

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF  
EASTPOINTE, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HELD ON TUESDAY,  
APRIL 3, 2007, IN THE CITY HALL**

Invocation was rendered by City Attorney Hribar.

Pledge allegiance to the flag was presented.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Austin with the following Council Members present:

Klinefelt, Pixley, Selvidge and Sweeney

Administrators present: Hribar, Mancani and Parks

Mayor Austin removed from the Agenda Item V. A. Adoption of Resolution No. 1559 from Unfinished Business and Item VII. A. Commission Appointments – Parks & Recreation Commission from New Business.

Mayor Austin presented a Proclamation for the Macomb Proposal to expand Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine satellite campus to Macomb County.

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

Jean Bodenstedt thanked Council for all the hours they work and read a statement regarding Resolution No. 1559.

Mike McGillen discussed pavement removed from the street and placed on his property and never removed and asked the Council to do whatever necessary to get the pavement removed.

John Sage discussed a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court regarding school athletic programs.

Bruce Tegtmeier discussed the State's budget deficit; discussed the school district sharing in the cost of usage of City services and discussed the school district's general fund balance.

Dennis Sudney discussed that the City is from Eight Mile to Ten Mile and Beaconsfield to Hayes; discussed neglect of the south end of the City; discussed the building of a new City Hall; discussed KoolZone putting appliances on the sidewalk; discussed Auto Care; asked why someone has to make a complaint against a merchant to get something done; discussed that we have no City identity and discussed the need to get everyone working together and have a perception.

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 January 30, 2007, as written.

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

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Selvidge, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on March 20, 2007, as written.

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

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Selvidge, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 20, 2007, as written.

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

Mayor Austin announced that there were no scheduled hearings.

Mayor Austin announced unfinished business.

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Klinefelt, to adopt Resolution No. 1560 establishing the City Council's 2007-08 goals.

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

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

Yeas: Selvidge, Pixley, Klinefelt and Austin  
Nays: Sweeney

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, for 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, Pixley 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; noted that Council has received the Elected Officers Compensation Commission salary determination and discussed e-mails regarding rodent abatement before demolition of structures.

Councilman Sweeney commented on the City Manager's efforts on the website. Councilman Sweeney asked Mr. Parks to speak to code enforcement about picking up auction signs. Councilwoman Klinefelt asked if the owner of the company can be ticketed for the signs. Mr. Hribar replied that they could be ticketed. Councilwoman Klinefelt commented that she would like to see more tickets for people who are littering. Councilwoman Pixley complimented Mr. Parks for getting DPW out to clean up the litter between Eight Mile Road and Nine Mile Road in the median on Gratiot.

Finance Director Mancani informed Council that Finance has issued the first set of new water bills and are moving forward with the new software and billing.

Councilwoman Klinefelt asked if the monthly water billing is starting now. Ms. Mancani responded that they are not ready for that yet. Councilwoman Klinefelt asked how the penalty is affected when the water bills becomes a monthly bill. Mr. Mancani will check into it and respond to Councilwoman Klinefelt. Councilman Selvidge asked if the maintenance would only be charged once. Ms. Mancani responded that the maintenance charge will be divided by three and added to each bill. Councilwoman Pixley asked Ms. Mancani if she could do this work with the staff she has. Ms. Mancani commented that there will need to be some changes.

City Attorney Hribar had nothing to report.

Mayor Austin announced new business.

Council scheduled budget work sessions at the Library for the following dates and times: Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00, Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Klinefelt, seconded by Sweeney, to approve the City of Eastpointe new City Hall Floor Plan dated March 29, 2007, the Eastpointe City Hall Site Plan dated March 29, 2007, and the City of Eastpointe New City Hall Screen Wall Plan.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to waive competitive bidding requirements and authorize City Administration to obtain a minimum of three informal competitive quotes to provide demolition services for the dangerous structures located at 17090 Lincoln.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, approving the following payroll and bills in the amount of \$1,871,532.30.

