City does for them; asked why hasn't the Fire Department or OSHA done something about the City Hall building and discussed that the bleachers at Memorial Field are not safe.

Bruce Tegtmeyer discussed that Sweeney expressed personal opinions about the hearings of the public and discussed that it is his opinion that the hearings of the public remain the same.

Laurie Brown discussed the referendum petition.

Amanda Gauthier discussed her property taxes and that her house is over assessed.

Jeff Lubeck discussed the minutes from the goal setting session; discussed the visioning sessions of the DDA; discussed the ideas from the DDA visioning sessions and complimented the Council and Mr. Parks for getting the people together to get a vision.

There being no further comment, Mayor Austin announced the Hearing of the Public closed.

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Selvidge, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on February 15, 2007, as written.

Yeas: Sweeney, Selvidge, Klinefelt and Austin  
Nays: None

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Selvidge, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 6, 2007, as written.

Yeas: Sweeney, Selvidge, Klinefelt and Austin  
Nays: None

Mayor Austin announced that there were no scheduled hearings.

Mayor Austin announced unfinished business.

Motion by Klinefelt, seconded by Selvidge, approving the request from Pastor Kevin W. Lancaster to conduct a "Praise in the Park" festival at Kennedy Park on July 7 and 8, 2007 contingent upon the City of Eastpointe being named as an additional insured on the general liability policy of Love Life Family Christian Center participating in the event in the amount of \$3,000,000 and the deadline for that will be seven days prior to the event.

Yeas: Klinefelt, Selvidge, Sweeney and Austin  
Nays: None

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 983 to amend Chapter 1492 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eastpointe to add new sections regarding removal of personal property from a dwelling unit or principal building.

Yeas: Selvidge, Sweeney, Klinefelt and Austin  
Nays: None

City Manager, Finance Director and City Attorney gave their respective reports from administration.

City Manager Parks asked Council if they had any questions regarding his Manager's report; clarified that there may have been 2,500 signatures on the petition sheets but there were problems with some of the petitions that precluded them from being certified – there were problems with signatures themselves, there were problems with the dates people put on the petitions, some of the people were not registered voters in the City of Eastpointe, problems with the petition forms themselves, some petition forms were not signed by the circulator, the petition attestation clause was incorrect on all petitions, approximately 122 of the petition sheets were notarized by someone who was not authorized under law to notarize them and discussed the Court ADA issues.

Councilwoman Klinefelt asked about the trash in front of one house on Shakespeare last week and asked the City Manager to find out what the deal is with that house; discussed the petition referendum and discussed the replacement of the bleachers. Mr. Parks commented that City Council had nothing to do with the certification of the petitions and commented that \$225,000 has been allocated for the bleachers and Administration is moving forward on that project.

Councilman Selvidge asked Mr. Parks to explain why he obtained outside Council to advise Administration on the petition. Mr. Parks responded that he obtained outside Council for an opinion on petition form and language. Councilman Selvidge discussed the dangerous buildings hearings.

Finance Director Mancani updated Council on the progress of the new water billing system; discussed the collection process on tax bills and discussed asking other treasurers what their policy is for collection of taxes and will bring that to Council.

Councilman Klinefelt discussed that there would need to be a change to the Charter to give the Finance Department the latitude to work with the residents on tax bill collection.

Mayor Austin discussed allowing Ms. Mancani to come back to Council with her suggestions.

Mr. Hribar discussed that there are four dangerous buildings hearings on March 27 at 9:00 a.m. and requested that Council schedule a Show Cause Hearing for 16410 Stephens on April 17, 2007 at 6:45 p.m.

Councilman Sweeney asked about houses being boarded up with just plain plywood and commented that the boards need to be painted white or something. Mr. Hribar responded that he would need to look up the Ordinance to check on this and report back to Council.

Mayor Austin announced new business.

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to authorize Administration to proceed to have architectural plans and specifications prepared and to solicit competitive sealed bids for modifications to the Community Center entrance ramp to meet current ADA standards.

Yeas: Selvidge, Sweeney, Klinefelt and Austin  
Nays: None

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to award the bid for the 2007 water main replacement program to Troelsen Excavating in the amount of \$1,019,829.00.

Yeas: Selvidge, Sweeney, Klinefelt and Austin  
Nays: None

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to table authorization for Administration to execute a service agreement with Hexagram for maintenance of the Star Meter Reading System at an annual cost of \$11,300.

Yeas: Selvidge, Sweeney, Klinefelt and Austin  
Nays: None

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to authorize Administration to purchase the 800 MHz radio equipment from Motorola Inc. in the total amount of \$65,640.

Yeas: Selvidge, Sweeney, Klinefelt and Austin  
Nays: None

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Selvidge, to authorize Administration to submit a grant application for the redevelopment of the Roller Hockey Rink at Kennedy Park.

