

City of Allen Park Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 22, 2021

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, Councilwoman Pamela Sych, Councilman Matthew E. Valerius, Councilman Gary Schlack and Councilman Charles Blevins

Motion by Valerius

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED, to approve the Agenda with moving up Resolutions 4 (Fire Chief) & 5 (Deputy Fire Chief) to Org Business

MOTION ADOPTED – 21-0622-0109

Motion by Schlack

Supported by Loyd

RESOLVED, to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2021 as presented

MOTION ADOPTED – 21-0622-110

PRESENTATION – APHS Prizm Club

PROCLAMATION – Fire Chief Doug LaFond

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Blevins

RESOLVED, to Appoint Ed Cann to the position of Fire Chief for the City of Allen Park and approve the Employment Agreement with an effective date of July 7, 2021

MOTION ADOPTED – 21-0622-111

Motion by Schlack

Supported by Valerius

RESOLVED, to Appoint Jeffery O’Riley to the position of Deputy Fire Chief for the City of Allen Park and approve the Employment Agreement with an effective date of July 7, 2021

MOTION ADOPTED – 21-0622-112

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Sych

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

MOTION ADOPTED – 21-0622-113

Motion by Blevins

Supported by Valerius

RESOLVED, to approve the CONSENT AGENDA as follows:

A. Purchasing Actions

1. Claims & Accounts
2. Payroll Report

B. Licenses & Permits

1. Parade Permit #02-2021 – Downriver Runners on August 7, 2021 - Annual Street Fair Run – fee waived

MOTION ADOPTED – 21-0622-114

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Motion by Schlack

Supported by Lalli

WHEREAS, the Downriver Community Conference (DCC), a consortium of twenty Downriver communities in Wayne County whose total population exceeds 500,000, has joined in an effort to improve local government and enhance the quality of life for area residents through municipal cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC), representing 21 communities in most of the same DCC area, works in cooperation with DCC on legislation that affects this entire region; and

WHEREAS, DCC & SWCRC have been working together as a united voice to get our regional economy restarted and on track while protecting the health and safety of our citizens. In addition to our representatives in Lansing and Washington working to provide critical resources for our region, we will need to focus on strong and effective initiatives to encompass the 'whole' of our area; and

WHEREAS, we share common bonds linked to public policy issues or identities that may be affected by legislation; likely to result in a desire to share a united regional congressional district, and equally established state legislative districts within the region in order to secure more effective representation; and

WHEREAS, the Downriver Mutual Aid (DMA) was created more than 50 years ago, in 1967, in order to formalize the cooperative relationships that already existed between and among police and fire departments throughout the region, for Public Safety. DCC serves as the Administrator for DMA.

For generations, communities had assisted each other when a neighbor called for help; providing backup when police officers were stretched thin during a crisis or sending additional firefighters to battle blazes that threatened a community. But with the creation of the DMA, that help grew to include a number of more sophisticated services that no single department or city could offer, such as creating a regional SWAT Team, a Crisis Negotiations Team, an Underwater Search & Recovery Team (Dive Team), Drug Enforcement Team, the Downriver Auto Theft Team (DRATT) and a Uniformed Police Task Force. Other efforts of DMA include DMA 911 and Radio Communication Services; and

WHEREAS, DCC and SWCRC share historical economic interests associated with a contiguous area on a map, together representing communities along the Detroit River from River Rouge and along the southeastern border to Rockwood, and westerly from Dearborn, Huron Township, Van Buren Township, and Belleville down to the Wayne/Monroe County line; and

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WHEREAS, Congressional and state legislative district boundaries must be drawn according to existing municipal boundaries, and shall not divide municipalities and their constituents into separate districts of representation; and

WHEREAS, it is our priority, along with the unification of Downriver and the 21 Southern Wayne County communities into one congressional district, to support efforts to re-align/redistrict our area to the strength of bringing all these communities together to benefit the region as a whole.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the DCC Board of Directors, working in unification with the SWCRC, supports the Congressional Redistricting to encompass this region with the same representation
MOTION ADOPTED – 21-0622-115

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Loyd

RESOLVED, to Approve the Employment Agreement with the Downtown Development Authority and the DDA Director Jennifer Kibby