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

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

Dennis Sudney commented on the signs around the City and that they are getting out of hand; suggested hiring a couple of retirees for weekends and let them pick up the signs; discussed the site plan for the City Hall and asked Council why we need security in the new City Hall.

John Sage responded to Mr. Sudney's comments about the south end of the City; discussed the litter in the Gratiot median at the south end of the City and discussed that the residents on Eight Mile Road from the Community Center to Gratiot do not clean up trash on their fences.

Brian Sass discussed an accident on Eight Mile Road and that the mess hasn't been cleaned up and discussed that approximately twenty-seven days ago had an issue come up and contacted three people on the Council and only Councilwoman Klinefelt responded and thanked her.

Walt Jakubiek commented that on Nine Mile Road where businesses have parking in front of their buildings they have concrete curbs and sometimes the curbs are across the sidewalk and they need to be put back in place before someone gets hurt.

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

Mayor Austin announced Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilwoman Pixley discussed that she was at the MML Legislative Conference two weeks ago; discussed creating the north coast to effect change to bring business back into the states; announced a car show at East Brooke Commons called "Wheelin' Women" on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; responded to Mr. Sudney regarding businesses on Gratiot and if there are problems it is the Building Department's job to check it out; announced the Bean Brothers' store will be demolished next week and they are selling the property; announced that Bean Brothers moved their office to Kelly Road next to Burke's; commented that there are two new business on Gratiot; announced that Subway on Nine Mile Road is going to have a drive thru; announced that the veteran's discussion group will be meeting at the Library and a SMART bus is taking them to Macomb Community College for a World War II exhibit; discussed that the Eight Mile Boulevard Association hired a code enforcer and discussed that Eight Mile Road is a County road and the County is responsible for doing work along that road.

Councilwoman Klinefelt responded to Mr. Tegtmeyer regarding legislation about a school district not having more than a 15% fund balance; discussed that Council has given no go ahead to neglect the south end of the City; discussed revitalization of the City; discussed that residents shouldn't be able to just stop in at the City Manager's or Finance Director's office regardless of their schedule; discussed that she has had problems with her e-mail; thanked individuals for their e-mails; thanked Hannah for the blanket she croqueted for her son and thanked the Eastpointe seniors for the card they sent.

Councilman Sweeney responded to Mr. McGillen's concerns and asked Mr. Parks to reemphasize that when work needs to be done debris is to be cleaned up; discussed Eight Mile Road and that it seems like a lot of the debris is being caught up in fences and bushes; discussed giving the homeowners a variance to put up a solid fence so the debris won't get caught up; responded to Mr. Sudney regarding looking like the inner City of Detroit; discussed the new City Hall and discussed that you need to make an appointment to see someone at City Hall – called professionalism; discussed that there is nothing wrong with having a secured place of business where you work; discussed he is having problems with his voice mail; discussed that he respects Councilwoman Klinefelt; discussed that Council's personal lives are theirs to handle and wished everyone a very Happy Easter.

Councilman Selvidge announced that the City is looking for commission members for all commissions; offered condolences to the Wysocki family; announced the dental program that the County has now that you can participate in; discussed putting a bounty on the unauthorized signs; announced two \$500 scholarships for the children of Eastpointe through Community Credit Union for writing a paper why Credit Unions are better than banks; discussed accessibility to departments in the new City Hall; responded to Mr. Jakubiek about violations and responded to Mr. Sudney regarding KoolZone and Auto Care.

Mayor Austin responded to Mr. Sudney that building a City Hall is part of the process for revitalization; discussed south Gratiot improvements; discussed security of the City Hall and that it will be user friendly; commented that he doesn't answer every e-mail that he receives; apologized to Councilwoman Klinefelt if he ever crossed the line; discussed that Council works together; discussed revenue sharing and joint services with other communities; recommended that residents call Lansing or representatives and ask why local government is always made out to be the bad guys and wished everyone Happy Easter.

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

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

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DARWIN D. PARKS  
CITY CLERK

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DAVID AUSTIN  
MAYOR