Yeas: Sweeney, Selvidge, Klinefelt and Austin  
Nays: None

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Selvidge, to adopt Resolution No. 1555 – Decertify from the City of Eastpointe, Macomb County, Michigan, Act 51 Street System, Rosalind Avenue from Juliana Avenue to dead end; Resolution No. 1556 – Decertify from the City of Eastpointe, Macomb County, Michigan, Act 51 Street System, Emile Avenue from Sprenger Avenue to Collinson Avenue; Resolution No. 1557 – Decertify from the City of Eastpointe, Macomb County, Michigan, Act 51 Street System, Rene Avenue from Gratiot Avenue to Melrose Avenue.

Yeas: Sweeney, Selvidge, Klinefelt and Austin  
Nays: None

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Klinefelt, to adopt Resolution No. 1558 which clarifies the City of Eastpointe's interpretation and position regarding implementation of the new State video service franchise law and designates the City officials to whom correspondence and notices for franchises shall be sent.

Yeas: Selvidge, Klinefelt, Sweeney and Austin  
Nays: None

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to table adoption of Resolution No. 1559 regarding harmony among the trades persons and laborers.

Yeas: Selvidge, Sweeney, Klinefelt and Austin  
Nays: None

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to table adoption of Resolution No. 1560 establishing the City Council's 2007-08 goals.

Yeas: Selvidge, Sweeney, Klinefelt and Austin  
Nays: None

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to authorize Administration to request a proposal for a water and sewer rate analysis.

Yeas: Selvidge, Sweeney, Klinefelt and Austin  
Nays: None

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to receive and file the City Clerk's certification of the results of the review of the referendum petition.

Yeas: Selvidge, Sweeney, Klinefelt and Austin  
Nays: None

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, for introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 984 to amend Sections 1890.04 and 1890.05 in regard to weed control and refuse storage.

Yeas: Selvidge, Sweeney, Klinefelt and Austin  
Nays: None

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to table introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 985 to add new Section 1622 of the Fire Prevention Code in regard to key lock boxes for commercial and governmental structures.

Yeas: Selvidge, Sweeney, Klinefelt and Austin  
Nays: None

Council scheduled the City Attorney's performance evaluation for May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.; the City Manager's performance evaluation for April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and the Finance Director's performance evaluation for April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, approving the following payroll and bills in the amount of \$1,109,765.96.

Yeas Selvidge, Sweeney, Klinefelt and Austin

Nays: None

Mayor Austin announced the second Hearing of the Public at which time:

Jim Collins congratulated his granddaughter on the award she received for a poem she wrote; apologized to Mr. Parks and his staff because he didn't mean any derogatory remarks about them and discussed that regardless of what the certification of the petitions was there are 2,500 signatures and Council should take a look at it.

John Sage discussed the roller hockey rink; discussed some sort of a skateboard area and discussed the new water main replacement program.

Ken Brown discussed Ordinance No. 983; discussed Ordinance No. 984; discussed building certifications for the City; discussed festivals in the parks for non-City events; discussed changing the first hearing of the public; discussed a little bit more of the removal of the blight on a weekly basis; thanked all the people for their support and hard work on the referendum petitions; discussed resident involvement in Council meetings and City events; discussed the bleachers at Memorial Field and asked Council to try to reduce the cost and discussed cutting costs on the new City Hall by having a smaller basement or changing the building layout.

Jim Carpenter asked where the DDA gets its funding; discussed the monthly water bill; discussed the surcharge on the water bills; asked what streets are being affected on the water main project and commented that he disagreed with the new City Hall.

There being no further comment, Mayor Austin announced the Hearing of the Public closed.

Mayor Austin announced Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilwoman Klinefelt responded to Mr. Carpenter regarding DDA funding is captured by the taxes paid in that area and discussed that \$3.8 million to build a new City Hall is relatively conservative.

Councilman Selvidge announced that on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in East Detroit High School's auditorium Kelly Middle School will present "This is My Song" by the choir; thanked Mr. Parks on the design of the new website; discussed cleaning up the streets once spring is here; responded to Mr. Carpenter regarding the streets where the sewers are being worked on; responded to Mr. Brown regarding Ordinance No. 984; discussed building certifications and discussed the on-going process to hire firefighters.

Councilman Sweeney responded to Mr. Sage regarding his support of the roller hockey rink; responded to Mr. Brown regarding his suggestions on code enforcement officers; responded to Mr. Brown regarding the Gratiot Cruise costs; discussed building certifications; responded to Mr. Collins regarding dollar figures for renovations; discussed the new City Hall is to rejuvenate the City; responded to Mr. Brown regarding the slanted roof and responded to Mr. Tegtmeyer regarding that his comments are always professional.

Mayor Austin responded to Mr. Collins regarding the City Hall renovations for \$1.1 million – there are no fire suppression systems, there is no security and if you do these things you need to abate the asbestos; commented that Council will stand behind building a new City Hall; responded to Mr. Carpenter regarding raiding the CIP funds; discussed a letter from Road Commissioners regarding TIP program for 2009 for Ten Mile Road; announced that tomorrow night is Macomb County Mayors quarterly meeting to discuss joint use issues and commented that Thursday morning he will meet with Congressman Levin to discuss options for the East Detroit post office.

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Selvidge, to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Yeas: Sweeney, Selvidge, Klinefelt and Austin

Nays: None