SPECIAL MEETING
ROSEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
29777 GRATIOT AVENUE
ROSEVILLE, MI 48066
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2008
7 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor	Harold Haugh
Councilpersons	Salvatore Aiuto
	John Chirkun
	Colleen McCartney
	Bill Shoemaker
	Robert Taylor

ABSENT: Councilperson Jan Haggerty (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Manager	Stephen Truman
City Clerk	Richard Steenland
City Attorney	Tim Tomlinson

Mayor Harold Haugh called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

1. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC.

No one from the public wished to be heard.

2. Discussion regarding Credit Card Policy.

City Manager Stephen Truman explained that there has been no issue with the use of the City Credit Card in the past; however, the City auditors and Fifth Third Bank have requested that the City adopt a Credit Card Policy. Council discussed this item further with Mr. Truman.

3. Discussion regarding membership with the Eastpointe Area Chamber of Commerce.

City Manager Stephen Truman explained the benefits of the City joining the Eastpointe Area Chamber of Commerce. The annual fee for membership to this Chamber of Commerce is $250.

Mayor Harold Haugh stated that he made it very clear to the Director that by joining the Eastpointe Area Chamber of Commerce the current City Council will not endorse a Gratiot Cruise.

4. Update on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

City Manager Stephen Truman explained this item to Council and reviewed the City's application process. The areas that the City must concentrate on are financing mechanisms to allow residents to avoid foreclosure and stay in their home, rehabilitating or demolishing vacant homes and the possibility of targeting a neighborhood for the purchase of homes to rehabilitate or demolish. The application must be made by December 1, the allocation of money must be shown by April 2009 and the money must be obligated within 18 months from approval.

Mayor Harold Haugh asked Mr. Truman to update Council monthly on the progress of this program.

5. Update on the Michigan Drug Court Grant Program.

City Manager Stephen Truman explained to Council that the 39th District Court applied for a grant from the State of Michigan and was approved for $22,000. A second grant was applied for through the Department of Highway Safety in the amount of $75,000. Mr. Truman has advised the Court Administration that they must come in and discuss this program with Council prior to the next fiscal year. The State of Michigan or the City may back out of this program at any time.

6. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER.

Mr. Truman updated Council on the structural issues at the Parks and Recreation Building. The Recreation Building is safe; however, it is unknown why the building is shifting. More monitors have been put on the building and Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick will review the monitors for any changes this winter.

7. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY.

City Attorney Tim Tomlinson had nothing to report.

8. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BY CITY COUNCIL.

COUNCILMAN JOHN CHIRKUN moved, COUNCILWOMAN COLLEEN MCCARTNEY seconded to excuse absent Councilwoman Jan Haggerty.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councilman John Chirkun offered his condolences to City Clerk Richard Steenland on the passing of his mother.

Mayor Harold Haugh asked Mr. Truman for an update on the contract negotiations between the City and the Fire Department. Mr. Truman stated that the City Administration and the Firefighters will meet Thursday, November 20 to further discuss the language of the contract.

Mayor Haugh stated that he attended a budget meeting for the State of Michigan in Lansing last week. The State is looking to cut back on the revenue sharing; Mayor Haugh stated that the City of Roseville may face a $3 Million deficit during the next budget period. The State forecasts that by the year 2010 25% of Michigan communities will be in chapter 11 Bankruptcy.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

COUNCILMAN SALVATORE AIUTO moved, COUNCILWOMAN COLLEEN MCCARTNEY seconded that the agenda having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:03 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,
Richard M. Steenland, City Clerk

Please note: A cassette tape of this meeting is on file with the City Clerk's Office for further information