

City Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 21, 2015
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers



1. **Call to Order by Mayor Burr at 7:00 p.m.**
2. **Invocation – Mr. Craig Massey, Commissioned Pastor Candidate – Hope Reformed**
3. **Proclamations for Suzie Fitzgibbon and Gail Patterson**
4. **Roll Call**

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

5. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Fitzgibbon, seconded by Patterson, to approve the agenda.
Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Patterson, seconded by Klavins, to approve the consent agenda.

- A. Council will be requested to approve the City Council Minutes for December 7, 2015.
- B. Council will be asked to approve invoices totaling \$1,474,863.70 for the period ending November 15, 2015 to be approved and forwarded to the Clerk and Treasurer for payment.
- C. Council will be requested to approve the employment agreement for the City Manager.
- D. Council will be asked to approve the following minutes:
 - 1) September 22, 2015 South Haven Area Recreation Authority (SHARA) minutes; and
 - 2) October 26, 2015 Board of Public Utilities minutes; and
 - 3) November 9, 2015 Local Finance Development Authority (LDFA) minutes; and
 - 4) November 9, 2015 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) minutes; and
 - 5) November 10, 2015 Parks Commission minutes.

A Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

- 7. Council will be asked to adopt an ordinance amending rates for the City of South Haven's electric utility as part of the city's Electric Fund Energy Optimization Program.**

Moved by Fitzgibbon, seconded by Patterson, to open a public hearing regarding adoption of an ordinance amending rates for the City of South Haven's electric utility as part of the city's Electric Fund Energy Optimization.

Voted Yes: All. Public hearing opened.

Mayor Burr addressed the Council regarding this item and the Energy Optimization Program.

Moved by Kozlik Wall to close the public hearing. Seconded by Patterson.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

Moved by Fitzgibbon, seconded by Patterson, to approve an ordinance amending rates for the City of South Haven's electric utility as part of the city's Electric Fund Energy Optimization Program.

Voted: Yes: All. Motion Carried.

- 8. Council will be asked to adopt the zoning amendments to the zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Commission.**

Moved by Kozlik Wall, seconded by Klavins, to hold a public hearing regarding adoption of the zoning amendments to the zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Commission.

Voted Yes: All. Public hearing opened.

Linda Anderson, Zoning Administrator addressed the Council regarding the proposed zoning amendments to the zoning ordinance and gave an overview of the changes.

Dorothy Appleyard, 806 Wilson Street, thanked Councilmembers Patterson and Fitzgibbon for their service and addressed the Council regarding concerns stemming from the proposed zoning amendments to the zoning ordinance.

Elaine Herbert, 140 North Shore Drive, addressed the Council regarding site plan review and the proposed zoning amendments to the zoning ordinance.

Moved by Patterson to close the public hearing. Seconded by Klavins.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

Moved by Fitzgibbon, seconded by Patterson, to adopt the zoning ordinance amendments, to the city's zoning ordinance, as proposed by the city's Planning Commission.

Voted: Yes: All. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Council will be asked to receive the 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report presentation.

Mr. Peter Haefner from the city's independent auditing firm, Vredeveld Haefner, LLC presented an overview of the Comprehensive Annual Financial report.

10. Council will be asked to approve Resolution 2015-49, a resolution establishing the 2016 City Council meeting dates.

Moved by Patterson, seconded by Fitzgibbon, to approve Resolution 2015-49, a resolution establishing the 2016 City Council meeting dates.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

11. Council will be asked to approve Resolution 2015-50, a resolution approving the purchase of properties located at 552, 556, 560, and 568 Monroe Boulevard.

Brian Dissette, City Manager, addressed Council regarding this resolution and gave a brief overview of the project.

Moved by Fitzgibbon, seconded by Kozlik Wall, to approve Resolution 2015-50, a resolution approving the purchase of properties located at 552, 556, 560, and 568 Monroe Boulevard contingent upon City Attorney's final approval.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

12. Interested Citizens in the Audience Will be Heard on Items Not on the Agenda

Maureen Moravec, 1034 Midway Drive, addressed the Council regarding zoning concerns and state of the economy.

Susan Ryan, 37 Cass Street, thanked Councilmembers Patterson and Fitzgibbon for their service and addressed the Council regarding zoning issues and rental concerns.

Robert Kripaitis, of 140 and 404 North Shore Drive, thanked Councilmembers Patterson and Fitzgibbon for their service and urged the Council to read an article in the New York Times regarding the state of Provincetown, MA, a tourist town in Cape Cod.

Dorothy Appleyard, 806 Wilson, addressed the Council regarding the zoning issues and short-term rental concerns.

Pete Berger, 225 Dyckman, addressed the Council regarding how a site plan review is done.

Elaine Herbert, 140 North Shore Drive, thanked Councilmember Fitzgibbon for her service and addressed the Council regarding zoning concerns.

James Leppa, 263 Cherry Court, addressed the Council regarding bicycle crosswalk signs at 518 Quaker Street.

13. City Manager's Comments

Thanked Gail Patterson and Suzie Fitzgibbon for their service and it has been a pleasure working for you. We have had two additional grant awards come through since last Council meeting from the Michigan Waterways. City Hall will be closed for the Thursday & Friday for the holidays.

14. Mayor and Councilperson's Comments

Kozlik Wall – She will miss Councilmembers Patterson and Fitzgibbon going forward. She wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Gruber – He will miss both Councilmembers Patterson and Fitzgibbon. He'd like to see more details in minutes. He'd like to see the members listed for the boards and commissions on the website. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Fitzgibbon – She will miss her fellow Councilmembers and the Mayor and addressed each of them individually. She appreciates the work done by the City Manager. Thanks the Third Ward and the city for letting her serve them.

Patterson – Thanked fellow Councilmembers and the Mayor for their assistance and support. Thanked the City Manager for his support. She has enjoyed serving her entire community. She invites everyone to a spring conference hosted by the Ward 1 Action Committee on how to make change in your community. Thanked everyone for the ability to serve.

Arnold – Thanked everyone for attending tonight and sharing their concerns. Thanked the work done by DPW and other city staff for all their hard work. Thanked Councilmembers Patterson and Fitzgibbon for their service. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Klavins – Thanked Councilmember Gruber for his work on Planning Commission. Councilmembers Patterson and Fitzgibbon for their service and notes they will be dearly missed. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Go State.

Burr – Thanked Councilmembers Fitzgibbon and Patterson for their help and assistance. Wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. He anticipates a major job announcement to look forward to after the January 1, 2016.

15. Adjourn

Moved by Fitzgibbon, seconded by Patterson, to adjourn the meeting.
Voted Yes: All. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Kate Hosier
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL: