

# City Council

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 18, 2016  
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers



1. **Call to Order by Mayor Burr at 7:01 p.m.**
2. **Invocation by Reverend Aaron Cobbs – Pastor at Spiritual Church of Christ**
3. **Roll Call**

Present: Jeff Arnold, Clark Gruber, Andy Klavins, Vickiy Kozlik Wall, Steve Schlack, Scott Smith, Bob Burr  
Absent: None

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Kozlik Wall, seconded by Arnold, to approve the agenda.  
Voted Yes: All.

5. **Consent Agenda: Items A thru C (Roll Call Vote Required)**

Moved by Arnold, seconded by Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Council will be requested to approve the City Council Minutes for January 4, 2016.
- B. Council will be asked to approve invoices totaling \$1,475,272.28 for the period ending January 17, 2016 to be approved and forwarded to the Clerk and Treasurer for payment.
- C. Council will be asked to approve the following minutes:
  - 1) December 3, 2015 Planning Commission minutes.

A Roll Call Vote was taken:

Yeas: Arnold, Gruber, Klavins, Kozlik Wall, Schlack, Smith, Burr  
Nays: None

### OLD BUSINESS

6. **Council will be asked to adopt an ordinance which designates the four recently acquired Monroe Boulevard bluff properties into the city's park system, as part of the established South Beach Park.**

Moved by Gruber, seconded by Klavins, to adopt an ordinance which designates the four recently acquired Monroe Boulevard bluff properties into the city's park system, as part of the established South Beach Park.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 7. Council will be asked to appoint Kevin Whiteford to the Downtown Development Authority for a three-year-term ending in December 2018.**

Kevin Whiteford gave a brief introduction to the Council illustrating his qualifications for the seat.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Klavins, to appoint Kevin Whiteford to the Downtown Development Authority for a three-year-term ending in December 2018.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

- 8. Council will be asked to approve a license agreement at 308 Kalamazoo Street.**

Rich Plese, of 308 Kalamazoo Street, spoke briefly to Council regarding the proposed license agreement.

Moved by Kozlik Wall, seconded by Arnold, to approve a license agreement at 308 Kalamazoo Street.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

- 9. Council will be asked to approve Resolution 2016-04, a resolution accepting the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant award in the amount of \$42,800 for the proposed “pump track” bicycle park.**

City Manager Brian Dissette gave a brief overview of the proposed project and construction timeline.

Moved by Klavins, seconded by Smith, to approve Resolution 2016-04, a resolution accepting the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant award in the amount of the \$42,800 for the proposed “pump track” bicycle park.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

- 10. Council will be asked to approve Resolution 2016-05, a resolution to accept the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant award in the amount of \$37,500 for the renovation of the Black River Park restrooms.**

City Manager Brian Dissette gave a brief overview of the proposed project.

Moved by Gruber, seconded by Klavins, to approve Resolution 2016-05, a resolution to accept the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant award in the amount of \$37,500 for the renovation of the Black River Park restrooms.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

- 11. Council will be asked to approve Resolution 2016-06, a resolution to amend changes to the city’s personnel policies, employee benefits, and pay schedules.**

City Manager Brian Dissette gave a brief overview of the proposed changes.

Deb Lull, Human Resources Director, answered questions posed by City Council and give additional details.

Moved by Kozlik Wall, seconded by Smith, to approve Resolution 2016-06, a resolution to amend changes to the city's personnel policies, employee benefits, and pay schedules.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

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

Mike Henry, Van Buren County Commissioner for District 1, introduced Beth Griffin, the Vice-Chair of the County Commissioners who will be running for the open seat in the 66<sup>th</sup> District. Beth Griffin addressed Council about her background and qualifications for the seat.

Robert Kripaitis, 404 North Shore Drive, spoke to Council of his concerns for the future of residential neighborhoods in South Haven.

Elaine Herbert, 140 North Shore Drive, spoke to Council regarding an article in the Tribune about the SHINE Facebook group.

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

Joint work session with South Haven Township Board and Casco Township Board on January 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the proposed Water & Sewer Authority.

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

**Arnold** – Shared his favorite Martin Luther King, Jr. quote and thanked volunteers who serve on the Boards and Commissions.

**Gruber** – No comment.

**Klavins** – Check out South Haven varsity basketball – we are 6-0 and have a very talented team.

**Kozlik Wall** – No comment.

**Schlack** – No comment.

**Smith** – Appreciates the efforts of Department of Public Works and wanted a report of the water quality and testing for the city's drinking water in light of the Flint water crisis.

**Burr** – Spoke about enrollment statistics over a 10 year period which shows a minimal drop in enrollment.

## **15. Adjourn**

Moved by Kozlik Wall, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the meeting.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Hosier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kate Hosier  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved by City Council: February 1, 2016