

# City Council

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 16, 2015  
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers



1. **Call to Order by Mayor Burr at 7:02 p.m.**
2. **Invocation – Moment of Silence**
3. **Proclamation for National Hospice Month**
4. **Roll Call**

Present: Arnold, Fitzgibbon, Gruber, Klavins, Kozlik Wall, Patterson, Burr  
Absent: None

5. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Patterson, seconded by Klavins, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 8A, Council will be asked to consider approval of Resolution 2015-46, a resolution to impose a limited moratorium on the issuance of permits for the construction of large residential dwellings.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

6. **Consent Agenda: Items A thru F (Roll Call Vote Required)**

Moved by Fitzgibbon, seconded by Kozlik Wall, to approve the consent agenda.

- A. Council will be requested to approve the City Council Minutes for November 2, 2015.
- B. Council will be asked to approve invoices totaling \$966,620.50 for the period ending November 15, 2015 to be approved and forwarded to the Clerk and Treasurer for payment.
- C. Council will be asked to approve the purchase of a Kubota B2650 tractor and accessories from Bronsink & Bos Equipment of Mattawan, Michigan in the amount of \$33,095.00.
- D. Council will be asked to approve the purchase of a Toro TRX-26 trencher and accessories from Weingartz of Cedar Springs, Michigan in the amount of \$15,761.60.
- E. Council will be asked to review Contract Modifications #1 and #2 and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract modifications.
- F. Council will be asked to approve the following minutes:
  - 1) August 26, 2015 South Haven Housing Commission (SHHC) minutes;
  - 2) September 23, 2015 South Haven Housing Commission (SHHC) minutes;
  - 3) October 1, 2015 Planning Commission minutes;
  - 4) October 12, 2015 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) minutes; and

5) October 12, 2015 Local Development Finance Authority (LFDA) minutes.

A Roll Call Vote was taken:

Yeas: Arnold, Fitzgibbon, Gruber, Klavins, Kozlik Wall, Patterson, and Burr

Nays: None.

Motion Carried

## NEW BUSINESS

**6. Council will be addressed by Van Buren County Prosecutor Michael J. Bedford to give an update and introduce the K-9 Victim Advocate dog, Tehya.**

Michael Bedford, Van Buren County Prosecutor, addressed the Council regarding prosecutorial matters and introduced the K-9 Victim Advocate dog, Tehya.

**7. Council will be asked to approve the following Special Events:**

**a. Special Event Application 2015-33, National Blueberry Festival 2016, to be held on August 11, 2016 through August 14, 2016 at Riverfront Park with other events held in various areas of the city.**

Rosalie Plechaty addressed the Council regarding the National Blueberry Festival 2016 and provided updates about next year's festival.

Moved by Patterson, seconded by Kozlik Wall, to approve Special Event Application 2015-33, National Blueberry Festival 2016, to be held on August 11, 2016 through August 14, 2016 at Riverfront Park with other events held in various areas of the city.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

**b. Special Event 2015-34, Paws on Parade Furry 5k, to be held Sunday, June 26, 2016 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Riverfront Park.**

Moved by Fitzgibbon, seconded by Patterson, to approve Special Event 2015-34, Paws on Parade Furry 5k, to be held Sunday, June 26, 2016 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Riverfront Park.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

**8. Council will be asked consider setting a public hearing for consideration of a 425 agreement with South Haven Charter Township, impacting property located at 09220 S. 76<sup>th</sup> Street, South Haven, Michigan.**

Moved by Fitzgibbon, seconded by Klavins, to set a public hearing for consideration of a 425 agreement with South Haven Charter Township, impacting property located at 09220 S. 76<sup>th</sup> Street, South Haven, Michigan.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

- a. Council will be asked to consider approval of Resolution 2015-46, a resolution to impose a limited moratorium on the issuance of permits for the construction of large residential dwellings.**

Moved by Fitzgibbon, seconded by Patterson, to approve Resolution 2015-46, a resolution to impose a limited moratorium on the issuance of permits for the construction of large residential dwellings.

Ryan Servatius, 74293 Lambert Drive, addressed the Council regarding the moratorium.

Barb Chartier Raudonis, 30 Apache Court, addressed the Council regarding the moratorium.

Dorothy Appleyard, 806 Wilson Street, addressed the Council regarding the moratorium.

Bill Roberts, 36 Apache Court, addressed the Council regarding the moratorium.

Roger Letts, 98 Clinton Street, addressed the Council regarding the moratorium.

John Lohrstorfer, 712 Maple Street, addressed the Council regarding the moratorium.

