

City of Allen Park Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 25, 2015

Mayor William B. Matakas called the Meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Roll Call showed present: Councilman Bob Keenan, Councilman Angelo Americo DeGiulio, Councilwomen Tina Gaworecki, Councilman Harry Sisko, and Councilman Larry Templin;

Also present: City Attorney Joe Couvreur, City Administrator Robert Cady, Interim Assistant City Administrator Mark Kibby, Treasurer Maureen Armstrong and City Clerk Michael I. Mizzi.

Excused: Councilman Dennis Hayes.

Motion by Templin

Supported by Gaworecki

RESOLVED, to approve the Agenda with the following changes.

Claims and Accounts separated from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately and the removal of the 3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading of Ordinance #05 – 2015 an Ordinance of the City of Allen Park code of ordinances; amending Chapter 18, Article I Prohibiting the use of Sky Lantern in the city .

MOTION ADOPTED – 15-0825-0223

Motion by DeGiulio

Supported by Keenan

RESOLVED, to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2015

MOTION ADOPTED – 15-0825-224

Motion by Sisko

Supported by Templin

RESOLVED, to Accept and File the City Administrators operational updates/reports/documents and submissions.

MOTION ADOPTED – 15-0825-225

Motion by DeGiulio

Supported by Gaworecki

RESOLVED, to approve Claims and Accounts as presented.

MOTION ADOPTED – 15-0825-226

Motion by Keenan

Supported by Sisko

RESOLVED, to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

**A. Purchasing Actions**

1. Payroll Report

**B. Licenses & Permits**

1. Curb Side Painting Permit #01-2015 for Rory Bergin.

MOTION ADOPTED – 15-0825-227

Motion by Keenan

Supported by Sisko

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Legislature has adopted Public Act 256 of 2011 which allows for the purchase and use of previously proscribed dangerous fireworks, including roman candles, bottle rockets, sky rockets, reloadable shell devices, and other items that leave the ground; and

**WHEREAS**, the officials from the City of Allen Park have been inundated with complaints from their residents pertaining to the negative impact that the use of these legal, but extremely dangerous, fireworks have had on the peaceful enjoyment as well as the significant problems the use of the newly legalized fireworks have caused to returning veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and other individuals with

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conditions exacerbated by the proliferation of these explosive devices and to the discomfort caused to pets throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of Public Act 256 of 2011 prevents local municipalities from regulating these dangerous and obnoxious fireworks; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipalities throughout the State of Michigan are dealing with the same problems caused by the use of these newly legalized fireworks:

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF ALLEN PARK CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES:**

1. To strongly encourage the State Legislature to repeal Public Act 256 of 2011, and
2. To encourage the State Legislature to provide for local control of the use of fireworks, and
3. To encourage the Legislature to understand that the obnoxious use of the newly permitted fireworks has had a most deleterious effect on the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens throughout the State which is not offset by the meager income obtained by the state in the taxes derived by the sale of these newly legalized fireworks, and
4. To encourage municipalities throughout the State of Michigan to petition the State Legislature to repeal Public Act 256 of 2011 at its earliest opportunity.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we, the members of the City of Allen Park City Council, hereby direct the City Clerk to forward this Resolution to Governor Rick Snyder, State Senator Virgil Smith, State Representative Frank Liberati, and the governing bodies of the neighboring communities.

MOTION ADOPTED – 15-0825-228

Motion by Gaworecki

Supported by DeGiulio

RESOLVED, to allow staff to informally bid or explore options for the disposal of remaining equipment and fixtures at the old City Hall

MOTION ADOPTED – 15-0825-229

Motion by Sisko

Supported by Keenan

RESOLVED, to approve the Building Department to purchase 2 F150 Trucks for the two additional Ordinance Wardens for a total of \$37,850 with monies to be used from the Building Fund

MOTION ADOPTED – 15-0825-230

Motion by Templin

Supported by Gaworecki

RESOLVED, to hold an Informational Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM in regards to the Road Millage on the November 3, 2015 Ballot

MOTION ADOPTED – 15-0825-231 with DeGiulio casting a NO vote

Motion by Keenan

Supported by Gaworecki

RESOLVED, to adjourn Regular Council Meeting at 7:01 p.m.

MOTION ADOPTED – 15-0825-232

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William B. Matakas – Mayor

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Michael I. Mizzi – City Clerk