

City Council

Special Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 29, 2013
12:00 p.m., Council Chambers



1. Call to Order by Mayor Burr at 12:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Fitzgibbon, Klavins, Patterson, Burr
Absent: Arnold, Gruber, Kozlik Wall

Moved by Fitzgibbon to excuse Arnold, Gruber, and Kozlik Wall for personal reasons.
Seconded by Klavins.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

3. City Council will be asked to consider Resolution 2013-22: A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for North Beach Improvements.

Background Information: The City Council recently adopted the "Fiscal Year 2013-14 Priorities." As part of the approved priorities, the City Council seeks to plan and develop improvements to the public infrastructure at the North Beach Park. Application to the MNRTF for the North Beach Park project supports the Council's priority.

The intent of the North Beach Park improvements is provide improvements to the city's sidewalks, streets, and beach areas for residents and visitors to the North Beach Park. Over the past months, the city's staff has worked with Monroe Park residents (Monroe Park is the neighborhood adjacent to the North Beach Park) to seek their input on the proposed park improvements. At the December 11, 2012 meeting of the Parks Commission, the commission approved the proposed North Beach Park plan.

The city's staff has started the process of seeking the MNRTF grant, and one of the required steps is for the City Council to pass a resolution supporting the grant application submission. The funding request will be \$300,000 and the city will provide a 56% match of \$379,862 for a total project cost of \$679,862. The source of the local matching funds will be from the city's general fund. Due to funding pressures impacting the MNRTF, staff anticipates that recreation grant funds may be more competitive than previous years. As a result, the city's grant application seeks to build the North Beach Park improvements in two phases, as part of an effort to seek a lower grant request from the MNRTF. The proposed grant application seeks to funds to make improvements to the sidewalks, roadway, street lighting, playground equipment, and ADA accessible beach mat. The installation of seat walls, dumpster

enclosures, public showers/foot-wash, and the reconstruction of the concession stand would be delayed until phase two.

Moved by Fitzgibbon to approve Resolution 2013-22: A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for North Beach Improvements. Seconded by Patterson.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

4. City Council will be asked to consider a site use agreement for offloading, temporary placement, and transfer of dredge spoils with Gro America.

Background Information: At its last meeting, City Council approved a contract with Gro America to dredge the North Side and South Side Municipal Marinas. Gro America will hydraulically dredge the marinas and place the spoil in the former Electric Barn site on Dunkley Avenue.

Due to low Lake Michigan water levels, many private marinas and boat slips are in need of dredging to be usable this year. Gro America approached the City requesting if it could use part of the Electric Barn site to temporarily place dredge spoil from private docks, to be removed after dewatering (draining).

The City Attorney reviewed the request, and prepared an agreement that would allow temporary use of the Dunkley Avenue site, and would ensure that the spoil is not mixed with underlying soil, and is completely removed from the site. The property owners of the private docks to be dredged will be required to have DEQ and Army Corps dredging permits. The spoil would be placed in fabric bags to drain and dry out, and after a period of time (several weeks) the material would be removed to other locations, as required by dredging permits.

The City would be authorizing Gro America to use the site. The City would not be involved with individual private dredging projects, it is only providing a site for the dredging contractor, which allows the contractor to offer dredging services directly to the marina and dock owners.

The City will receive a fee of \$25 per day that the site is used by the contractor for placement and dewatering of dredge spoil. The contractor is required to complete all removal of spoil by July 31, 2013.

At the time of writing this memo, the City Attorney is reviewing minor changes requested by the dredging contractor. Because this is a time sensitive agreement, I would request that the City Council approve the agreement with any changes as recommended by the City Attorney.

Moved by Patterson to approve a site use agreement for offloading, temporary placement, and transfer of dredge spoils with Gro America. Seconded by Klavins.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

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

(You will be given up to 5 minutes to address your concerns.)

None at this time.

6. City Manager's Comments

7. Mayor and Councilperson's Comments

8. Adjourn

Moved by Fitzgibbon to adjourn. Seconded by Patterson.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Morgan".

Amanda Morgan, CMC
City Clerk

Approved by City Council: April 16, 2013