Maureen Moravec, 1034 Midway Drive, Allegan County, addressed the Council regarding the moratorium.

Larry King, formerly of 913 Chambers Street, addressed the Council regarding the moratorium.

Matt O'Sullivan, 619 Green Street, addressed the Council regarding the moratorium.

Joann Nordin, 1073 Monroe Boulevard, addressed the Council regarding the moratorium.

Jim Schepers, 52 Lake Court, addressed the Council regarding the moratorium.

Joan Hoyt, 922 Hazel Street, addressed the Council regarding the moratorium.

Michael Burnett, 77 North Shore Drive, addressed the Council regarding the moratorium.

Pat Gaston, 97 Superior Street, addressed the Council regarding the moratorium.

Joyce Thompson, 51 Pine Street, addressed the Council regarding the moratorium.

Susan Ryan, 37 Cass Street, addressed the Council regarding the moratorium.

Amanda Soukup, 1310 Monroe Boulevard, addressed the Council regarding the moratorium.

Phil Hogg, 34 Grand Boulevard, addressed the Council regarding the moratorium.

James Leva, 263 Cherry Court, addressed the Council regarding the moratorium.

A Roll Call Vote was taken:

Yeas: Gruber, Patterson, Arnold, Fitzgibbon, Burr

Nays: Klavins, Kozlik Wall

Motion carried.

#### **9. Interested Citizens in the Audience Will be Heard on Items Not on the Agenda**

Larry King, formerly of 913 Chambers Street, addressed the Council regarding a point of order issue.

Debbie Masterson, 27 Grand Boulevard, addressed the Council regarding two issues: (1) appreciating work by boards and commissions, City Council, City Manager Brian Disette and staff for turning this town into something very unique, and (2) concerns stemming from letters received by Monroe Park residents from a community group.

Barb Calhoun, 862 Monroe Boulevard, addressed the Council about points brought up by the prior speaker.

#### **10. City Manager's Comments**

None at this time.

#### **11. Mayor and Councilperson's Comments**

**Kozlik Wall** – Thank you for South Haven merchants for a fantastic WOW (Women's Only Weekend) even though the weather was cold. Leaf pick up will continue until it starts snowing. Thank you for everyone's comments and advises that sometimes we must agree to not agree. If you have questions call your councilmember or the city manager. Please get the facts. These are not hotels; we don't allow hotels in R-1 residential neighborhoods.

**Gruber** – Likes the rental homes, there is one down the street from his home. They are great neighbors. His family has done 16 rental vacations in other communities. He likes tourists and they help pay for his child's college education. As one of the commenter's mentioned, we are seeing an evolution in South Haven. We are trying to design something that will work for the types of larger new buildings. There are several options the Planning Commission to consider and he hopes it can be done quicker than 6 months. Lastly, please end the cyberbullying. It is coming from both sides.

**Fitzgibbon** – This moratorium is not stopping construction. It is about very large homes that are being built and rented out by 20-25 people. There were concerns spoken tonight that this will stop single family construction. Back in the 80s and 90s, the

condominium were stopped from taking all the waterfront views. This moratorium is a very short time period.

**Patterson** – Thank you for coming out. It's nice to see people who have never before come to a City Council meeting. Appreciates that some may have skin in the game but advises to keep your eyes open to all the issues going on in your city because one day it may affect you. Now is the time to have a say on this issue. You can go on our website and send us your comments.

**Arnold** – Thanks for all the new faces in the audience. We definitely need your comments to help make decisions. Last meeting he didn't get a chance to talk about Paul VandenBosch's leaving. Having worked with him on the Harbor Commission and as Harbormaster, his leaving is a huge loss. As for tonight's meeting, people talked about conflicts of interest – he's just a high school teacher and has no skin in the game. This doesn't stop any construction. The moratorium is for 6 months but we really don't anticipate it to last that long. Most everyone tonight seems in favor of rental ordinance. He voted for the moratorium to give Planning Commission, City Council, and residents' time for discussion.

**Klavins** – Is happy to be here since he had tumor in his spine that was pressing on his spinal cord. It was removed on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Over the weekend, he was a "yes" vote and didn't go to any special meetings. He stayed away because wanted to make up his own mind and hear both sides of the story. And that is why he was a "no" vote because he cares only for South Haven.

**Burr** – Thanks everyone for attending this evening. On a brighter note, we continue our search for grant money. We think we will be successful on the North Beach to rebuild that. Hopefully, we can make some announcements by the end of the year.

## 12. Adjourn

Moved by Patterson, seconded by Klavins, to adjourn the meeting.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Kate Hosier  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved by City Council: **December 7, 2015**