

City of Allen Park Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Mayor Gail McLeod called the Meeting to order at 6:00 PM in The City Council Chambers
Roll Call showed present: Councilman Felice “Tony” Lalli, Councilman Daniel Loyd, Councilman Matthew E. Valerius, Councilman Gary Schlack, and Councilman Charles Blevins
Excused: Councilman Dennis Marcos

Motion by Lalli
Supported by Schlack
RESOLVED, to approve the Agenda as presented
MOTION ADOPTED – 22-0726-0147

Motion by Valerius
Supported by Blevins
RESOLVED, to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2022 as presented
MOTION ADOPTED – 22-0726-148

Motion by Valerius
Supported by Loyd
RESOLVED, to Accept and File the City Administrators operational updates/reports/documents and submissions
MOTION ADOPTED – 22-0726-149

Motion by Loyd
Supported by Valerius
RESOLVED, to terminate the appointment/employment of Parks & Recreation Director Pat Hawkins effective immediately
MOTION ADOPTED – 22-0726-150

Motion by Lalli
Supported by Blevins
RESOLVED, to approve the CONSENT AGENDA as follows:

A. Purchasing Actions

1. Claims & Accounts
2. Payroll Report

B. Licenses & Permits

1. Parade Permit #03-2022 – Allen Park HS Homecoming Parade – Friday, September 30, 2022 – 4 PM start at Allen Park Middle School down Champaign Rd. – end at Allen Park High School with fee waived

MOTION ADOPTED – 22-0726-151

Motion by Loyd
Supported by Schlack
RESOLVED, to authorize the purchase of the tax foreclosed commercial property at 6834 Park Avenue from the Wayne County Treasurer at a cost of \$14,523.26 on behalf of the Allen Park DDA
MOTION ADOPTED – 22-0726-152

Motion by Valerius
Supported by Lalli
RESOLVED, to amend the Made in Michigan Street Closure on Allen Rd between Southfield & Roosevelt from 5:00 PM on Thursday, September 22nd to 7:00 PM on Sunday, September 25th and approve the City to sell Beer & Wine
MOTION ADOPTED – 22-0726-153

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Motion by Lalli

Supported by Blevins

WHEREAS, based on 2020 SEMCOG data 16% of DUWA residents live below the poverty level, 62% of residents are non-working and 37% are non-white. These residents experienced health and economic injury by COVID-19;

WHEREAS, three of the DUWA communities – Allen Park, Ecorse and Lincoln Park – are still in the process of recovering after being placed under a State Financial Emergency Manger;

WHEREAS, this same subset of residents is feeling the impact of inflation that has caused increases in the cost of basic services including food, gasoline, water and wastewater:

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is a federal response to financial damage caused by the pandemic since 2020. Included in ARPA is the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Relief Fund which allocated \$350 billion to states and local governments. Municipalities with greater than 50,000 residents receive funding directly from the US Treasury. For communities smaller than 50,000 residents, which is most of DUWA's 13 communities, the fund flows through Wayne County. The funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and the period of performance ends December 31, 2026. The funds can be used for public health and economic impacts, premium pay, revenue loss and infrastructure defined as including investments in Water and Sewer Infrastructure, including:

WHEREAS, Water and Sewer Infrastructure is defined as primarily projects that align with EPAs initiatives: Remediating failing or inadequate infrastructure, much of which is publicly owned; Projects to ensure compliance with applicable water health and quality standards and provide safe drinking and usable water.

WHEREAS, DUWA needs to replace its nearly 25 year old ultraviolet disinfection system. The manufacturer has stopped supplying replacement parts to the system decreasing the final disinfection system's utility. The estimated cost of the replacement system is \$8,000,000. DUWA also has a final payment due to Wayne County of \$3,500,000 in September 2023. Both payments will put pressure on sewer rate charges on our most vulnerable residents.

THEREFORE, The City of Allen Park encourages the State of Michigan and County of Wayne to allocate a portion of the ARPA funds it received to support the replacement of the ultraviolet disinfection system for DUWA.

MOTION ADOPTED – 22-0726-154

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Valerius

RESOLVED, to concur with the Festivities Commission and approve the expenditures for the 3 Flock Cameras for the Police Department

MOTION ADOPTED – 22-0726-155

Motion by Schlack

Supported by Valerius

RESOLVED, to approve the Amended IGA with Wayne County for improvements to Gingerbread Tot Lot and revise Resolution #22-0222-038 to combine the 2020-21 allotment with the 2021-22 allotment, and extending the 2020-21 allotment for an additional two years

MOTION ADOPTED – 22-07126-156

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Motion by Blevins

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to approve the Parks & Recs Quote received from Joe's Carpet Service in the amount of \$17,930.00 for Flooring at the AP Community Center with funds from Acct. # #401-000-985-005

MOTION ADOPTED – 22-0726-157

Motion by Valerius

Supported by Schlack

RESOLVED, to authorize the Allen Park Historical Commission and Beautification Commission to use the Allen Park Theater parking lot for a fundraiser during the Allen Park Street Fair

MOTION ADOPTED – 22-0726-158

Motion by Blevins

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:20 PM

MOTION ADOPTED – 22-0726-159

Gail McLeod – Mayor

Michael I. Mizzi – City Clerk