MOTION ADOPTED – 21-0622-116

Motion by Loyd

Supported by Schlack

RESOLVED to approve the Salaried Personnel Wages Increase as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Old Salary</u>	<u>New Salary</u>
Matt Baker	Building Director	\$76,000.00	\$77,520.00
Sandi Blakney	Library Director	\$79,375.26	\$80,962.76
Edward Cann	Deputy Fire Chief	\$84,013.85	\$85,694.13
Matt Dohring	DPS Supervisor	\$68,241.49	\$69,606.32
Chris Egan	Police Chief	\$95,500.00	\$97,410.00
Rob Fulton	Deputy Parks & Recreation	\$62,154.98	\$63,398.07
Patrick Hawkins	Parks & Recreation Director	\$81,964.73	\$83,604.03
Kyle Kar	Recreation Facilities	\$43,000.00	\$43,860.00
Douglas LaFond	Fire Chief	\$97,518.48	\$99,468.85
William Miner	Water Supervisor	\$68,241.49	\$69,606.32
Tom Murray	DPS Director	\$86,113.76	\$87,836.03 (Clothing Allowance & S-1 Comp)
Roy Shipman	Garage/Basin Supervisor	\$68,241.49	\$69,606.32
Ken Simerly	Ordinance Officer	\$49,429.28	\$50,417.87
Brandi Swinehart	Assistant Library Director	\$40,840.80	\$41,657.62
Tanya Whited	Human Resources Director	\$73,200.00	\$74,664.00
Amanda Wertz	Finance Director	\$89,200.00	\$90,984.00
Jackie Baxter	Payroll Coordinator	\$51,931.64	\$53,500.00
Mark Kibby	City Administrator	\$110,160.00	\$113,500.00
Deborah Zettel	Administrative Assistant	\$43,000.00	\$45,000.00

MOTION ADOPTED – 21-0622-117 with Blevins casting a NO vote

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Motion by Loyd

Supported by Valerius

RESOLVED, to approve the following Budget Amendments:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Amended Total</u>
Revenues	\$23,724,693.00

Expenditures

Dept. 215 Clerks	\$235,411.00
Dept. 221 Administration	\$4,692,940.00
Dept. 225 Assessor	\$168,500.00
Dept. 230 Finance	\$353,528.00
Dept. 277 Cable/IT	\$149,000.00
Dept. 305 Police Department	\$6,130,726.00
Dept. 340 Fire Department	\$3,774,009.00
Dept. 707 Parks & Rec	\$520,116.00
Dept. 803 Historical	\$12,360.00

MOTION ADOPTED – 21-0622-118

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Blevins

WHEREAS, the Municipality previously issued the Note pursuant to the provisions of the Emergency Municipal Loan Act, Act 243, Public Acts of Michigan, 1980, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality and the State of Michigan desire to amend the Note in order to lower the interest rate and to authorize the redemption of the Note in any order of maturity as agreed to by the Municipality and the State of Michigan.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Amendment to Interest Rate. Beginning on the next scheduled payment date as established in the Note, the Note shall bear interest at a rate of ___% per annum.
2. Amendment to Application of Prepayments. The third full paragraph of the Note is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

The Issuer shall have the right to pay at any time or times prior to maturity, without penalty or premium, all or any portion of this note. Prepayments shall be credited to principal payments in any order, in whole or in part, as mutually agreed to by the Issuer and the State of Michigan.]

3. No Default. The Municipality represents and warrants that there are no outstanding or unresolved defaults under the Note or any of the other documents or undertakings of the Municipality relating to the emergency loan.
4. Note Otherwise Unchanged. Except as explicitly amended hereby, the Note remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

MOTION ADOPTED – 21-0622-119

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Motion by Valerius

Supported by Lalli

RESOLVED to approve the 1st & 2nd Reading of Proposed Ordinance #03 – 2021 an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, “Administration”, Article VI, “Finance” Division 4, “Conveyances or Leases of Lands of the City”, to Authorize the Extension of a Lease Agreement with the Allen Park Public Schools for a portion of Champaign Park located adjacent to Allen Park High School

MOTION ADOPTED – 21-0622-120

Motion by Lalli

Supported by Schlack

RESOLVED, to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:28 PM

MOTION ADOPTED – 21-0622-121

Gail McLeod – Mayor

Michael I. Mizzi – City Clerk