

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF
EASTPOINTE, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HELD ON TUESDAY,
AUGUST 14, 2007, IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Invocation was rendered by Dan Zander.

Pledge allegiance to the flag was presented.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mayor Austin with the following Council Members present:

Klinefelt, Pixley, Selvidge and Sweeney

Administrators present: Hribar, Parks and Mancani

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

Jim Collins thanked residents for their support; discussed his health and discussed what Council should do for the residents not what the residents can do for the City.

Steven Releford thanked the Council for giving him the time and consideration to see if he could pull off the rehabilitation of the house on Beaconsfield.

John Sage discussed a sidewalk complaint to the Building Department; discussed twenty squares of the sidewalk by Pleasantville School needing to be repaired and that if the school doesn't fix it the City should step up and fix it and discussed fire runs in the City.

Phil Guastella discussed his opposition with the dog park proposal at Spindler Park.

Jeff Goergen discussed safety in the City; discussed a neighborhood watch program; discussed a Community Officer starting at the Police Station in January and discussed enforcement of the curfew.

Mike Vanoost discussed precinct nos. 11 and 12 needing a rotating fan in the gymnasium and discussed that the letters on a stop sign are ten inches with regard to new signs on Kelly Road.

Ken Brown discussed illegal signs around the City; discussed his opposition to the dog park proposal; discussed the Administrative Rules and Regulations; discussed handbills being delivered; discussed the "no parking" signs on Kelly Road and discussed the Beaconsfield house on the agenda for demolition.

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

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Selvidge, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on July 16, 2007, as written.

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

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Selvidge, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 17, 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 July 24, 2007, as written.

Yeas: Sweeney, Selvidge, Klinefelt, Pixley and Austin

Nays: None

Mayor Austin announced that there were no scheduled hearings.

Mayor Austin announced that there was no unfinished business.

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

City Manager Parks told Council that they had received his August 11th Manager's Report.

Assistant City Manager Altimus discussed the status of capital improvement projects: the gymnasium floor is completed, still waiting for the railing for the ramp at the Community Center to be delivered, construction on the bleachers at Memorial Field will begin on Thursday, fascia at the Library is going up on the back side and should be completed in two weeks; currently out to bid for Library windows and looking at the boiler for the Fire Department.

Mayor Austin asked what Plan B is if the bleachers aren't completed for the first game. Mr. Altimus responded that temporary bleachers will be out there if necessary.

Steve Horstman gave his economic development report.

Councilman Sweeney asked what the sunflowers by the bus stops are. Mr. Horstman explained that they are bike racks that were put in by the DDA.

Mayor Austin asked if Mr. Parks would like to make a comment about the illegal signs. Mr. Parks stated that the City is addressing the illegal sign issue and the Code Enforcement individuals are trying to keep up with the illegal signs. Councilman Sweeney asked can we allow someone a variance to put a sign up on Saturday for the auction or sale of a house. Mayor Austin explained that you can't put them on City property. Councilwoman Klinefelt discussed that most people driving aren't looking at signs regarding the sale or auction of a house. Councilman Selvidge discussed auction signs in the Gratiot median. Mayor Austin stated that when you pull a permit for a garage sale they are given the rules to follow.

Councilman Selvidge asked for an update on the contract negotiations with the police and Councilwoman Pixley asked for an update on the road construction going on and the joint agreement between the school and the City.

Finance Director Mancani reminded residents that tax payments are due by September 1st and right on schedule on the bond issue for next Tuesday. Councilman Selvidge asked for local and major street funds and schedule.

City Attorney Hribar discussed the rezoning of the former K-Mart property and a public hearing has been scheduled for the first meeting in September by the Planning Commission.

Councilwoman Klinefelt expressed that the Planning Commission is ready to move forward with this and hopes that Council will approve it.

Mayor Austin announced new business.

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Selvidge, to approve the request from the Eastpointe Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct its 16th Annual "Deck the Halls" Auction and that they comply with all requirements for auctions as set forth in Chapter 806 of the City of Eastpointe Code of Ordinances.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Klinefelt, to direct the City Attorney to prepare a proposed amendment to Section 806.10 of the City of Eastpointe Code of Ordinances to extend the hours of operation for auctions from the current 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. for consideration by the City Council at its September 4, 2007, regular meeting.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Pixley, to approve the 2007-08 Metro Detroit's Sites of Promise Agreement and Collaboration between the City of Eastpointe and United Way for Southeastern Michigan and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents related to the program.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to award of the bid for the demolition of the residential structure located at 20911 Beaconsfield Avenue to Universal Consolidated Enterprises, Inc., of Roseville, Michigan, in the amount of \$5,827.00 to be charged to FY2007-08 budget account no. 101-200-937-299 General Fund – Unallocated – Miscellaneous Special and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents related to this bid award.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to amend the FY2007-08 budget to increase account no. 101-299-937-299 General Fund – Unallocated – Miscellaneous Special by \$827.00 from \$5,000.00 to \$5,827.00.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Sweeney, to approve a one-year contract extension with Active Tree Experts, Inc., for tree trimming and removal services for the period of July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008, and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents related to the contract extension.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Klinefelt, to approve the City Attorney's Contract.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Pixley, to approve the Finance Director's Contract.

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

Motion by Klinefelt, seconded by Sweeney, to table approval of the City Manager's contract.

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

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Pixley, approving the following payroll and bills in the amount of \$1,666,204.73.

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

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

John Sage discussed the illegal signs; discussed the building going on in the community and discussed blight.

Rick Lucido discussed his opposition to the dog park proposal.

Mike Vanoost thanked Councilman Selvidge for getting Nine Mile Road resurfaced; discussed the new water main on Teppert; discussed the high water bill of a lady in the City; asked who would he talk to about a problem he is having in his section of the block and Mayor Austin told him to talk with Mr. Parks.

Ken Brown discussed a dumpster on Raven for six months between Toepfer and Veronica; liked the idea about Councilman Sweeney's thoughts on signage; discussed that new residents aren't aware of City codes; discussed the median signs on Gratiot and Kelly and wanted to know if we could put up a sign in the holders when they are empty; thanked Randy Altimus for the update on capital improvements and Steve Horstman for the update on economic developments and thanked the Mayor and Council for their decision to demolish the house on Beaconsfield.

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

Mayor Austin announced Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilman Sweeney discussed the dog park issue; discussed the sidewalks at Pleasantview and asked who is responsible for them; responded to Mr. Goergen regarding the Community Officer and responded to Mr. Collins regarding code enforcement.

Councilwoman Pixley invited the residents to the groundbreaking at the City Hall on August 21st at 6:00 p.m.; discussed that the Veteran's Memorial on the corner of City Hall will stay where it is; discussed that the bike rack at City Hall was stolen; discussed the dog park issue; responded to Ken Brown regarding the empty median signs and discussed the demolition of the Beaconsfield property.

Councilwoman Klinefelt thanked Mr. Vanoost for information on the size of the sign lettering; discussed the dog park issue; asked Mr. Parks if he had done any research regarding property ownership brought up by Mr. Sage and discussed the Administrative Rules and Regulations.

Councilman Selvidge responded to Mr. Brown regarding the median signs and discussed getting an electronic sign in the median; thanked Mr. Vanoost for his kudos tonight; discussed that he contacted Senator Levin to get Nine Mile Road resurfaced; discussed the road issues on Teppert and Roxana; asked to discuss the water meter fines and penalties on the next agenda; commented on the one year contracts that were renewed and the need to change these to three year contracts and discussed illegal signs.

Mayor Austin commented that he is opposed to the dog park; discussed illegal signs and blight; discussed that the residents and City need to work together on blight; discussed the primary election and how low the turnout was (7.5%); discussed the need to look at eliminating primary elections; invited everyone to the groundbreaking of the new City Hall next Tuesday, August 21st and that refreshments will be served immediately following.

Motion by Selvidge, seconded by Pixley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

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

DARWIN D. PARKS
CITY CLERK

DAVID AUSTIN
MAYOR